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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

October is here and perhaps our busiest month. First up is our pumpkin train event. Different format in hopes to improve the flow of the event. Event will operate all inside the fenced area. Main entrance is the RV gate. Trains run the inner loop and load at Oasis picnic area. Activities and pumpkins will be along the rv fence line. Volunteers will be needed in many different areas. We ask that our group park behind the rv fence in trailer parking area to allow for customers to park below closer to entrance.

Next up is the Fall meet. Click this link to register. <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/svlsrcm/items/410121/calendar/?full-items=yes>.

Registration includes steaming bays, track assignments and RV spots. It also helps us prepare for meals. I will reply with assignments the weekend before meet. Things may change. Check with me or the checkin tent to see if things changed before unloading.

Party bookings are full. October is the last month we schedule parties. Although I had a couple rebook for early November. 11 parties are remaining for the year. Parties are a major source of revenue for us and a great way to help out.



See You at the Pumpkin Run



Volunteers Needed For Upcoming Events

SVLSRM is committed to several events this fall and the remainder of the year. Many volunteers are needed to accomplish our success. Please take a look at the schedule and let a Board Member know if you are available. Contacts are on the home page of the website, www.svlsrcm.org or contact Stephanie Huntingdale, 916-580-7377.

Pumpkin Run – decorating of the park is taking place on Thursday, September 29th and Friday, September 30th. October 1st and 2nd is the Pumpkin Train from 11 am to 3 pm each day. Can you help with train crew, registration, pumpkin sales, snack sales, monitoring the lines, selling tickets? Tear down on Sunday after hours.

Fall Meet – October 14-16 – set up of tents, RV spaces, parking spaces, beverages, cleaning of the facility will be on October 12th and 13th. Early arrivals start on the 13th. Loading area needs welcoming volunteers to help with unloading and directions to train parking spots. Caboose will need help with food preparation. Raffle sales will need help, beverage tent will need help. Not sure what to do? Just ask at Registration

Rancho Cordova Tree Lighting – Saturday, November 26th – set up portable track and level, Sunday – tree lighting rides begin at 4 pm to 7 pm. Train crews are needed, volunteers to maintain lines and help passengers. Train loaded after 7 pm to be taken back to the park. Monday, November 28th, tear down of track and return to the park.

Santa Train two weekends; December 3 & 4 and 10 & 11. This is the largest fund raiser for the club. We have Santa for visits. Train crews, photographers, line monitors, help in the caboose, help with decorations. Decorating the park will take place on Thursday, December 1st and Friday, December 2nd. There is some tear down needed after the Sunday hours.

This is your club, if you can help in any way it is much appreciated!

SVLSRM Calendar

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

- Oct. 1 **Pumpkin Run** 11AM - 3PM
- Oct. 2 **Pumpkin Run** 11AM - 3PM
- Oct. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Oct. 14 Membership meeting for nominations
- Oct. 14, 15, & 16 **Fall Meet**

- Nov. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
- Nov. 19 Work day.& Annual General Membership meeting and Elections.
- Nov. 20 Member RUN day.
- Nov. 26 Rancho Cordova Tree Lighting – Saturday, set up portable track and level,
- Nov. 27 Sunday – tree lighting rides begin at 4 pm to 7
- Nov. 28 tear down of track and return to the park.

Please volunteer to support the club events.



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

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

MEMBERSHIP

by Stacy Reese

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Rich DeMartini

Brian, Eleigh and Lukas Schaubmayer

Joe, Theresa, and Jack Martin

I hope to see many of you at the Fall Meet.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Trainmaster Report by Craig Griffin

Gday Everyone,

Fall meet is nearly upon us. Three or more days of friendship & playing trains.

If anyone needs a Boiler inspection/test, please let me know so we can schedule it.

Find me if you need a propane tank filled too.

We have been having some problems with the Pacifics' injectors not working properly. So we sent them off to Anthony (Eccentric Engineer) to go through them. He found no issues but also upgraded them with new stainless steel cones and nozzles. I got them reinstalled last Saturday and pressure tested all the water piping for leaks. All good so far. I will hopefully get the engine fired up this week to test the injectors properly, before the Pumpkin Train this coming weekend.

