

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

The club honored John Bailey's life with a memorial run on September 23, drawing in 60 attendees. The event featured a display of some of John's projects and showcased all three of his chole's, driven by Matt Mason, Chris Donhost, and Vince Barto. Donhost created a touching slide show, and everyone enjoyed a delightful BBQ dinner.

As October unfolds, the club gears up for an action-packed month. Starting with the Pumpkin Train, this year's festivities will include 2 bounce houses, steam train rides on the inner loop, and an array of pumpkins for the kids to choose. These special events significantly contribute to the club's revenue, and there are various ways for you to support the club during these events.

Following closely is our 50th Fall meet. Registration is filling up rapidly, so seize the chance to bask in the camaraderie of our members and guests during the weekend of **October 20-22.**



Please register now at: SVLSRM.org



SVLSRM Calendar

Please check on-line about Public activity.

Oct 7 Pumpkin Express train - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Oct 8 Pumpkin Express train - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Oct 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
 Oct 20 Membership meeting 7:30 at track.
 Nominations for 2024 board.
Oct 20 - 22 FALL MEET.

Nov 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
 Nov 18 Work day.& Annual General Membership meeting and Elections.

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



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.



See You at the Pumpkin Run

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Trainmaster Report
by Craig Griffin

Gday Everyone,

Well fall is here and the weather is cooling down nicely! A good time to come down the park and play trains! Both of our main steam engines are getting closer to being back at the park and ready to run. The suspension rebuild on the Pacific is complete and Chris is plumbing in a new steam powered water pump. It will be great the Pacific back out and running. The 1973 has had a lot big and little issues fixed after the derailing on the 4th of July running incident. Peter and Jim took on the task of repairing the engine. Got all the major work done and found a lot of small issues that needed attention. A big thank you for all the help from Chris S., Peter and Jim.

We have two events coming up in October. Pumpkin run is the 1st weekend in October and we will have trains running both days. Anyone that can volunteer to come down and help will be greatly appreciated. A couple of weekends later we have Fall meet. I will be available over the weekend starting Friday lunchtime if anyone needs boiler testing/hydros done. Also any one wanting to run club engines during the Fall meet, please try and let me know so I can make sure the engine is fueled up and oil checked. Or battery fully charged for the Santa Fe. As usual , if you run club equipment and have an issue with any of it, please let me know so I can get it repaired. Don't just park it and walk away.

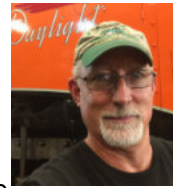
Oh yeah, we will have Levi out for the Fall meet, so see me or Tom N. If you want to learn how to run Levi!!

Hope to see you down the park soon! Come play trains.



Elections for President, Secretary, Train Master, and Director at Large (#2) are upon us, and we need you! Nominations will be done at the OCT. 20 Membership meeting 7:30 at track.

Track Superintendent
by Steve Milward



Greetings from the Track Department,

Fall is here! The long hot days are behind us, and we look forward to a busy Fall operating season. Coming up soon are the Pumpkin Trains and the Fall Meet. These events rely on the participation of our members, so please consider jumping in and helping us be successful.

The 1" scale yard is 99% complete, and other small projects are ongoing. Particular thanks to Dennis Bowie, Dave Cladianos, Craig Griffin, Chris Klevesahl, Matt Mason, Paul Skidmore, Jim Welch and Glenn Wilson for their continued assistance with track work! Also, a big thank you to Alan Shifley for his ongoing installation and improvements to our signal system. As always, if you're willing to help with track, please contact me at stevo2472@yahoo.com.

Looking farther ahead, our big project for 2024 is the refurbishment of the two main tracks in Oasis Yard. Almost 600 feet of track will be replaced along with a couple of turnouts. Other turnouts will be upgraded as needed. New track panels are being built and supplies are being gathered for this project. More details as we get closer.

That's it for now, we hope to see you at the track soon.



If you consider SVLS to be an asset to yourself, your family, and your friends, then please consider making yourself available to fill one of the open Board positions.

Serving on the board can be very rewarding to those who fill those roles in that they help ensure the viability and continuity of our organization. What is most beneficial is a willing member who has a desire to see the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers thrive now and into the future.

Service to the club in this way is beneficial to all concerned: our members, our riders, our community, and guests that visit us from other live steam clubs within this unique hobby.

