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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

May is always a busy month for us and this one was no exception. To start the month with our public runs, we ran the newly acquired Santa Fe engine. The family that donated it was able to attend on Saturday and had a chance to ride it. They are very happy that it is in good hands.

Next up was our Spring Meet. The weather was perfect. All steaming bays and sidings were full. There were two trains over 100' long and we saw the return of Ed Yungling's Cab Forward. I'm grateful for everyone who will help with projects leading up to the weekend and volunteer throughout the weekend to help make the meet go smooth. Thanks to everyone that prepared and served food with our safety procedures.

The Sagebrush group and SVLS members stepped up and replaced all the ties on the memorial girder bridge. They started Wednesday afternoon and had the project complete by that evening. I always enjoy hosting these events when we have groups that want to help out.

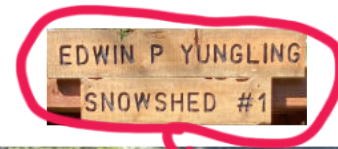
Another project that was completed by Mike Baker and Barry Blacklaw was wiring the Santa Fe engine up with lights. It now has LED marker lights, running board lights and headlight. Thank you Mike and Barry for tackling this project during the meet.

More good news for the month of May. We received the COVID19 Relieve Grant. Many thanks to Chris Donhost for applying for the grant. The grant of \$5000 will go towards our insurance payment.



David Quaschnick's family has donated their Santa Fe engine.

The snowshed has an official sign to honor founding member Ed Yungling.



More Meet photos in Newsletter.
Many more photos on our
web at: www.svlsrcm.org/

SVLSRM Calendar

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

- Jun. 5 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Jun. 6 Public run day - **check on-line**
- Jun. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Jun. 19 Work day.
- Jun. 20 Member RUN day.

- July 3 Public run day - **check on-line**
- July 4 Public run day - **check on-line**
- July 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- July 17 Work day.
- July 18 Member RUN 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.



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

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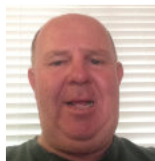
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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Director - Craig Griffin

G'day Everyone,
Craig Griffin here, your other Director at Large. We had a great Spring Meet and it was great to see so many people out playing trains. Even the G scale was quite busy.

As you all know, I am the caretaker of Levi, the ten wheeler that Marty donated to the club. We had Levi out and running during the Spring Meet. I had two members come up ask to learn how to run Levi. Garry and Lenard had a good time learning start up procedures and then the running of Levi. Chris K and Colton S also got some good run time. Any club member wanting to learn to run Levi, please get in touch with me via email. We can organize a time, weekends are best, and get you on your way to learning to run Levi. Marty donated Levi to the club for all to enjoy, so contact me if you are interested.

I will be out of town the first two weeks of June.



MEMBERSHIP

by Stacy Reese

The Spring Meet was a huge success! I would like to welcome all of our new members! We have ten new Associate members and five new Regular members. I hope to see everyone out enjoying the rails this summer. Badges are ordered and will be done soon. You will be able to pick them up in the Caboose. I will let everyone know when they are ready.



**WELCOME,
NEW
MEMBERS!**

- Jerry Roseborough, Weldon, CA
- Brian & Diane Stephens, Riverside, CA
- Lance & Kelly Bye, Rio Vista, CA
- James & Anna Pate, Hayward, CA
- Channing & Queenie Cheng, Union City, CA
- Kim & Linda Beard, Montague, CA
- David Alvarez & Joy Cabin, Cameron Park, CA
- Bill & Donna Barbe, Carson City, NV
- Trevor Chung, Soulsbyville, CA
- David & Dianna Dull, Escondido, CA
- Robert & Maggie Walker, Napa, CA
- Lewie & Becky Donhost, Carmichael, CA
- Christian, Yukiko, Ren & Mei Carillo, Rancho Cordova, CA
- Robert & Susannah Ress, Lincoln, CA
- Steven Sosa-Marcon, Gilroy, CA

Director - Steve Milward



Greetings,
Our first Spring meet in two years was an unqualified success! Everyone enjoyed beautiful weather, lots of trains and a chance to get reacquainted.

