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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

Another busy month for the club. We kicked off our run season with the public run weekend giving 625 riders for that weekend. Then hosted 10 parties for the month of March. April is already full for parties with many more the following months. This means it a great time to get involved with train crews to help spread the load. I have a few people that are always willing to pitch in for a party. Thanks for supporting the club. Parties bring in a large chunk of our budget. Look around. We continually work to improve the facility. Without this extra revenue from the parties all the improvements wouldn't be possible.

Speaking of improvements, Hillview track replacement is nearly complete. The main was back together in time for the public run days. The work Saturday of March got the center siding in place. Next up is to add the bypass siding and new tank farm yard. Join us April 16 to get as much done as possible.

Our Spring Meet is May 20-22. As in the past we will continue to reserve rv spots; steaming bays and track assignments. All this will be available at the end April.



Hillview New tracks. Looking South, top is looking North.

Have a neighbor or friend who has an interest in Live Steam / Trains? Bring them out, show them our fun, give them a ride and invite them to join.



Dues were due January 1, 2022.
Support your club, Send check or pay on-line.
Please complete your membership form noting changes.

SVLSRM Calendar

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

- April 2 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
- April 3 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
- April 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- April 16 Work day & SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- May 7 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
- May 8 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
- May 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- May 20 **Pacific Regional Meet**
- May 20 **-Evening Special Membership Meeting.**
- May 21 **Pacific Regional Meet**
- May 22 **Pacific Regional Meet**

Dates to reserve on your calendar:

Fall meet Oct. 14, 15, & 16

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



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.

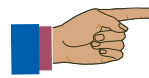
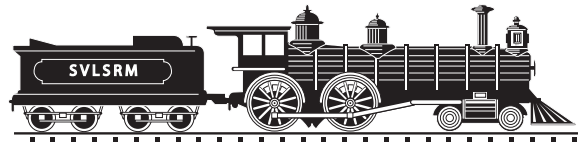
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Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlsrcm.org.

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



Dues are due.
Your prompt payment is appreciated.



Help the club save money by receiving your newsletters 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.

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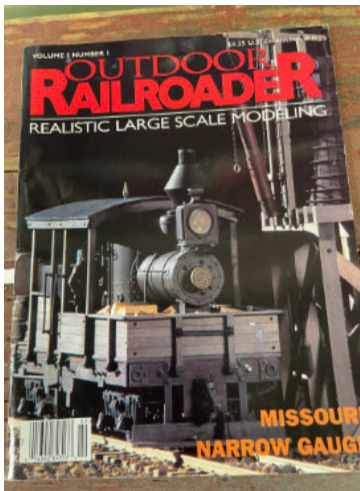


Librarian - Alison Berry

I am finally starting to sort magazines. I know many of you are eager to know what Live Steam issues we have and what we plan to do with the extras. Several have even told me specific issues that they are looking for and hope we have. As I am trying to

unpack all the boxes first, I am not working on Live Steam magazines right now.

It has been a bit of a treasure hunt as I open the remaining boxes. I found a box of Outdoor Railroader magazines – published between 1992 and 1996. While the target audience is G-Scale, the detailed plans could probably be used for any scale. In 1997, Outdoor Railroader was now published as Finescale Railroader – the first year both titles were on the magazine. We have issues from 1997 to 2005, We also have several of the annual publications (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006) including two special editions on Logging, Mining, and Industrial as well as one special edition on Narrow Gauge. The publisher of these magazines still has a website where one can purchase digital copies of the magazines.



So far, I have found 7 issues of Tall Timber Short Lines – 2002 – 2004. Tall Timber Short Lines was a magazine dedicated to logging railroads and short line railroads, and was published by Oso Publications. The magazine was founded in 1993 with the title Timber Beast. It was read both by model railroaders and those into logging history and modeling. It was headquartered first in Tacoma, Washington, and then in Hamilton, Montana. The magazine ended publication in August 2008.

My next task will be logging Garden Railroad issues. I know we have over a box but I have 3 more boxes I haven't opened and am not sure what they hold. I have also found copies of Steam in the Garden magazines.

We have a full box of Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette. This magazine is still in publication but the issues we have are probably 20 years old.

We have a lot of actual time tables, engineer handbooks and, conductor handbooks. Please let me know if you think we should keep this type of publications.

Magazines cannot be checked out but can be viewed in the library. You can also use your cell phone to take photographs of pages that interest you. Magazines are too fragile to be checked out.