We had Levi out two weekends ago for Dennis Gramith's wedding. Levi was used to bring the bridal party to the ceremony held out on the hill by the river.

We will have Levi out and running during the Fall Meet. If you would like to learn how to run Levi let myself or Tom Nance know. Levi belongs to the club and is available to club members to run. We can arrange a time to learn how to fire and run Levi.

If you have any problems with club owned equipment, please don't hesitate to let me know via email, text or phone call. **Please don't take it upon yourself to fix it.**

Hope to see you at the Pumpkin train this weekend or at the Fall meet.



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

Again this last month the G gauge railroaders were out having great runs. After the early part of the month with 100 plus days, the days have become more pleasant and the mornings were generally clear, and cool.

This month the club will be having the Fall Meet, October 14th thru 16th. You will need to pre-register and you can do this on the website. Check that you will be operating G Gauge equipment. As you'll see in this newsletter you will be able to sign up on line for your meals too. You must reserve your meals so that we know how much to prepare. On Friday after dinner there will be a General Membership meeting. Plan to attend and learn what's happening. You won't want to miss this; it's a great opportunity for all to get acquainted with SVLSRM members and guests.

If you have an interest in steam, electric, or battery locomotives, come out and run. For those sticking around in the evenings, the G Gauge layout will have light strands glowing for evening runs. Should be a great club weekend meet.

Reminder, during meet's, you are not permitted to park inside the fenced area. You may drive in, off load and load out, but your vehicles must be parked outside the fenced area. This is because there are many people in attendance; RV's and tents within the park. Meet weekends we must adhere to the Board's request.

We will be able to park our smaller equipment on the sidings on the G layout for short durations, however, please consider others should they be wishing to stage their equipment on the various sidings. Please don't leave equipment unattended for long periods or the weekend like someone did at the spring meet. Remove your equipment.

Two events coming up, The Pumpkin Patch Train the first weekend in October. The Santa Train coming up the first two weekends in December. Please try to support these two events as they are our biggest fundraisers.

See you about!

Save SVLSRM some money and read the news letters on-line. Tell Membership that you don't need the mailed copy.

Help the club save money by receiving your newsletters on-line. Average price per mailing over \$2.

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is October 10th, 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.

Public Run for September was canceled due to weather.

Track fund will purchase ballast rock before winter projects.

Pumpkin Patch – to be held on October 1 & 2. Club will purchase 500 pumpkins, a Bounce House will be rented, G gauge and steam tractor display. The park will be decorated on Thursday, 9/29 and Friday, 9/30. Volunteer help is needed. New entry by RV gate, unlimited train rides. Tickets for entrance will be \$6; pumpkins will sell for \$5.

Fall Meet Planning – Board went over the Event guidelines. Set prices for meals, reserving Porta Potty, RV’s will again be \$20 for the meet. Cindy Wilmunder and Matt Thomas will put together a raffle this year. Maintenance before meet, trestle coming out of yard by box car needs work. Andy Birchielli will be handling all reservations for the meet. Reservations are currently on Facebook and the website. Help is needed for set-up on Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th.

FCR 2020-03 Steaming Bay Lights – the light will be up before the meet.

The Election Committee will present the Board nominations for 23-24 at the General Meeting on October 14th 6:00 pm. during the meet. A request will be made for nominations from the floor. Final vote will be at the November 19th annual meeting.

Tree removal continues with a dead tree by the box car to be removed when crew is available.

Request from RC Band for Santa Train event tickets for their Santa event. Board voted to give them 3 vouchers, each for a family of four.

Request from Chris Donhost to set up an event for the Chaplaincy to thank their supporters and show off the vehicle they were able to purchase. Board agreed and gave Chris possible date of November 19th.

