

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

In February the weather started to change and it was a glorious Tuesday to run trains. It was almost 70 degrees with a slight wind. We had 20 club members running G scale engines! There was steam, electric and battery. Some just got a chair, watched the trains and visited. That's what makes this hobby so much fun. We always have something to talk about, some idea to make your engine operate better and best of all we all share our knowledge and expertise freely. Everyone enjoys helping and sharing.

Many members have been getting the Covid vaccine. Masks are still being worn and everyone is being careful. If you haven't been out on a Tuesday, consider coming out and enjoying the company.

By the time you read this we will have installed two new switches and some new track on the 3rd loop. This should make for a smooth run.

We have continued to pick up tree branches and leaves and the park has never looked better. We are getting ready for our first public run days on March 6 & 7. Bring your engines out and enjoy.

See you about!

President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



Welcome to March Live Steamers. We made it to the opening of our run season without any major storm damages from winter. We had one major storm roll through right after the sheriff crew picked up all the leaves. Luckily no down trees. Just a bunch of branches needed to be picked up.

Over the past few months we picked up several new members. Our Public Run Days are the best time to get involved. Come down and see how everything works. Run days are from 11-3pm the first weekend of the month. About 10am we get the riding cars out and the engines ready for service. We will continue our protocol from last year. One family per car with a gondola car as a spacer between riding cars. It takes a bunch of people to make everything go smoothly. Come out and get involved.



Don't fall in a hole and drop out of the club.

Please renew now.

Pay Online at SVLSRM.ORG
or

Send your dues to:

SVLSRM

PO Box 273

Rancho Cordova, CA

95741

SVLSRM Calendar

Club future activity will depend on VIRUS GUIDELINES. *Please check on-line about Public activity.*

Mar. 6 Public run day - **check on-line**
Mar. 7 Public run day - **check on-line**
Mar. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
Mar. 20 Work day.

Apr. 3 Public run day - **check on-line**
Apr. 4 Public run day - **check on-line**
Apr. 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
Apr. 17 Work day.

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



Help us save money by not mailing your newsletters. Read it on-line.

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.



See www.svlsrcm.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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Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlsrcm.org.

The news letter deadline is 24th of each month. Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

Welcome New Member!

Phill & Sara Sue Evans

Dues were due January 1, 2021. Support your club, Send check or pay on-line. Please complete your membership form noting changes.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board continues to meet by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is March 9, 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact Andy Berchielli, (916) 752-6697, for how to connect to ZOOM or Stephanie Huntingdale (916) 580-7377 for an Agenda.

2021 Budget was adopted by the Board. We did well in 2020 to reduce our spending. Covid continues to reduce our income and spending will be cautious. Board did approve purchasing tie material.

Locomotive/Car Storage – SVLS is applying for Grant money to begin to focus on this building. Board needs to determine if it will be a cement block building or a metal building.

Grants – Chris Donhost has applied for SVLS for the Covid Relief Fund for non-profits. We did not make the first round cut, paperwork is still being considered in the second round. This grant could be \$5,000. In March, Chris will submit paperwork for the Rancho Cordova Measure H Grant.

Welcome Packets will be going out to new members who have joined since July 2020.

Snow Shed winter project has been completed.

Steaming Bay lights should be completed by the end of March.

Discussion about the Gator. It has not been running for about two years. Steve Milward will see what might be used equipment in the marketplace. This could possibly be a future fund raiser.

Public Runs begin March 6 & 7. We will continue with our Covid procedures.

Director - Steve Milward



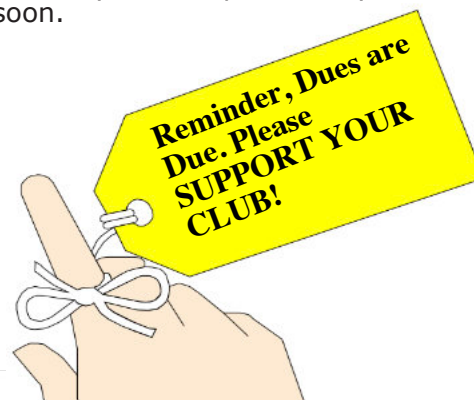
Hello all, The last few weeks have been quite interesting weather wise. At the park we've experienced everything from temperatures in the 20s to the 70s, torrential rains and wind gusts approaching hurricane speeds. Of course, that meant leaves and tree branches everywhere!