Whether you wanted to run trains, ride trains, sit around and shoot the breeze, there was something for everybody.

Naturally an event like this takes a lot of preparation and help. President Andy seemed to be everywhere at once. Stephanie and Stacy worked tirelessly in the registration tent. Barbara, her kitchen crew, Kevin and Andrew kept the crowds fed. Alison worked the SP caboose library. Dennis got the crossing lights working again. Many other tasks were quietly taken care of, too. Our thanks to everybody for helping to make this a particularly enjoyable meet.

Once again, a special thank you to the members of the Sagebrush Short Line group. From re-decking the girder bridge to signal repairs, track work, and working on the new Santa Fe GP 38, those folks were everywhere! It's really a pleasure to have them visit.

Of course, a big meet like this provides something of a stress test of our track, showing us current and potential problems area that we'll need to address. We have ambitious plans for the next track improvement projects, plus smaller tasks we hope to tackle along the way. If you'd like to help, we'd appreciate it.

Again, thanks to all of our members, guests and attendees for making this a great meet.



Ed Yungling standing next to the two cab forwards.



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

Wow! Those who attended the Spring Meet were treated to a fabulous weekend. Steam locomotives in all sizes and shapes, diesel locomotives in all sizes and shapes provided great fun. The G table was filled at various times with all tracks occupied. We had many members in attendance bring their equipment down for day and evening runs under the lights. A new member and a few guests had time on the table as well.

Accrucraft provided some display items and sold a few of their offerings. In talking with Channing, if you are interested in new products, get them now. Prices are going up!

We now have 120 power to each side of the table should you wish to heat water or recharge equipment. Reminder, the no 3 track has track power, and will need to be cleaned from time to time by those wishing to run electricity. Use only the brake cleaner and paper towel for this purpose (stored in container). At the switches, clean between the points because the oil and grease collect in this area, thus preventing good electrical contact. Under any circumstance, use NO sand paper or grit pads permitted on this railroad.

Don't forget the first weekends of the each month are the public run events, hours 11:00 to 3:00. This is a great opportunity as well to run on the layout without other equipment on the track, and a great way to encourage young folks to get into the hobby. Birthday parties are in full swing on Saturday and Sundays; check the calendar on the web site. If you can, bring a train to run or run the clubs electric. Really adds to the party experience. With the great weather, bring out your significant other and folding chairs and relax under the shade of the canopy trees.

See you about!



G Scale table was busy with many trains.

Tie replacement on the girder bridge begins.



Completed project of tie replacement on the girder bridge.



LUNCH Servers



Don Yungling, Paul & Eric Quiring



Saturday 5-1-2021 Sunday 5-2-2021, Run Day Helpers: Dennis Gramith, Harry Voss, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Dennis Bowie, Tom Nance, Stacy Reese, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Erich Quiring, Mike & Gretchen O'Conner, Craig Griffen, Austin

Unruh, Jerry & Matt Abrew, Chris Klevesahl, Andy, Augie, Judy Berchielli, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Don & Toy Yungling, Ed Yungling, Victor Owens, Seth Hansen & family, Butch Floyd, Chris, Eli, Paul Donhost, Matt & Riley Mason, John Bailey, Steve Milward, Alison Berry, Judy Zegler, Glen Wilson, Richard, Sabrina, Colin Carrera

4-24-2021, Dennis Bowie, Tom Nance, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Alison Berry, Harry Voss, Keith & Gloria Berry, Tuesday 5-4-2021, Richard Van Slyke, Bill Bivings, Colton Snell, Bob & Mary Dean, Chuck Sanfilipo, Nancy Norris, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Phillip Evans, Bart Cook, Dave Frediani, Larry Curtin, Ralph Merrill, Jim Hearn



Kevin and Andrew are busy at the barbecue.



Registration & soda tent team: Harry Voss, Stacy Reese, Bill Floyd, and Stephanie Huntingdale.