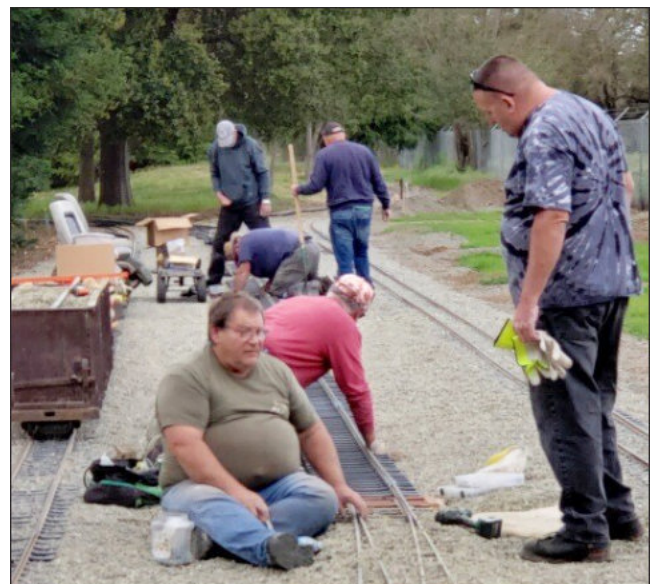
TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

Wow! This winter and start of spring has seeing more members out at the park on Tuesdays to run on the table. Rich Nelson was running his shay #5 with a few beautiful consorts. David Frediani and Bart Cook have been down from Sonora, sharing their many train sets. This last week Bart had his Gun train out that he and Dave had built. Dave has his gas – electric train that ran superbly, and always attracts attention. Michael Fitzgerald has had several electric locomotives down including the Napa Wine Train. I could go on and on, but there are too many others to mention this month. The locomotives have been of a wide variety of scales, some 1/32, 1/29, 1/20.3, and 7/8th, and were steam, electric and battery operated. Some members 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.

Don't forget the first weekends of the month are the public run events, from 11am-3 pm, and member runs are the third weekend. The guest families are inquisitive of the G layout, and they definitely wish to discover the operations of these smaller locomotives and cars.

The SVLSRM needs you on Public Run Days and the third Saturday for members work day. Learn to be a conductor or engineer by showing up on these weekends. Review the Safety and Operating Rules, and take the appropriate test. Learn by being there to develop these skills. Work days we continued to need volunteers for various task. Be involved! The April Public Run Day is again the first week of the month. If you're not doing family events, bring your locomotives out and enjoy. - See you about!



Dennis and Track crew working on Hillview



10 Years ago: The man knew how to get close to his work. This was Pete working on the mainline in 2003. Pete was an integral part of SVLS. He worked on our yard, water systems, added steaming bay leads, and always help with track work. He served on the Board of Directors as VP & President. - Thanks Pete.

About security, our tractor has not been found and odds are it will not be. We still have some work to do to provide more secure building. I need someone with welding skills to add some angle bars to the container doors and mount new lock brackets. There is also an alarm system to be installed along with cameras. If you can help on any of these tasks please call me.

The 2012 track replacement project was completed last month. We replaced 440 feet of track and one switch on the south side of Hill View. The new Midway North yard is the next project we need to finish in time for the Spring Meet. We still have to finish spreading ballast, Leveling, and tamping. This new yard will be a excellent location for members and guests with electric locomotives to park and charge their equipment. Thanks again to all the members that came out to help.

20 Years ago: JWe are back from Maricopa. M.L.S. had their Spring Meet on the same weekend as our last general meeting and it was well worth the trip. This is one track you should try and get to if you like running on a signal / dispatch system. Two of the three runs they have at this time are single line, bidirectional, poin- to-point runs with automatic signals and passing lanes. Made for a very interesting time. The third line they have is a long (2 miles) run out into the desert and back. Great place to just let it roll and take in some sightseeing.

On a closer note, we have our Spring Meet coming up and still have some work to get done in preparation for that. I still would like to get the switch at Cordova Junction (off the main into the passenger station) re-tied and would like to get the rest of the cement ties in the ground continuing from where we left off - towards the girder bridge.

30 Years ago: A special thanks go to Henry and Rose Stefani for donating and mounting a mirror in one of the new restrooms. Much progress has been made since my last report in February. We purchased rough cedar 2" x 12" x 8' fro bridge ties and Richard & Bobby Bristow ripped them into 2 x 2's in very short order. We bought enough to do two 40 foot bridges and they had them all cut in just a couple of hours. Milon and I went to Yuba City and picked up a load (1700 board feet) of rough redwood 2" x 10" remnants to be cut into 2" x 2" x 15" pieces for track ties and I am happy to report that several members have already cut most of this load into ties which have been bundled and stacked in the boxcar. The new bridge in the expansion area is nearing completion. Milon Thorley and Ed Spall deserve a great deal of credit for an excellent job on the steel work on the bridge. The bridge should be complete enough to run on

by the end of the 2nd week of April.. The overhead truss work will be added later. Dick Esselback, Ken Willes and I spent most of the past weekend wire brushing and removing rust from the steel in preparation for painting. Al Shelly has recently completed two more switches which will be used to complete the first 800' loop in the expansion area. If you have panel track kits at home, we need them to be completed and returned as soon as possible as they will be used to complete the first loop in time for the Spring Meet. Both of our sidings are now operational bidirectionally for both 7 1/2 as well as 4 3/4 inch gauge equipment.

