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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

RECAPPING THE SPRING MEET

The SVLS Spring Meet has come and gone and all who attended had a great time. At the Meet I was made aware of some conflicting events which drew some to other places but the Meet was well attended and it was a fun weekend. Thanks to all who came and for their willingness to spend the high cost for gas. I am advised by Lois Clifton that each activity covered the expense to put it on and we came out ahead financially. Thanks to Lois and Paul for planning the food things and for Clio, Marilyn, Anne, Barbara, Kevin and others who helped. Thanks to Vern and his crews for preparing the place. To Pete, Bill, Richard, Gordon and Lee for the repair to the vandalism. To Dale and Lorra for restroom work and Lorra again for registration duty with Clio. Thanks also to Ross and Karl for greeting members and guests with equipment. To Marilyn for coordinating the bake sale and shirt sales and some raffle gifts. Our raffle announcer was once again the vocal Veronica Taylor and Gloria Berry donated some very nice gift baskets. Vendors Barry Hauge of Superscale and Bob Pederson of Railroad Warehouse were present and added to the event with their displays.

The bays were full of locomotives and at one time or another, they ran for us all to see. Several locomotives under construction were on display and one one-inch engine was there. We were sorry that the dual gauge track was not completed following the vandalism so one-inch modelers could take the whole loop. Progress is being made on this and

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Join us for a video presentation of some history of building the rail road in the Wild West, the dangers and perils that trainmen and passengers went through in the early years.

Learn what a "Snake Head" is and inventions by "Crazy George" to make trains safer. See the Railroad use of portable phone in the early 1900's.

Show time is 7:30 Friday June 17th come to our meeting.



2005 Spring Meet



CALENDAR

June 3 Board meeting 6:30 at Park meeting room 3
 June 4 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.
 June 17 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room 1
 June 18 Work Day - come out and help
 June 19 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.
 June 20 Newsletter articles due to editor

July 1 Board meeting 6:30 at Park meeting room 3
 July 2-4 3 Day 4th of July celebrations - bring your trains and run. Public rides - noon to 4 PM.
 July 15 General meeting 7:30 at Park meeting room 1
 July 16 Work Day - come out and help
 July 17 Public run day - noon to 4 PM.
 July 18 Newsletter articles due to editor

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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Membership

Lorra Flowar

Welcome new member

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If your membership is past due and you would like to renew then please fill out the membership form on the last page and mail it to SVLS.

If you have a friend that would be interested in joining then please give them the membership form.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY DAY FOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 804

by Dale Fowlar

On Sunday, May 15th some 30 members and Scout leaders visited SVLS from Boy Scout Troop 804 of Roseville, California. Trainmaster Ross Crawford afforded them a formal greeting, followed by a 15 minute introductory train ride on two trains, one internal combustion and the other, a steam powered one. This was followed by a 20-minute history presentation given by SVLS member and active Union Pacific Locomotive Engineer Dale Fowlar. Topics included Roseville history, early railroad history in Northern California, and railroad motive power past and present.

The visitors were then given a second train ride followed with a presentation by SVLS member Karle Mahler showing his Southern Pacific mogul chassis which is under construction. Karle ran the engine for the boys on compressed air, pointing out how the valve gear operates, how steam from the boiler works to power the engine, and discussed what is involved in building a live steam model.

SVLS member Gordon Moser then escorted the group to our full sized caboose, on site, using it to show the boys how an actual railroad coupler works, what the train line air hose is and what it does, and explained the why of the caboose and its operation.

Finally, the Scouts and their leaders made one last trip on the train to wrap up the day. The adults had many favorable comments. Several of the adults lingered to ask questions after the presentations. Many of the boys made a special effort to come by and thank us on their way out.

The group was a pleasure to have. The boys were very well behaved, attentive and curious.

Other SVLS members who assisted were President Joel Corbin, steam Engineer Paul Clifton, Marilyn Drewes, Barbara Moser, and Mary Mahler. Many thanks to all those that participated. 7

SPRING MEET PHOTOS




Master planning committee is wanting input from the members as to needs and ideas to improve the running of trains, the facilities, Hauling the Public, and anything else you can think of.

