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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

SPRING MEET MAY 21-22

Have you marked your calendar for the Spring Meet? Did you contact Lois Clifton for dinner reservations? Now is the time to do both. Remember, bring your equipment, finished or not, and display it to all of us aficionados.

Following the major theft and vandalism we had just after I wrote my article last month, a fantastic job was done to get our 7 1/2 gauge main line working again. Our Gandy Dancers are the best! At this writing, I do not know if the switch to connect the dual gauge track to the mainline was finished. Check the web site for more info.

Regardless, I hope to see you at the Meet. Be sure to introduce yourself to me since I don't know all of you.

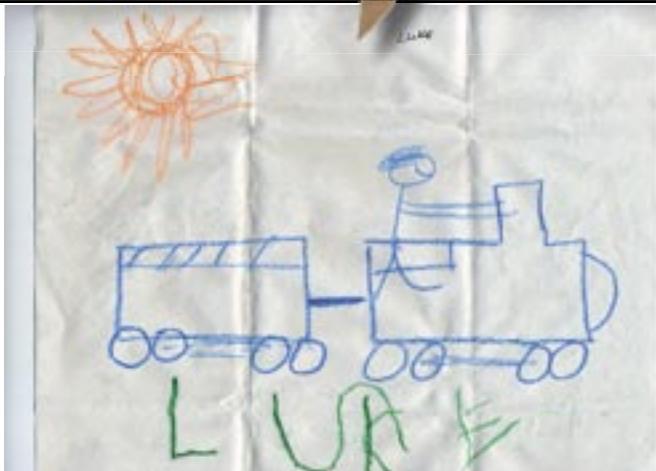
MATT MASON'S PROGRAM IN APRIL

At the April meeting, Matt Mason presented digital photos and a short video he took while on a trip to China. Steam is on its way out in China but for now, there is a lot to see and Matt had pictures of most of it. There were views of the countryside, inside the shops, and inside of the trains, but most depicted the steam engines they still use. Thanks to Matt for his efforts at the meeting.

Matt's program was followed by a several item show and tell session. If you have not been to our re-focused membership meetings, you are missing a lot.

THEFT AND VANDALISM

As mentioned above, unknown vandals tore out about 220 feet of our track. The location was the Sugar Pine section of



Track replacement work being done on Tuesday work day (April 12th).

New base down around river view curve waiting for track panels. Grade work continued on Saturday and track panels were put in place. Special thanks to Pete Arney, Lee Frechette, Dale Dennis, Gorden Moser, Richard Lutrel, and Bill Yoder.



Our young Train fans

Mark and Luke Powers, two young boys who live in Folsom, had come to Hagan Park with their parents to ride the trains. They were very disappointed when the trains were not running due to the track being gone.

The boys came again with their dad and grandfather to give us a nice donation and some pictures they had drawn showing their view of the trains and needed track.

Special thanks to the Powers family for their generous donation and to Mark and Luke for their concern about the trains.

CALENDAR

May 6 Board meeting 6:30
 May 7 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.
 May 14 Work Day - get ready for Spring Meet.
 May 20 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room
 May 21-22 Spring Meet (Public rides noon to 4 P.M.)

Jun 3 Board meeting 6:30
 Jun 4 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.
 Jun 17 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room
 Jun 18 Work Day - come out and help
 Jun 19 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 online diesel discussion group. www.groups.yahoo.com.

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Membership

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Welcome new members:

Leonard Houpt
 "Fritz" Von Ibsh

Since we now have the new stickers for our cars, I have been including them with the dues renewals. If someone did not receive a sticker that has paid their dues and wishes to have one, I will have them at the spring meet .



Steamer repair update

Red Hadler now has finished the repair of the our steamer. THANKS RED.



You may now use the west side restroom with out a key.

There is a push button door latch that you can use a four digit code to open the door. - See a Board member for the code.

You should still use the previous door lock for your own privacy.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

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dual gauged siding and two switches in the area. This connects to the main line dual gauge switch (the third ruined switch) just outside the gate at the north end. Following the incident, there were several TV reports, and we were on the front page of the local Grapevine Independent newspaper. The public and several City officials have contributed to our reconstruction efforts. A special bank account has been set up at my request to be sure the funds received went only for track repair, both now and in the future. Donations are still being received and are welcome. At this writing, we have about half of what is needed to fix this most recent damage.

THE STEAMER IS BACK

Red Hadler advises the repairs to the steamer are finished and it has been returned to the track site. Those interested in running it must be approved by Red and must take the operators test following successfully completing the diesel engineer's quiz. Several things have changed in the operating procedure on the engine itself. An operators schedule is being set up to be fair to all. If it is your turn, you must be responsible for taking the engine out, pulling the public and returning it to the roundhouse after the day's run. Except for the check out run, the engine is for public hauling revenue service only.

A TUNNEL IS COMING

Following membership approval last year, the Board approved an FCR (Facility Change Request) to build a tunnel at the north end of the track, inside the fence. The plan is to have this built at no cost to SVLS since private funding is involved. More on this later.