40 Years ago: The construction of the four club riding cars is moving along right on schedule. The bodies are complete and in the process of being painted and lettered and the trucks and couplers are now under construction. On March 20, massive doses of hard work were passed out and the following was adequately accomplished: Tables were stripped, earth was moved, the inner facility and the entire outer hill were mowed, weeds were whacked, the track was sprayed with weed killer, a rope barrier was constructed, and the switches were seeded. Many thanks for all the hard work and team effort displayed by: Keith Kirstein, Stan Hindsley, Joe and Al DeFreitas, Darrel McWhirk, Ken and Nadine Willes, Dick Esselbach, Don and Jeri Juergenson, Roger and Mathew Merkh, Warren Rose, Earl McKenzie, Amandus Drews, Jacob and Michael Rosen and the Gramith's. The new switch on the inbound side went into place on March 27, the second, very productive, work day for the month.



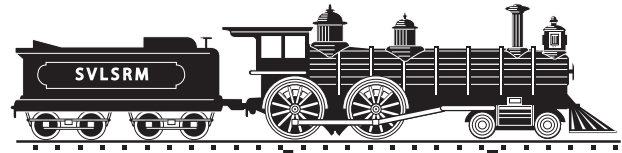
SVLS in the early years.



Members working.

March Work & Run Days
3-8-2022, 3-1-2022, 3-15-2022,
Tuesdays: Mike Skums, Phil &
Stephanie Huntingdale, Larry
Curtin, Chris Klevasahl, Richard
Corbell, Alison Berry, Dennis
Gramith, Gordon & Barbara
Moser, Harry Voss, Keith Berry,

Sid Madden, Paul Skidmore, Dennis Bowie. 2-26-2022,
3-5-2022, 3-12-2022, 3-19-2022, 3-6-2022, Saturdays:
Andy Berchielli, Dennis Bowie, Dennis Gramith, Chris
Klevasahl, Steve Milward, Craig Griffin, Tom Nance, Mike
Skums & grandson Dennis, Dave Cladianos, Paul
Skidmore, Glenn Wilson, Harry Voss, Bob Ress, Leonard
Cassieri, Rob Sharratt, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Tom
Nance, Bill & Butch Floyd, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale,
Glen Wilson, Bob Ress, Robert Forren, Todd Bishop,
Richard Corbell, Colton Snell, Kevin & Andrew Sach,
Raymond Smith, Richard Lutrel, David Jansson, Austin
Unruh, John Bailie, Chris, Eli, Paul Donhost, Don & Toy
Yungling. G-Gage - Tuesdays, Bart Cook, Dave Frediani,
Bill & Butch Floyd, Michael Fitzgerald, Mike & Barbara
Schoellkoph, Colton Snell, Birthday Parties: 3-12-2022,
3-13-2022: Bob Ress, Chris Klevasahl, Andy Berchielli,
Tom Nance, Larry Curtin, Gordon & Barbara Moser.
3-2-2022, 3-4-2022: Chris Klevasahl, Larry Curtin, Dennis
Gramith.



word puzzle

Answer to March 2022 puzzle.

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R E S S O E A L S R E D N E T
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Craig Griffin working on new Hillview track.



Mike Schums brings his train out to the park to play.

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.

Fareharbor, a reservation system has been used for our Santa Run; we now are using it with much success for our Birthday party reservations. We are looking into having a reservation system for Public Runs.

Measure H application – application submitted on March 13th. Included in our application was a cover letter that pointed out our community involvement. We served over 10,000 riders in 2021. In addition, our members provided 4,592 volunteer hours to maintain the park, track, storage facilities, and restrooms for the public enjoyment of public runs and birthday parties. Currently there are 94 applicants for these funds.

The park has worked on the well and turned on the water again. We are in the process of cleaning out valves and sprinkler heads in our irrigation system.

Track work continues with the center siding in place. A new FCR for the Hillview/Tank Yard siding.

Special Membership Meeting at the park on Saturday, April 16th, 1:30 pm for final Bylaw review.

Board began Spring Meet planning. Information and sign-up will be on the website.



Paul Skidmore, David Cladianos, Butch Floyd continue working on building track.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.15 Children

Parents or Guardians shall be responsible for the safety, supervision, and behavior of their Children at all times.

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.

3.17 Access to Round House

Access to the round house shall be available to all members by the the board of directors during members run days and events.

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.



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 2022 dues now! Send check or pay on-line at svlsrm.org. Send forms to SVLSRM P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741