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SVLS Helpers:

Seen on various Workdays:

Dennis Gramith, Christopher Roberts, Dennis Bowie & Maren, Rob Sharratt, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Alison Berry, Gordon Dunham, Glen Wilson, Barbara Rohrs, Craig

Griffin, Jacob Pelta, Steve Milward, Harry Voss, Bill & Butch Floyd, Bob & Mary Dean, Paul Brink, Dean Sheets, Robert Darby, Dave Bardwell, Marty Carapiet, Stephanie & Phil Huntingdale, Jim & Peter Welch, Andy Berchielli, Paul Skidmore, Marshall & Dylan Post.

Tuesdays Workdays:

Harry Voss, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Gordon & Peggy Dunham, Dave Bardwell, Bill Yoder, Dennis Gramith, Keith Berry, Stephanie & Phil Huntingdale, Richard Lutrel, Chuck San Filippo, Paul Brink, Steve Anagotti, Alison Berry, Steve Milward, Chris Roberts, Bob & Mary Dean, Peter Welch, Andy Berchielli.

Sunday April 28th:

Craig Griffin, Paul Brink, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Richard Lutrel.

Public Run Days May 4th & 5th:

Tom Nance, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Evan Quin, Harry Voss, Jim Eldredge (Guest-Pioneer, CA), Don Ellington (Guest-Pioneer, CA), Dennis Gramith, Bill Floyd, Jerry & Braeden Cox - Oroville, Vick Owens, Don Yungling, Andrew Sach, Ron Lind - 96 yrs old, Marty Carapiet, & Dennis Bowie.



Ron Lind 96 years old came out to ride.

President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



Thanks to everyone that came to our Spring Meet. Unfortunately Mother Nature did not fully cooperate with rain Saturday afternoon and Sunday. We had about half the turnout we normally do with a good day of running on Friday and then Saturday till early afternoon. With the rain we had our patio heaters out in the picnic area. This was the prime spot to hang out and catch up with each other by playing cards, puzzles or just talking to each other. We used our new tarps to enclose the picnic area and had a nice cozy place to gather during the rain.



The new G Gauge layout was well received and had many trains running Friday and Saturday. Again a big thank you to everyone who helps prior and during the meet. Several deserve recognition.

Thanks to the Mosers for purchasing and preparing all the food; to Alison and Barbara Rohrs for working the registration area and tee shirt sales; to Peter for making himself available for boiler checks; to Steve for being on site to do whatever was needed and the Sagebrush group for coming in and replacing about 200 ties, and Dennis Gramith whom is always ready to give a hand and to Bill who handled the reservations. I appreciate all that help to make the meet a successful event.

Our third annual meet with GGLS will be held at Portola Valley and Alpine Railroad on **June 22-23**. If you have not visited this railroad its a must see. They continue to add to their track each year. It is located in the bay area in hills above Stanford University. It is a private railroad and names are needed to access property. I will be the contact person. So if you wish to attend please reach out to me so I can get your name and give you info to get there. In the past Saturday seems to be the day to visit with lunch and a potluck dinner.

SVLSRM Calendar

June 1 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 June 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 June 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 June 15 Member WORK day - please help on club projects.
 June 16 Member RUN day - bring your train to run all day.

July 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 July 4 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 July 6&7 - no public run - private parties only
 July 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 July 15 Member WORK day - please help on club projects.
 July 16 Member RUN day - bring your train to run all day.

Please volunteer to support the club events.
How will you support SVLSRM this month?

There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.

Come and help, your help is needed. Don't know what to do? Then call a board member and volunteer.

Rates have increased again and again.



Help us save money.

Save SVLSRM some money and read the news letters on-line.

Tell Membership that you don't need the mailed copy; we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.

Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlstrm.org for current information. If you have not looked for a while, then you will have missed news or for sale items that are not in the newsletter.



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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

Welcome to New Members:

Jerry & Robin Cox
 Braeden Shaeleen, Makenzie
 Palermo, CA

Dave & Juanita Frediani, Sonora, CA
 Bart Cook, Sonora, CA
 Bill & Suzy Bivings, Sonora, CA



DUES ARE PAST DUE

Please complete a membership form noting changes. You can renew on-line or download form at svlstrm.org then send check or pay on-line.

