

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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Some of the many volunteers.



NEW YEARS DAY 2022 Lets start the New Year with a lot of steam, or smelly diesel and bring out your locomotive, rolling stock and enjoy a members run day on January 1. Bring food to share (potluck) for lunch. Mark your calendar for Sunday January 1, 2012 running starts at 10 AM. with lunch about 1 PM.

If you plan to attend the annual New Day Run be advised that the park will be closed. Please enter through the Ambassador gate closing gate behind you. The park cannot be open to the public. Thank you for your cooperation.

SVLSRM Calendar

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

- Jan. 1, 2022 New Year day members run
- Jan. 8 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 9 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 10 - Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Jan. 15 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 16 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 22 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 23 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 29 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Jan. 30 - Club work day - Winter Projects

- Feb. 5 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Feb. 6 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Feb. 12 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Feb. 13 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Feb. 14 - Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Feb. 19 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Feb. 20 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Feb. 26 - Club work day - Winter Projects
- Feb. 27 - Club work day - Winter Projects

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

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editor@svlsrm.org.

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



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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

Santa Train 2020 was a big success with two major changes. One was offering limited presale tickets. And the other was offering only digital download photos. Both went great and plan do it again next year. We ran all four days. The 2nd Sunday was predicted to start raining, so many attendees showed up on the 2nd Saturday making for a very busy day. Those that showed up on the 2nd Sunday got to enjoy extended time with Santa. Overall we pulled around 1700 riders.

Four days of Santa Train doesn't happen without our volunteers. We enjoy this event as much as the public does. I would like to thank everyone that attended and those that make it all happen. Special thanks to Don Y., Chris S., Chris D., Matt T. And John B. for bringing their steam engines out for all to enjoy. Of course my hat off to our very own Santa. He does such a great job and stepped it up this year with a real beard and a new suit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. If you plan to attend the annual New Day Run be advised that the park will be closed. Please enter through the Ambassador gate closing gate behind you. The park cannot be open to the public. Thank you for your cooperation.

The plan for this years winter project is to replace Hillview East and West with steel rail and Accuties. Work is planned for each Saturday and Sunday as weather permits. Check with Dennis Bowie on when and how you can help.



Treasurer

Tom Nance

Thank you to our volunteers (and even some non-members) for your hard work and commitment to our Santa run weekends. It is because of your efforts that this event was the success that it was, and resulted in being one of our best years on record. We received a lot of positive feedback from our visitors on both the pictures with Santa and the Fareharbor ticketing system, and I hope to use and expand on these items for future events.

As a reminder for membership, dues will be going up on January 1st by \$15 for Associate, Regular, and Family. If you are mailing in your membership dues, as long as they are postmarked before January 1st, we will honor the previous membership price.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season, and we will see you in the new year!

All the best!



Special thanks to Dave McClain for a generous donation to SVLSRM.



MEMBERSHIP

by Stacy Reese

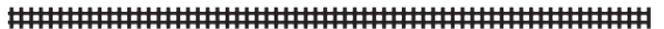
Merry Christmas!

It's that time of year when membership dues need to be paid. Yearly dues cover the period from January 1 to December 31. You can pay with cash, check, or PayPal. The new dues rates will be in place January 1, so if you want to save a few bucks pay by December 31. We are ending 2021 with 222 memberships.

I would like to update the list of members that would like to help with the birthday parties. The parties are very popular and we are always looking for help. Please send me an email or give me a call if you would like to help.

The Train Crew List is another thing that might need your attention. If you need to update any of your test, they are good for two years, please come down to the park and rectify. Copies of the tests are available on the website.

Hope to see everyone in the New Year!



Santa Train Helpers , 1st two weekends in December.

- Richard, Amy, Sarah, Brianna Lutrel, Rob Sharratt, Dale Dennis, Austin Unruh, Chris Klevesahl, Gary Cousin, Richard Corbell, Bart Cook, Dave Frediani, Beth Wilson, Reed Hickman, Glen Wilson, Dave Silvermail, Lance Bye, Andy Berchielli, Augie & Judy Berchielli, Chris Roberts, Sid Madden, Alison Berry, Bob Ress, Craig Griffin, Tom & Stacey Reese, Harry Voss, John Bailey, Matt Mason, Leonard Cassieri, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Steve Milward, Larry & Terri Curtin, Keith & Gloria Berry, Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie, Tom Nance, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Colton Snell, Bill & Butch Floyd, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Chris, Evelyn, Eli & Paul Donhost, Scott Jepsen, Charlie Schulman -Photographer, Judy Zegler, Dennis Gramith, Matt & Wyatt Thomas, Chris Smith.