....See you at the Meet. Joel

March and April workers:

Paul Skidmore
Red Hadler
Milon Thorley
Pete Arney
Gordon & Barbara Moser
Richard Lutrel
Jack Freedman
Joel Corbin
Leonard Haupt
Bill Yoder
Dale Dennis
Dale Fowlar
Keith Berry
Vern & Clio Geyer
Paul & Lois Clifton
Ross Crawford
Mike Presson
Marilyn Drewes



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Linda Budge & Lee Garrison	Gerald & Nancy Tucker
Jack & Grace Rockett	Carrie Pruett
Kristine Gordon	

Trainmaster Report

by Ross Crawford



Marilyn Drewes has loaned her drop center bench car (MLNX 2005) to our museum for an indefinite period.

We had three school runs in April and one birthday party.

I have been working with Vern Geyer the Yardmaster to help him with the mowers which were in bad repair.

I have sold the golf cart dump truck to Bill Son who was the highest bidder at \$150. Vern needed the space in the mower shed and the Board agreed to sell it.

Lorra Fowlar has finished welding the sides on our new MOW ballast gondola and Marilyn Drewes is painting it. This car was donated to the museum as a flat car by Jimmy Durham some time ago.

The steam locomotive has returned. Red Hadler did all the necessary repairs for the new season. Red and I are working to supply a brake system to the tender. Red has a list of everything he did if you would like particulars.



The Track panel gang - Pete Arney, Jack Freedman, Bill Yoder, and Richard Lutrel. They built 18 panels.



Marilyn Drewes - mowing grass in Oasis area.



New member Leonard Houpt using the weed eater that Dick Esselbach had donated to SVLS.



Paul Skidmore making fast grass cutting with the big mower.

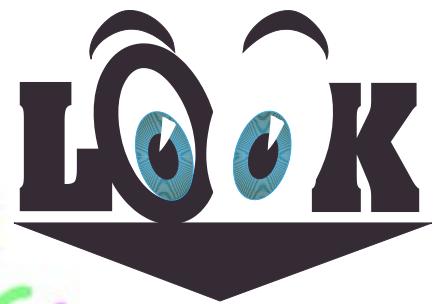


Vern Geyer
(Yardmaster) working
to complete water line
route north of main
line while the main line
track is being replaced.

March 2nd - First public run day for the year and several members with their engines were out running, too.



Sound barrier installed between wall and ceiling in our restrooms.
Thanks Dale Folwar.



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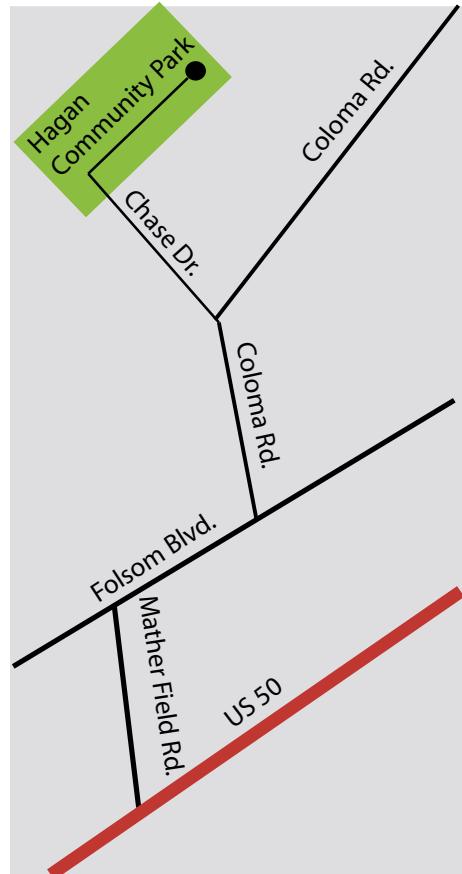
Join us for the Spring meet.
There will be raffles, (adult and kids) on Saturday.

Breakfast is scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday 8 AM to 10 AM - don't miss this.

Spring meet dinner (Saturday) all you can eat for \$15.
Menu: Tri Tip, Pork Ribs, corn on cob, Mashed potatoes,
Garden salad, Green beans, Garlic bread, Dessert, and Coffee or
Ice tea.

Please get your reservation to Lois Clifton by the 14th of May.
Call (916) 722-8514 -or- E-mail loisjune1@surewest.net

For other details please call Joel Corbin (916) 961-5075





The early years (70's)



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

212. All trains hauling passengers shall have at least one qualified trainman on the last car of the train. Each trainman on duty shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession.

308. For insurance purposes: engineers and trainmen on trains hauling the general public MUST be qualified members of S.V.L.S., and pass a qualification test, or be a member of a recognized live steam train club.

408. Steam boilers shall have the water level gauge located with the bottom of the gauge high enough above the crown sheet level to show ample water covering the crown. The water glass shall be located so it is readily seen from the engineers operating position.

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