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With Les Wilmunder's big crane and help from Dave Mattox, Dale King, Jack Friedman, Ross Crawford, and others the process of removing the mulberry trees continues.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

THE FEBRUARY MEETING AND ITS AFTERMATH

As promised, Milon Thorley presented a program covering much of his recent trips to the east and southwest. His comments covered track, bridges, crossovers, equipment, rolling stock and overall it was a good review of what other Live Steam groups are doing and what they are running and how they do it. The program was enjoyed by all and I would like to say thank you to Milon, once again, for the entire group.

Following the program, each Board Member provided an update on their activities in their area of responsibility. Things are moving along well at the start of this year and plans are being made for a successful and enjoyable year during all of 2005.

A "Show and Tell" time was held at the meeting too, and several things were mentioned. Red Hadler gave a progress report on the SVLS steam engine. The smoke box was brought to the meeting and we saw how errors were made when it was first built and what needed to be corrected. It seems it was leaking air and creating draft problems. There is no date for completion but things are progressing well. Also, Matt Mason showed

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CALENDAR

Mar 4 Board meeting 6:30 at Park meeting room
Mar 5 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.
~~Mar 18 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room~~
 ***** March meeting canceled *****
 Mar 19 Work Day
 Mar 21 News Letter deadline
Mar 26 Public run day - Also the Park Easter Egg Hunt

April 2 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.
 April 8 Board meeting 6:30 at Park meeting room
 April 15 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room
 April 16 Work Day
 April 17 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.

2005 public run day calendar available on-line, or hand-outs at caboose.

Don't forget about work days, every Tuesday and Saturday after meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLS web site (www.svls.org). There are always things to be done to support SVLS.

How will you support SVLS this month?



Please check the SVLS web site www.svls.org for current information on SVLS activities. Also visit Matt's on-line diesel discussion group. www.groups.yahoo.com.

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The SVLS cookbook

I am going to be getting the cookbook ready for the press the 15th of March. So if there are any more recipes you want to put in the cookbook please get them to me ASAP. Thanks for all your help in this fund raiser.
 Lois Clifton



March public run days are Saturday March 5 and Saturday March 26 which is also the Easter Egg Hunt for Hagan Park.



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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

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two side rod projects he had been working on, one for himself and one for someone else, involving the several "Crab" engines under construction. Once again, Milon used this opportunity to rid himself on a bunch of magazines he can no longer use. These mags were sucked up before they warmed up the table. (Perhaps you should have been there).

Following announcements, during the refreshment time, I spoke with most in attendance and discovered that about 80% of those folks are planning to go to the Maricopa Live Steamers Meet in Arizona in March. As you may know, the dates of this meet are from March 17th through March 20th. The SVLS Membership Meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 18th. Several Board members spoke on this and we all agreed that most Board Members would be gone as well as most who usually attend the regular meetings. For this reason, THE MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005 IS CANCELLED. We will resume again in April.

A COUPLE OF FINANCIAL COMMENTS

Just so that you know that we are doing what is required, at the February Board Meeting, the 2005 Budget was approved after an hour and a half review and discussion. There was a good dollar amount left over in the accounts from last year so we are doing well and will use the funds wisely this year. Additionally, we have received the bill for our insurance premium and the payment of it was approved. With the insurance in place we are free to operate once again, but be sure that safety is the byword for all as we operate.

WORKDAYS

Several work days have gone forward since our last newsletter. Track has been repaired/replaced, raking, mowing and tree cutting has happened, the storage container had been cleaned and swept, and there has been additional work in the restroom. If you are retired or not working, come on out on Tuesdays. On most Saturdays something is happening as well. When you come out, the place gets maintained and friendships are maintained and renewed.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

On several occasions we have announced the need to develop educational programs for school groups and others who come to our facility. This could include demonstrations on how a steam engine works and discussions on the history of railroads. This is to fulfill our requirements as a charitable group as well as a museum. I have had discussions with park staff on their future plans and having railroad things at our facility to show and demonstrate fits in with their desires too. If you are interested in contributing to these projects, please let me know.

RUN DAYS BEGIN

On Saturday, March 5, 2005, our monthly schedule for run days begins. Pulling the public is the best way to show off our facility and trains, and receive some donation funds for the treasury. Come on out if you can. The second run day is Saturday, March 26th. We need all of the help we can get. Please come out if you can. Some folks will be called for their involvement, so consider this now, whether you are called or not.

...that's all for now folks.



Workers for Feb

- Pete Arney
- Paul Skidmore
- Vern & Clio Geyer
- Milon Thorley
- Jack Friedman
- Dale King
- Dave Mattox
- Les, Cindy & Casey Wilmunder

- Ross Crawford
- Marilyn Drewes
- Keith Berry
- Barbara & Gordan Moser
- Bill Yoder
- Dale Fowlar
- Dale Dennis
- Richard Lutrel
- Paul Clifton
- Joel Corbin



Keith, Gordan, Richard, and Pete (elsewhere) installing new steel rail.




Milon was in charge of chipping away at the fallen trees. Let no one ever say that Milon doesn't have a chip on his shoulder. - *Thanks for all your hard work Milon!*

Report on repairs for the SVLS steam engine.

Red Hadler is doing repair of the smoke box. He has found that there was excessive leakage of air from the outside of the boiler to the interior of the smoke box around the boiler ring to smoke box. The boiler ring is up to a half inch in diameter in places smaller than the smoke box ring.

Red is correcting the problem and doing the annual inspection of the locomotive. General check of all nuts, bolts, screws, replacing hoses, adjusting brakes, and minor paint touch-up. Red has the other tender truck in his possession and will machine it and try to install brakes on the trucks.





SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

210. Trains shall be stopped immediately when any hazard to the passengers or equipment is detected.

301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the club.

406. Steam boilers shall have an annual hydrostatic test. Such test shall prove the ability of the boiler to withstand hydrostatic pressures of at least fifty percent (50%) above the normal working pressure of the boiler. Such tests shall further prove the ability of each safety valve to work satisfactorily at its own set pressure. Steam boiler test certification issued by other recognized Live Steam club within the past twelve (12) months shall be honored by S.V.L.S.

Caboose Menu	
Chili Burger	\$3.00
Chili Dog	\$3.00
Hamburger	\$2.50
Hot Dog	\$2.50
Grilled Cheese Sandwich	\$2.00
Bowl of Chili	\$2.00
Nacho's	\$1.50
Meal Deal (includes Chips, drink, salad & dessert)	\$4.00
Special of the Day	\$4.00
All hamburgers & sandwiches come with: Tomato, lettuce, & pickle. Onion upon request	
Drinks / Dessert	
Soda	\$.50
Gatorade	\$.75
V-8 Juice	\$.75
Water, Ice Tea, lemonade	\$.50
Hot Chocolate	\$.50
Coffee & Tea	Free
Ice Cream Bar, Ice Cream Sandwich, Crunch Bar	\$.50
Drum Sticks	\$.75
Popsicles	\$.50
Candy Bar	\$.50