10 Years ago: The new memorial area has been completed. It is a nice way to show our appreciation to the past members who have made the club what is today. Thanks to those who helped

the last week so it could be finished for the meet. I would like to thank Lee, Pete, Wayne, Tom, and Chris for giving some time to complete it.

20 Years ago: It is always nice to have volunteered for a job and have more help than you ever had right to expect. This is what happened for me at the Spring Meet Public run!! It was at times very adventurous, and frustrating, but overall very gratifying to

have many help out!! It is a very long list of people so hang on-- Bill Cody for help with an unexpected Birthday party and for pulling public both days, Wesley Freestone, Don Hyberg, Jack Rockett for hanging out in the sun both days and helping at the station, Dale and Allison King, again helping with the Birthday party and pulling the public, and dale along with David Arrol for the unexpected cross country trip!!! Lee Frechette for filling in when you had guests, and Ed Yungling and Scott, for pulling the public both days. Jean and Doug Fulton for pulling the public with their locomotive, next time we'll lighten the load a bit though. Bob Bell, Karle Mahler, Jim Doud and Vern Geyer for the first hour help on Sat., and Henry Stephani for diverting the non-public trains. Also Bud Rogers and Dick Esslebach for staying longer than planned, and Gordon Moser, Dave Mattox, Oam Naylor, and head over heels Hans Feickert, who really went down for the club. I also need to thank Don Yungling and Dave Mattox for their help in keeping both the trains and the track in running order. I'm not sure this is a job that I'd volunteer for again, but it was really great to have so many help out. - Pat Mattox Crew Chairwoman



40 Years ago: By the way, seating the brakeman back to back with the engineer was tried the weekend of 9-10 May and worked quite well. Looking at faces instead of behinds gives the brakeman more control over passengers. The whistle can be used to warn passengers of safety violations. It is also easier to see what is approaching from the rear & one can use flag to punch hoghead if train must be stopped.

FOR SALE



The RGS Story (Rio Grande Southern) Complete set Vols I-XII \$1500.
 Full Size Crossing lights & bracket (2 light) \$275.
 Full Size single Crossing light \$100.
 Full size Adlake Switch Stand light \$175.
 Full size Adlake switch light has only one lens \$100.
 Adlake Lantern , one lens missing \$350.
 Turntable for Model - dual track 7.25 & 7.5 gauge \$150.
 Various Boxcar/Caboose grab irons - Make offer

Contact Jeri Juergenson at 530 269-0443 (leave a message)



Santa Fe California Poppy railroad China from California State Railroad Museum. 40 pieces total. 8 place settings. Brand new. **\$500 or best offer.**

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SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.02 Speed Limit

No locomotive shall be operated at an excessive speed, and shall not be operated at a speed greater than that at which the locomotive and its train can be slowed and stopped within a reasonable distance, depending on the traffic, track conditions, visibility and weight of the train. Train speed shall not exceed 7 mph. Trains transporting the general public shall not exceed 5 mph. All engines must be run at reduced speeds in congested areas and in areas with close clearance, such as yards, stations, etc.

2.13 Duration of Inspection

Boiler tags or cards are valid for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of issuance. Pressure tests for the purpose of tag or card shall be conducted under the supervision of an appointed member.

3.05 Departure from Steaming Bays

Prior to steam locomotives departing their bay for the main line, the following shall be accomplished:

- Steam shall be brought up to operating pressure.
- Safety valves and pressure gauges shall be checked to ensure they are operating correctly.
- Water glasses shall be blown down.
- Feedwater devices shall be checked to ensure they are in proper working order.
- Whistle or other audible signaling device shall be tested to ensure they are operating correctly.
- Brakes shall be checked and operating correctly.

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.

Qualifications/Restrictions of an SVLSRM Stationmaster

- 18 years of age or older
- Member of SVLSRM in good standing
- Passes a current Written Qualification test showing knowledge to supervise passenger, scale railroad equipment and the requirements of a StationMaster
- Passes a current Practical examine demonstrating the judgment and ability to competently and safely supervise