Club members to the rescue! Happily, a sizable number of SVLS members have been out on weekends and Tuesdays to rake, gather and dispose of a lot of tree debris, and generally make our facility look great. Thanks to each one of you.

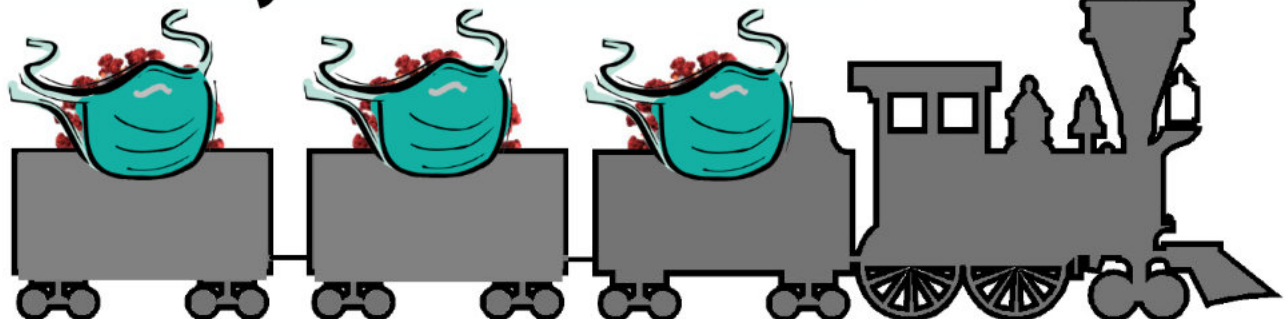
Of course, work continues on bringing our rolling stock up to snuff before public operations begin. Plus, the never-ending task of track refurbishment and upgrades continues. Again, our members have stepped up to make this happen.

With any luck, things will continue to get back to normal. For us, that means public run days, birthday parties, meets and other events. Whether you're a new member, or have been with us for a while, consider coming out and getting involved.

As always, we hope to see you at the park very soon.



Wear your MASK!





10 Years ago: February was the month that started the removal of all the track at Midway, Cordova Junction, and sections of main line around Reverso and Hill View to allow the installation of irrigation pipes. The track crew has started rebuilding track and switches at Cordova Junction so that equipment can be removed from the box car and open our original loop for operation. The expansion area will be closed until 700 feet of main line can be installed.

20 Years ago: (Jan. 2001 news) SVLS lands on page B1. For those of you who do not receive the Sacramento Bee, there was an excellent story written about the club's New Years day run. The story, which ran on the front page of the Metro section January 2nd, and featured on the Sacramento Bee web page, was accompanied by excellent pictures of Don Yungling's GS1 and included many quotes from members. It was nice exposure for the club and our hobby.

30 Years ago: Group activities: Our next group activity is the trip to Craig Craddock's April 12- 13-14. Craig does have room for a few tents on the lawn by the pond. He has a large parking lot for RV's and campers, etc, and portable bathrooms with be available. Photos thanks to Clio taken at Craigs place with Vern running the train and others taking a ride in Craigs 1923 Stanley steamer.



40 Years ago: (1981) The ramp leading from the roundhouse to the lift is complete except for a "drawbridge" at the lift end. I wouldn't be surprised if the track is even laid by now. Oh, yes, and we netted forty-seven dollars from the Feb. run day! Celebration of the opening of the California railroad museum in appropriate manner by SVLS has been the subject of considerable discussion at recent board meetings. It is the board's feeling that SVLS can best assist in promoting the good fellowship among railroader that should highlight the ten day period 2 May - 12 May by maintaining open house at the park, so that visitors can bring their engines and rolling stock in for a run if they should so desire.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.01 General Restrictions

All equipment to be run on the club track is subject to inspection by the Trainmaster at any time. Failure to submit to or pass such inspection may result in removal of the equipment from SVLSRM facilities subject to SVLSRM Trainmaster.

2.12 Boiler Inspection

All steam boilers operated at the SVLSRM facility shall carry a current boiler inspection tag, or card. This tag or card shall state the hydrostatic test pressure, the maximum operating pressure and the safety valve settings. The SVLSRM will accept valid current boiler inspection tag or card issued by recognized Live Steam Clubs for operation of steam locomotives and equipment on the SVLSRM facilities.