SVLSRM will participate in the Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree Lighting – set up on November 26th. Help will be needed for set-up and take down. Contact a Board member if you can help. The event is Sunday, November 27th, take down on Monday, November 28th.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.07 Cargo Weight

Cargo weight should be evenly distributed between the trucks of each car.

2.08 Water Pumps and Injectors

All steam locomotives shall have at least two devices for transmitting water to the boiler. At least one of these devices shall be operable when the locomotive is not in motion.

3.04 Unloading/loading

Locomotives and equipment shall be unloaded and loaded only at the facilities provided at the steaming bays. All vehicles shall be removed from the loading area as soon as possible after loading and unloading. Small equipment may be unloaded/loaded at any siding.

4.06 Riding Cars

All riding cars shall have fixed seat(s) or bench to haul the public. Safety chains will be installed on all cars and locomotives carrying the general public. When the club-owned bench cars are loaded, it is recommended max 5 people based on weight and size at the discretion of the StationMaster. All passengers are required to wear shoes or sandals. No skate shoes are permitted.



**NEW
ITEMS FOR
SALE NOW!**

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



10 Years ago: Well, the tank car has now been painted. I want to say Thank You to Jeff White and Andrew Sach for painting the tank for me. I have also added some lettering to it and a few other modifications. - Kevin.



20 Years ago: I am pleased to see the progress Matt Mason has made on the one inch scale yard. This will be a welcome addition and I would like to thank Matt for a Job well done. The new bathroom roof is completed. Finishing touches are being done and the building will be ready for the Fall Meet. I would like to thank Lee Frechette, Pete Arney, Gordon Moser, Paul Clifton, Hans Feickert and myself for the effort, expertise, and time that was required. -- Dale Fowlar

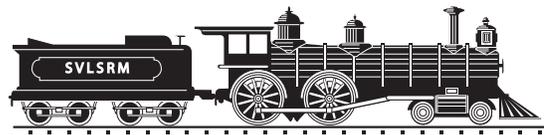
Matt Mason, Keith / Gloria Berry, Don Jurgensen, and Dave / Pat Mattox took a stationary exhibit to the Placerville Harvest Festival. Matt reports that our exhibit was well received. He noted that this was a much different crowd than the Railfairs where we usually appear and that there was a great deal of curiosity about the hobby expressed by the public.

40 Years ago:“Making Steam” The last bulletin commented on the hot weather endured by the crew on the August work day. The September work day found an eager crew of 20 people working in soggy weather that varied from partly cloudy to heavy down-pours. By 8:00 AM, the wet but undaunted, Jimmy Durham and son Scott were attacking the tall grass with both mowers. Many more showed up and this is almost a record turnout for a nice sunny day, but unbelievable for a wet rainy day! A great day for railroading! The park was not at all crowded, but we did manage to keep our trains full of passengers all day.



Fall Meet – October 14-16
Details on our web site home page:
www.svlsrcm.org

Use the links on the home page for info and make meet reservations.



Elections will be in November.

Nominations are made at the October 14th meeting. Please attend.

FOR SALE

Selling my 7 1/2 inch gauge 1.6" scale train locomotive, also: Engineer car, riding car, Gondola, transport trailer, and re-railer crane.

Keith Jackman, member Sacramento Valley Live Steamers former GGLS.
636 Linden Ave., Grass Valley, CA 95945
Phone: (530) 272-8531
Email: 2jackmans@gmail.com

I will have the train at the SVLS fall meet in Sacramento October 15 only.

Locomotive: Highly accurately detailed Southern Pacific 1.6 in scale 7 1/2 in gauge GP9 electric w/sound & many extras. \$16,995 OBO (Long list of specs and many detailed prototype photos upon quest)



Engineers car: 79 in coupler face to coupler face flat car with two folding seats mounted on hinged lockable storage boxes. \$895 OBO

Gondola: 78 in coupler face to coupler face with two thumb screw mounted folding swivel seats. \$995 OBO



2,000 lb re-railer crane. \$59.99 OBO

1,500 lb capacity utility trailer custom designed for all the rail equipment listed above plus 3 more additional cars. \$795 OBO