Please submit your IDEAS to Bill Yoder. Thanks.

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the dual frog switch is being built now.

Thanks to all who attended the meet and for contributing to the friendship and good time for all.

VANDALISM AGAIN

As most of you know, the 7 1/2" gauge main line was fixed with class one track to complete the loop for running at the Meet. The amount spent was approximately \$1,700 to date and about \$3,300 was received at the last count presented to me. More work remains and the fund will see more outlays. Since donations were made, I felt the monies should be used for the purpose given and instructed Lois to create a special account specifically for track repair and maintenance. The funds for the vandalism came out of this account and not out of the operating budget funds. When the 4 3/4" track and switches are done, any remaining amounts in the account will be used to keep the track in operating condition in the future. At the Meet, several folks mentioned that they were going to donate something to SVLS. Should you want to do this, and should you want the funds to go for track work only, please mention this when you make the donation. Any other donations will go into the general fund for budgeted amounts to keep other services we provide continuing (such as yardmaster needs and maintenance, rolling stock and locomotive repair, new projects, etc.).

CORPORATE UPDATE

Some members have asked about the Bylaws that were approved last October by the membership. There was a question of their filing with the California Secretary of State. We have confirmed with the Secretary of State's office that bylaws do not need to be filed, as we once thought, so they have been in effect since they were voted in and approved last year. The only required filing was our name change and this was done. Our approved name is "Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc."

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

In keeping with our commitment to provide educational programs

for schools groups and others, we have has several school groups come to the facility for rides and discussions about railroading history. Also, one Cub Scout group came and was shown our bridges and their construction was discussed for a program they had to complete for a badge requirement. Thanks to Milon for handling this. In May, another scout group came and Dale Fowlar gave an interesting talk on this area, Roseville yards, and other railroad history. He showed photos from his own collection. Later, Karle Mahler showed his completed chassis and explained how a locomotive is built. The leaders were so interested in this discussion, we may have attracted some new members. Ross remains the coordinator for special run dates and Vern Geyer will fill in while Ross is away on vacation for a couple of months starting in July.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

In the past several weeks I have had conversations with some members on what they would like to see. One suggestion is to have a review in this newsletter on the activities of the Board at their meetings. This article is being written on May 23rd in order to get the Golden Spike ready for mailing in time. The Board meeting is scheduled for June 3rd so there is nothing additional to report now. This will start next month. At the last Board meeting, most of the discussion was related to getting ready for the Spring Meet and is outdated now. One thing I mentioned that I was trying, with the help of Bill Yoder, was membership meetings without boring business items. In fact, one member said the members elected the Board to take care of this so he did not have to hear it all on Friday meeting nights. Bill has already scheduled several meetings with fine programs and he will continue in this effort with help from all of you who have suggestions. By having meetings with this focus we hope to have meetings that members will enjoy more and will be more willing to attend. We want to make SVLS a group that will give needed info and to advance engine building as well as to pull us together with history and fellowship. In this effort, we also invite you to bring your latest construction project to discuss and to show off. This Show and Tell time is increasing and is part of the new enjoyable meetings. Also, if you have meeting suggestions or can present one yourself, contact either Bill or me to have this scheduled. I hope to see you at the next meeting. 7



SVLS SPRING MEET - Craig Craddock with his SP Daylight



Karl Mahler showing off his progress in building his engine

Yardmaster Report

by Vern Greyer

A lot of work went into getting the area ready for our visitors for the Spring Meet. A lot of people spent their time mowing, trimming, hauling away debris from the trees, weed eating where the lawn mowers couldn't go, planting flowers where they could and making sure the bathrooms were clean and ready for use by our visitors.



I would like to thank the following people for coming out and spending their time getting everything ready: Milton Thorley, Dale Fowlar, Lorra Fowlar, Dave Mattox, Dale King, Dale Dennis, Barbara Moser, Gordon Moser, Leonard Houpt, Hans Feickert, Jack Friedman, Bob Howard, and Keith Berry. If not for them it would not have looked as good as it did. A BIG THANKS TO ALL!!!