3.15 Stopping

During heavy traffic no stopping on the mainline with exception for an emergency or signal. Any train that is stopped or fouling on the mainline must call out a flagman to protect to the rear with a red flag or light that may be clearly seen by a following engineer for a distance of at least 150 feet.

4.11 Conduct of Passengers

The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling the public shall ascertain that all passengers are informed of passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station.



Please stay safe and follow State guidelines to do your part in preventing the spread of this Covid-19 virus.



I cannot forget to pay my dues. Life may be busy but supporting SVLSRM is needed, both monetary and with labor, many projects to be done this year.

**Please send your 2021 dues now!
Send check or pay on-line at svlsrm.org. Send forms to SVLSRM P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741**



Members seen on either Tuesday or Saturday - at SVLS Workdays

2-6-2021 - 2-13-2021 - 2-20-2021 Saturdays

Stephanie & Phil Huntingdale, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Keith Berry, Steve Milward, Craig Griffin, Dennis Gramith, Harry Voss, Dave & Jake McFarland, Bill & Butch Floyd, Tom Nance, Brandon McCracken, Joh Bailie, Chris Klevesahl, Dennis Bowie, Tom & Stacey Reese, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Colton Snell, Gil Dominguez, Glen Wilson, Richard Lutrel, Dave McClain, Rob Sharratt, Alison Berry, Philip & Jim Evans - Guests, Leonard Cassier, Gordon Dunham.

2-2-2021 - 2-9-2021 - 2-16-2021 - 2-23-2021 - Tuesdays

Dennis Gramith, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Bill & Butch Floyd, Ralph Merrill, Steve Aragotti, Colton Snell, Dave McFarland, Earl Martin, Colton Snell, Matt & Jerry Abram, Dave Federani, Bart Cook, Bill Bilings, Richard Van Slyke, Philip Evans, Gordon Dunham, Leonard Casseri, Harry Voss, Bruce Runner.



RAILROAD WORD PUZZLE

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Find the following words in the above matrix - vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

- Brakeman Caboose Chinese Conductor
Coupler Cowcatcher Crocker Diesel
Engineer Fireman Gandy Gauge Gondola
Hobo Hopkins Huntington Lantern
Locomotive Omaha Porter Promontory
Pullman RailReefer Roundhouse
Sacramento Semaphore Sleeper Standford
Tarriers Telegraph Turntable

Trainmaster

By Peter Welch



The GP38 has come to visit my machine and repair shop for a rewire.

The club 4-6-2 was running good but still needs a little fine tuning. I want to thank Brandon McCracken for taking time out of his day to show everyone how to operate this engine. It has a learning curve for some of us and will take some time to master.



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

FOR SALE

7.5" gauge Morris EMD style SWITCHER with Gondola and 3 passenger Cars. \$7600.00 O.B.O. This is a Morris EMD profile locomotive and gondola riding car. The locomotive is rigged to run cab forward moving the noise, heat and exhaust away from the engineer. This is totally ready to run and needs nothing. The locomotive has been painted with prototypically correct, professionally applied automotive paint and fresh vinyl graphics. An upgraded hydrostatic drive has been installed as well as a pressure driven air brake system using a GAST 12 volt compressor.



Mountain Car Company brakes are installed on the engineer's car using "Tom Bee" controls. The brakes have proved a must for handling trains with five adult passengers down the grades at Train Mountain RR. Features included: Rigged to run cab forward, may be changed to hood forward. Head lights, Horn, Reliable Honda motor, very fuel efficient. Prototypical automotive paint, applied by body shop. Fresh Miracle vinyl graphics. Marine quality wiring Air brakes installed in "Engineer (Gondola)" car. Battery charging by magneto and installed charging port Trickle charger included. Safety cables.



Includes everything pictured: Dual seats for gondola, 1 rolling storage rack, small utility trailer with rails imbedded and tie-downs (1.5" ball), re-railer (handy feature). 3 passenger cars imported from England (they need knuckles. I improvised with steel bar and chains). Quick connect Battery charger. Extra bits and bobs. All show some wear from normal use.

Contact Bob Duncan at 707-310-3056 or email OZZGOOD95@GMAIL. ..Delivery can be negotiated
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Santa Fe California Poppy railroad China from California State Railroad Museum. 40 pieces total. 8 place settings. Brand new. \$550 or best offer.

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