10 Years ago: The 2011 SVLSRM Christmas Party was filled with food and games along with the famous white elephant exchange. While I don't think anyone should become a bell ringer fun it was.

One could say that Butch Floyd won the "door prize" as this annual exchange gift does hang on a door and brings the joyful sounds of Christmas into you home.



20 Years ago: News Year's Day run had two dozen people show up in spite of the forecast for nasty weather. Those attending were Barry Garland with his train who brought his Northern Electric #525, (yes Northern) and a new riding gondola which he has just completed. Barry's son Dave and Dave's wife Robin, and sons Dominic, Dillard and six week old Hudson were on had to help him break in the car. I like the name.. Hudson.

Paul and Lois Clifton did the honors in the Caboose/ kitchen with help from Gordon and Barbara Moser. Between the two couples they produced vegetable beef soup, clam chowder and rolls which was much appreciated by all. Don and Jeri Juergenson were out along with Curtis and Roxi Bonville and their niece Lora, Lee Frechette and Andi Guidry, Milon Thorley, Matthew and Venessa Mason, Dave and Pat Mattox, Allison King, John Bailie, Karl Mahler, Dick Esselbach, Will Willingdon. -- Dale Fowlr

30 Years ago: ——>

40 Years ago: The first meeting of the new board of directors covered a wide spectrum of subjects. Many new goals were established. Some of the matters discussed were: Brakes on riding cars, rules and regulations, more publicity, track additions, club engine, excursions and the club buildings.

Dick and Lori Esselbach hosted a "Bang Up" open house to start the new year. The big bash started about 5:00 a.m. January 1, 1982, when a drunk driver missed a turn and crashed into the front of their home. The car continued through two bedrooms demolishing everything in its path before it finally stopped. Fortunately, these rooms were unoccupied at the time. Dick and Lori, although trapped for a short time, escaped unhurt.



Phil Huntingdale and Colton Snell help Ray Shelley learn to run the Ruby for Yossi



30 Years ago: To My Dad, Richard Bristow

My Father and the Train

Rolling thunder chugging, chugging along.

Powerful arms turning and turning,

Wheels rolling along thick, metal rail.

A massive heap of machinery stops dead. . .

And the whistle blows steady

"Is that the one?"

"Is that the train your father's on?"

"The one coming around the bend there?"

"Oh yes, yes it is."

When I was a little girl that train always seemed so big to me.

I could ride in the caboose and feel so safe,

And it had a loud, and mighty whistle.

And has always had one destination, straight ahead. . .

It was a train that could get through the stormiest days and could take mostly any heat. .

A train that carried children, I one of them, down the right track.

A train that also let out steam when it needed to.

A train that always worked hard to keep the wheels rolling.

And it carried such heavy loads for us.

But mostly the train was always able to say "I think I can."

"Yes, that's the train my father rides."

"I love him very much."

By Heatherlee Mace-Bristow 12/24/91

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is November 8, 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.

Park will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. Best to use Ambassador entrance for New Year's Day Member Run

New plastic ties have been picked up. Work will begin on Hill view East and West track replacement with steel track on Saturday January 8, 2022. Adding some passing sidings for extra parking.

New trucks purchased for green ride cars. Trucks are out of gauge. Manufacturer contacted, they could be exchanged at Train Mountain Triennial. Or they would pay Peter Welch to fix them.

The park is still having problems with their well. Our irrigation system is completely plugged. Park is not sure how to fix it.

Andy will request a Sheriff's crew after the New Year to help with leaf removal.

Attendance at Santa Run for two weekends 1,775. There have been 243 downloads from Proofpix.

Bylaws – Chris Donhost to Chair updating the Membership Section of the Bylaws.

FCR 2020-03 Steaming Bay Lights – on hold

FCR-2018-27 – Storage Building – on hold

FCR – 2020-96 Signal Crossings – on hold

New Year's Day Run will be a pot luck

Training Manuals – Bob Ress volunteered to help publish Manuals for Engines, Tractor, Lawn Mower.

TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale



I trust all had a wonderful Holiday and Christmas with some new equipment. I'm aware of some new locomotives having been delivered. Let's give thanks for the club and what it provides to us. The hobby is alive and well!