Send forms to SVLS P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Director - Steve Milward

So, what do you get when you combine a bunch of eager live steamers and the wettest May on record? A really soggy Spring Meet! In spite of our best efforts, Mother Nature didn't bother with a curve ball, instead she hit us with particularly nasty spitball! A lot of folks opted to stay away, but those who

took a chance were rewarded with pretty nice running conditions on Friday and Saturday morning. Once the rain really set in on Saturday afternoon, our guests congregated in the dining area for conversation, board games and generally, a chance to spend time with friends. For me, one of the highlights of the meet was the Herculean effort on the part of the Sagebrush Shortline group doing tie replacement. In conditions on Thursday that ranged from merely miserable to absolute downpours, this group facilitated the replacement of about 200 ties on Oasis tracks 1 & 2! The improvement through that area was immediately noticeable. It seems these folks are always willing to take on a project, but they outdid themselves this time. On behalf of the SVLS, my sincerest thanks for a job well done!

I suppose in addition to the weather, there is something else that was disappointing. That being a lack of participation by some of our more local members in the setup and performance of day to day operations during the meet. As always it seems to fall on the back of the same dozen or so members that carry the weight of these events. Perhaps just showing up is enough for some, as they feel that any other additional participation isn't a requirement or a necessity. Sadly, they are mistaken. As the pool of members willing to take the time to get involved decreases, so to does our ability to continue to exist as an organization.

If the club is to remain viable, folks need to be willing to commit to make it happen. The alternative is that we may have to scale back on our events, just so we don't burn out those people who do make time for our club.



Paul Skidmore honored with Life Membership.



Paul was awarded life membership by the board and received a brass card showing such. Paul has been a steady worker building track panels and switches/turnouts for the club. It is his efforts and steady dedication of helping the club, enabling us to add new track and sidings. Thanks Paul!

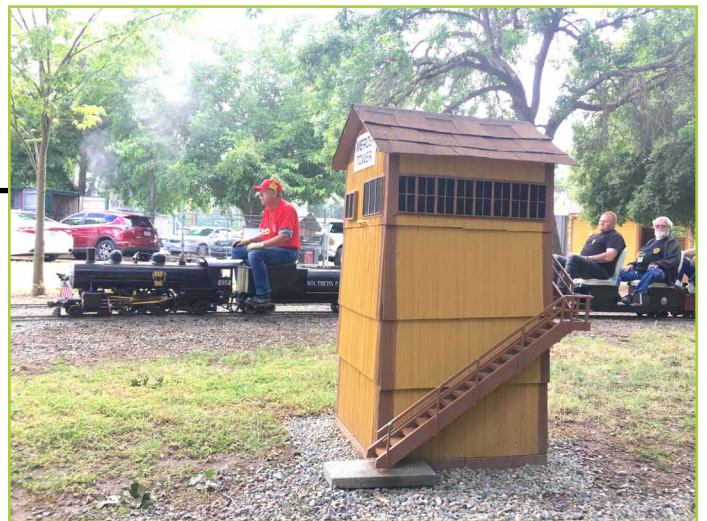


Sagebrush Shortline group doing tie replacement.

Thanks



Bart Cook (forward) & Dave Frediani (behind) are G scale enthusiast and now new SVLSRM members.



The Mercer Tower now has new steps for crews to ascend to the control room. This tower provides the needed interlocking control for the Oasis mainline and sidings. Thanks to Gordon Moser for his work.



There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.



10 Years ago: SVLSRM was present at the Ione RailFair (May 23 & 24). Thanks to Bill & Butch Floyd, who brought their scale speeders, and Bill Yoder.

Special THANKS to Karl Hovanitz from Bitter Creek Western Railroad who brought his portable track and electric engine to provide rides. The rides and scale speeders were well received by the spectators.



Track Superintendent Darrell Gomes said the track was in great shape for the Spring Meet and received lots of complements. I want to thank Gail Gomes, Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedman, Terry Wiles, Leonord Houpt, Ben Kleinwachter, Tom Mercer, Jeff White, and Hunter Lohse for all there effort on Tuesday work days. Bill Yoder built and installed the remote electric switch throw at Cordova Junction. It works great and I plan to add more in the future with Bills help. Bob Silva, Robert Butler, and I worked on Switch maintenance and installed the guard rails on the girder bridge in the park. We did have a mishap with a motor home that damaged a section of rail. The best part is how everybody that was there worked together to remove and replace the 10' section of tack in 45 minutes.