I had a big surprise the Thursday before the Meet, when I found that the trees that had been cut down earlier were now getting their roots ground out. It was somewhat inconvenient, but at least people weren't running into stumps. The worker from the maintenance yard at the park came over with the stump grinder and spent all day Thursday and part of Friday clearing the stumps. Then time had to be spent clearing out the sawdust and wood chips and getting them put around some of the trees. I didn't hear any complaints about anybody tripping or falling over the debris that was left.

Saturday and Sunday were busy run days for the public, as well as for our guests. I would like to thank Bill Quick, Butch Floyd, Gordon Moser, Barbara Moser, Mike Dreiling, Claudia Dreiling, Ross Crawford, Joel Corbin, Leonard Houpt, Paul Clifton, Pete Arney, and Dale Dennis for keeping the trains running. If I missed anybody, please let me say I'm sorry and that your help was much appreciated.

Now we have the hot weather upon us, and the watering schedule has to be implemented. Hopefully I can keep the lawns and trees green so that everything still looks good for the Fall Meet! I know there are a number of trees that did not survive the summer and winter of last year that need to be removed. These will be taken out soon. The need for help did not end when the Spring Meet was over. There are always things that need to be done to help keep everything running smoothly. Remember we have two days a month that we run the public, and help is always needed.

Our next long weekend will be the 4th of July. Hope to see some of you back for those three days. 7




These Members were out making your Spring Meet a great meet.

The time spent on track work, grounds, and facility is greatly appreciated by all - and thanks for a job well done.

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| Pete Arney | Paul Clifton | Jack Freidman |
| Paul Skidmore | Lois Clifton | Dale Dennis |
| Ross Crawford | Marilyn Drews | Lee Frechette |
| Bill Yoder | Richard Lutrel | Leonard Houpt |
| Amy Lutrel | Milon Thorley | Keith Berry |
| Vern Geyer | Clio Geyer | Joel Corbin |
| Hans Feickert | Brandon Feickert | Neil Heath |
| Gordon Moser | Barbara Moser | |

Anyone else who work but I missed getting their name. Thanks to all !!

I would like to thank Barbara Moser, Mary Neville, Ann Sacks, Pat Collins-Mattox, & Allison King for their great job helping me in the caboose. I couldn't have done it without all of you. Lois



Please add the following names to your roster.

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SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

213. Trains carrying the general public shall not exceed one-hundred (100) feet in length over all, exclusive of locomotive and tender or other motive power.

309. All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession. (See rule #118).

409. All steam locomotives shall have at least two (2) methods of putting water into the boiler. At least one (1) method of putting water into the boiler shall be operable while the locomotive is under steam, but not in motion.



**SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DUES INVOICE**

To be filled out upon application for membership and/or membership renewal



NEW RENEWAL DATE: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: INDIVIDUAL
 FAMILY
 ASSOCIATE

Your Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Children living at home (names and birthdate):

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (Spouse) _____

Occupation: _____

Operable live steam equipment or under construction:

Do you have track at home? Yes No Someday Gauge: _____

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLS:

Affiliations with other railroads:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DUES TO:

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS
Attn: Membership
PO Box 273
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95741-0273

Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers

DUES RATE: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (Individual or Family) is \$60.00 per year payable due on January 1.

ONE TIME INITIATION FEE: \$30.00 (In addition to the regular membership dues)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$30.00 per year (NO initiation fee) Must live 100 miles or more from track or belong to a recognized live steam club. An associate member who moves into the 100 mile radius must convert to a regular membership by paying the \$30.00 initiation fee.

Membership is conditional for a period of six (6) months, at which time acceptance as a regular member will be voted upon by the general members at a regular meeting. In the event of a negative vote, the initiation fee and 1/2 of the yearly dues will be refunded.

Membership use:

Amount Paid: _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Name Badge Roster Rule Book Membership Card Date completed: _____

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