The year 2021 had three new young members, Harrison, Yossi and Henry, along with their parents that have shown a real interest in the G scale hobby. Member Dave Frediani has generously provided each with a little electric G scale locomotive with cars to help with their enjoyment of the hobby. Between Dave and some others, we have more electric locomotives for youngsters. We encourage young members and their families to join in and be a part of this great organization and train hobby. We are all aging, and this hobby will only survive by bringing young people in. This photo shows a Ruby locomotive that one young member parents purchased for him as a Christmas gift. Being part of the whole club these families show an interest and participate in our 7.5 gauge too.

Just a reminder, during the months of January and February the club closes down the public run days; however, each Saturday (weather permitting) is a work day. The 7.5" gauge rail along the triple lines at Hill View will be removed and replaced with new steel rail and ties on the main line and the center siding will have new ties on the aluminum rail. Several tons of ballast will be placed. As I understand, about 1,000 feet of rail are involved in this year's work. Extra hands will be needed, so if you are available these months, Dennis Bowie, our Track Superintendent will be most appreciative. All hands are needed to help with cleaning up and doing some adjustments to the railroad. Check out the Secretary's column for more detail. Something is always going on elsewhere in the park. You can always be helpful!

And for those that are philanthropists, should you end the year with extra funds that you don't know what to do with, write a check donation out to the SVLSM and submit it to the Treasurer. The year 2021 saw the club purchase many track related items, and treasury could use any extra funds available. Thanks.



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RUN**

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Annual Membership Meeting – November 20, 2021, At the Club - Draft

Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm by Dennis Gramith, Vice President Attendance: Barbara & Gordon Moser, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Steve Milward, Andrew Sach, Kevin Sach, Bill Floyd, Craig Griffin, Tom Nance, Bob Ress, Dennis Gramith, Rich Corbell, Alison Berry, Chris Klevesahl, Larry Curtin, Scott Jepsen, Chris Donhost, Paul Donhost, Eli Donhost.

Review of the October 15, 2021 General Meeting Minutes. Motion to Accept Minutes by Alison Berry, 2nd by Kevin Sach. Motion Carried.

Financial Report – Tom Nance reported that Santa Train pre ticket sales on the new Fareharbor program are almost sold out. Motion by Steve Milward to accept the report, 2nd by Bill Floyd. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:
Election of Officers, terms expiring in 2023. Slate of Officers presented to the membership.
President: Andy Berchielli
Secretary: Stephanie Huntingdale
Train Master: Craig Griffin
Director at Large: Steve Milward

Tom Nance reported that no Absentee Ballots were received by the club.

Motion to accept the proposed slate of Officers by Chris Donhost, 2nd by Bob Ress.

Dennis Gramith called for a show of hands vote. Yes: 18, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Bylaws – after lengthy discussion primarily about the definitions of Membership a Motion was made to reject the adoption of the 11-20-21 Bylaws Revision by Chris Donhost, 2nd by Rich Corbell. Motion carried.

The Bylaws will be sent back to the Board for additional discussion about Membership changes and dates set for sending out the revisions to the voting membership.

A motion was made to increase the dues by \$15 in each category by Phil Huntingdale, 2nd by Chris Donhost. Motion carried.

A motion was made that the new dues will start on January 1, 2022 by Alison Berry, 2nd by Steve Milward. Motion carried.

Next General meeting at the club in May, 2022.
Adjournment at 2:17 pm by Dennis Gramith

Minutes submitted by: Stephane Huntingdale, Secretary



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.

2.11 Safety Valves

Steam boilers shall have at least 2 safety valves set to operate within 10 pounds (psi) of each other. Under no operating conditions shall the safety valves allow the operating pressure to exceed a pressure 5 percent greater than the maximum boiler operating pressure. Safety valves must release and reset without the aid of the engineer.

3.19 Bad Order Cards

Equipment that is taken out of service shall be tagged for cause. Tagged equipment must not be operated or coupled to any engines or cars except for repairs or corrections. The bad order card shall not be removed until repair is fixed.

4.12 Boarding of Passengers

Passengers of the general public shall board and disembark only at the SVLSRM Depot or other locations as approved by the Board of Directors (i.e., as during public open houses, club meets, etc.) Private passengers may embark or disembark anywhere along the track, but only if proper safety procedures are followed.

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

Not Fully Vaccinated

then Wear your MASK!