20 Years ago: NO. 1973 went into revenue service at the Spring Meet and was a favorite of the passengers. We still have a lot of room for any member who wishes to fire and operate this piece of equipment. Please watch for the next training schedule from Red Hadler in the July newsletter.

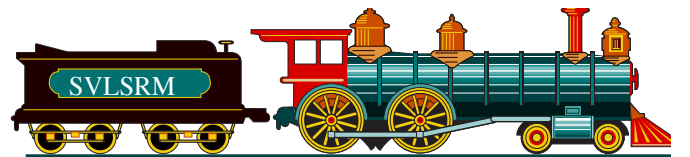
THANKS TO -- Reno Farinelli for putting a work party together to finish the industrial complex in time for the meet. Dave Mattox, one of our new members, for high-pressure washing and painting of the girder bridge. Thanks for all your hard work -- they look great guys

CONGRATULATIONS!!! We congratulate Henry Stefani and Harry Harward who were awarded Life Member status this year. They were awarded beautiful plaques at our general meeting on May 21. Both gentlemen have been very active in our club. We thank them for their contributions to SVLS and again congratulate them!

30 Years ago: Bits and Pieces (May): The Daylight #4449 will visit Sacramento from May12, 1989 through May 15, 1989. It will leave Fresno on the 12th and after a stop for water in Lodi

at about 2 pm it should arrive in Sacramento around 3 pm. Later in the afternoon the engine will move to the turntable area of the Museum for display over the weekend.

40 Years ago: MAY MEET A SUCCESS: the weather was hot and so were the engines, but in spite of the gas problem which kept away many friends from southern California, we had a fine turnout of engines and hauled an estimated 2000 passengers. From out of town - Art Ladlaw of Goleta Valley, Joe Yetter from Salinas with his 2662, John Haines of Benicia with the former Clyde Johnson engine and a load of GGLS riding cars, Ken Schroeder of Tahoe with his busy Shay, Ed Spall of Coloma with the Green Giant, and Dick Finn from Modesto with his fine engine all helped to haul passengers. Leo Onderko of Roseburn, Ore. was the center of attraction with his beautiful steam tractor.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.10 Food and Refreshments

Passengers shall not take food, drinks, or other refreshments other than water aboard any train. Nor may any person, passenger or crew member, smoke while on board. Dumping of trash while on the train is strictly prohibited.

2.06 Wheel Dimensions and Coupler Heights

All wheel dimensions and coupler height standards shall conform to IBLs standards. A copy of these standards can be found on the SVLSRM webpage.

3.09 Whistle

Engine whistle signals shall be used by the engineer whenever practical to give, ask for, or acknowledge information about train movement. When double heading, the lead engine will give the whistle signals when possible. The whistle shall not be used unnecessarily. The whistle is a signaling device and should be used as such.

4.04 Responsibilities of Stationmaster

The Stationmaster will have complete charge of the Station. The Stationmaster shall have a whistle (police type), red flag, and flashlight in their possession at all times while acting as a Stationmaster. They shall supervise the loading and unloading of all passengers at the passenger station. They shall discreetly refuse passage to passengers who obviously cannot fit or sit safely on a passenger hauling car. They shall make certain that all passengers have been advised and understand the safety instructions before the train leaves the station. They shall work in close cooperation with other operating personnel to keep passenger-hauling trains moving without causing congestion on the mainline.



Got Something for Sale?

Send to Editor@svlrm.org

Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details. <https://www.svlrm.org/>



Dennis Gramith digging into a water leak, now a project as the leak was discovered on a Tuesday work day. After several water valves were shut off to find the source of the water it was found to be from our irrigation system pipes. After a few hours of water draining from several hundred feet of 4 inch pipe and pumping out the water it was discovered the end cap had split. A cap was found and glued and then allowed to cure over night before turning on the high pressure irrigation main valve. Thanks to Dennis, Bill Yoder with the verbal help, then Andy Berchielli the next day as he turned the water back on and filled the hole.



Young Ryan Bowie and his Dad (Dennis) on our club steam engine steaming ahead. What Family fun we have at SVLS.