Every regular member should consider serving our club by taking a role on the board of directors.

Secretary Board Report By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. The next meeting is July 10, 2023, 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. FCR submitted for Oasis Project – Expected to cost \$4,000

Will try to get switch to steaming bay fixed before the meet, may have to be replaced.

Pacific Steam Engine – journal boxes have been replaced. Chris Smith is working on plumbing. Hope to have done by end of September.

1973 has more damage than first thought – it will take some time to restore.

Santa Fe does not seem to be charging fully overnight. Looking into a fix.

Yard – mowing, ordered new sprinklers, squirrel traps are missing.

Membership currently at 228 members, 149 regular, 74 associate, 5 life.

Memorial Guidelines – new policy adopted by the Board. Posted on the website. Discussed adding on to the Memorial. Looked at plans from 2 years ago, will get new estimates. Report at next meeting.

Pumpkin Run and Fall Meet posted for Fareharbor signups. Check the website.



10 Years ago: At the September meeting show & tell we had several steam engine boilers and fire boxes shown as work in progress from Matt Mason, Chris Donhost, & Dale King showing his completed welding. John Bailie showed new gears and photos of his milling setup to make them. Dave Mattox showed a coupler bracket to be used on Vern Geyer new trolley.

20 Years ago: SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH - Use C-clamps or a rod through the drivers when your engine or cars are sitting on the steaming bay racks.



40 Years ago: “MAKING STEAM” at the time of this bulletin, Warren Sharratt had cut up over 500 new ties. This represents a little less than half the tie material that he has to work with. We appreciate the tremendous work that goes into the cutting of ties. Our heart-felt Thanks to Warren. Thanks

to Marilyn Drewes, the picnic tables (all the tables) have been painted. Thank You, Marilyn! Also a special big thank you, to Superintendent Jimmy Durham and his crew (Amandus Drewes, Bob Lovell, and Scott Durham). They have straightened the inbound curve and did a beautiful job. A week later Jimmy was back out at the track to finish up the job with the help of Don Juergenson, Dennis Gramith and Scott Durham.



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

Again this last month the G gauge railroaders were out having great runs. On Tuesdays we see the usual group of members out on the table. The other day first up was Steve Arigotti and myself, followed by Colton, Kaden, Michael, and George, all running their locomotives. The track is in good shape to have the time of your life and visit with others. Speaking of the others, Richard, Keith, and Gloria, Stephanie, Bill Yoder were making badges for John’s Celebration of Life. This club has many dedicated members out on Tuesdays to visit and take care of the park and its amenities. Join in if you are free on Tuesdays.

This month the club will be having the Fall Meet, October 20th thru 22nd. 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 online 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.

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!



Kaden Prudhomme



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

2.05 Safety Chains

A chain, cable or draw bar must be installed between any car on which the Engineer is riding separate from his locomotive. A chain or draw bar must also be installed between any fuel car or cars and the locomotive which it supplies. Some safety device is recommended for all cars.

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.

4.09 Brake Requirements - Large Trains

Any train consisting of more than 7 cars available for passengers shall have at least one half of the cars equipped with operable brakes, such brakes to be operated by the engineer from the locomotive.



Steve Arigotti and Colton Snell



Steeple cab locomotive, 1 year old. Two 450 watt 24V motors, Ride Trains controller with sound system, built in IOTA 24 volt battery charger, Two 12V deep cycle batteries. **\$6500.00.**

Contact Ken Schroeder, 775-265-3632, shaylocomotives@charter.net



FOR SALE

Tom Artzberger designed 2 1/2 inch scale ten wheeler (2-6-0) steam locomotive kit with boiler and tender. All parts have been machined by Pike Lake and Eastern Hartford Shops and waiting to be assembled. Chassis has been assembled and run on air. Includes all drawings. \$23,000.00.

Contact George at sagebrushslrr@gmail

7.5 gauge train stand for sale.

6' in length, 32" wide at base, 15" wide at top, 32" in height, 7 1/2 gauge, Weight @150 lbs

\$600 (located in East Bay area)

Jim Harrison 925-639-2675



A pair of battery powered lamps marked Union Pacific for sale.



**\$20.00 for the pair please.
(new batteries are needed)
Donald Yungling
916-471-9100**