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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

ELECTION TIME

At the October General Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented their slate for the election to be held at the November meeting. Nominated for President were myself (Joel Corbin), Lee Frechette, and Matt Mason. For Secretary the nominees were Keith Berry (incumbent), Clio Geyer, and floor nominee, Dave King. Dave Mattox was the only nominee for Trainmaster.

During this month you will receive a ballot with instructions so you can vote at the November meeting or absentee. Care has been taken by the Administrative Committee to be sure the ballots are handled in a way that votes are confidential and that a voter gets only one vote. The special mailing with the ballot should be given close attention. Your vote is important. Don't just throw it out. Vote and send in the ballot so we have a good representation of the desires of the membership.

AL SHELLEY

Since I wrote my last article, the SVLSRM lost one of its charter members. Al Shelley passed away at the age of 78 following a heart attack. I can remember working with Al in the mid-seventies when I lived in this area the last time. In those early, and in times since, Al contributed much to our organization. He was an SP engineer and worked with the folks at the California State Railroad Museum. A memorial train ride was held on Sunday, October 16, 2005 on the Sacramento Southern Railroad

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Steaming bays were busy with guests and members getting their locos ready for running



The sign of a real steamer, smoke in the face. Member Jim Hoback from Sonora running his "Pearl" loco.

CALENDAR

Nov 4 Board meeting
 Nov 11 Setup at Rail Fair - HELP is NEEDED !!!
 Contact Paul Clifton - (916) 722-8514
 Nov 12 & 13 Rail Fair train rides - come and help.
 Nov 18 Annual meeting - elections
 Nov 19 Work day.
 Nov 21 Newsletter articles due to editor

Dec 2 Board meeting
 Dec 3 Santa Train - Noon to 4 PM
 Call Lois Clifton (916) 722-8514
 Dec 4 Santa Train - Noon to 4 PM
 Dec 16 Annual POT LUCK 7 PM Park building.

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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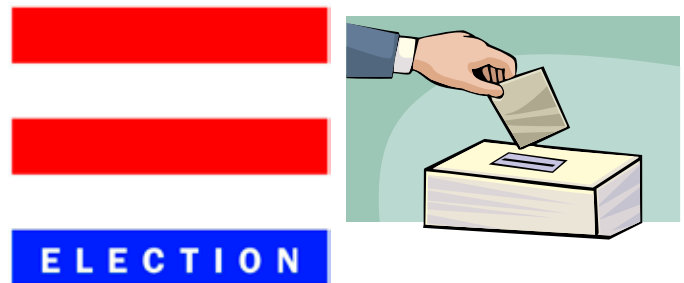
MEMBERSHIP

by Amy Lutrel

Fall meet was a good turn out, And it was great talking with all of the Members and Guest's. We have new Members : Jon Grabowski & Liz Grabowski (WELCOME) Also, we may have some new Members joining soon. I talked to lots of people about joining and some seemed truly interested. I made sure they all Knew how to become members and how much FUN we all have. Once again, it was Nice to see everyone that came out, and I look forward to seeing everyone again.

It is time to renew your membership - Please fill out the membership form attach money and mail - THANKS

Don't forget elections will be done at the November meeting.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Fall Meet photos: (Clockwise) Don Yungling & family enjoying a great steam run. Jim Martorella and Dave Fontes from Santa Rosa area with a shiny Shy. "King" David Luther on his yellow diesel with a load of passengers. Cal Tinkham with #26. Kevin Sach whose face shows the results of a day behind his steamer next picture. On the Speeders were Scott & Chad (guest of Wilmunders). Young Casey Wilmunder with his small scale steam tractor which he had running.



Fall Meet photos: (clockwise) We have a busy buzzing saw mill done by the "G" gauge group who had a display at the meet. Bill Cody's new red Dash-9 a very nice and detailed loco. Speaking of a detail locomotive this picture speaks for itself. Paul Clifto n's Hall Scott Inter-Urban engine. Darrll running the SVLS steamer. Kim Reichhold with his #8. Bob Kownacki with his speeder.



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in Old Sacramento and this was followed by a reception and memorial service in the roundhouse section of the Railroad



Museum. Al was one of the folks who drove the Golden Spike at the completion of the SVLS track in 1973. He returned 30 years later in 2003 to celebrate this event again. Al was a knowledgeable live steamer and friend. We will all miss him.

FALL MEET AND OTHER EVENTS

October 8 & 9 saw the SVLSRM Fall Meet. The date had been changed earlier in the year since the usual date was too close to the Halloween run days that the majority thought this was too much effort. The Meet went off as planned and we had a number of visitors that had been out before as well as riders that came due to the attention we received at the display at the Stanford Mansion opening. Planners included Lois and Paul Clifton, Clio & Vern Geyer, Marilyn Drewes, Pete Arney and others. Thanks to many others who helped during the meet. We had a successful banquet, breakfasts and lunches, shirt and bake sales, and a raffle. We had locomotives running from Friday through Sunday and it appeared all had a good time. Next year, the meet dates will be the third weekend in October as in the past, by popular demand.

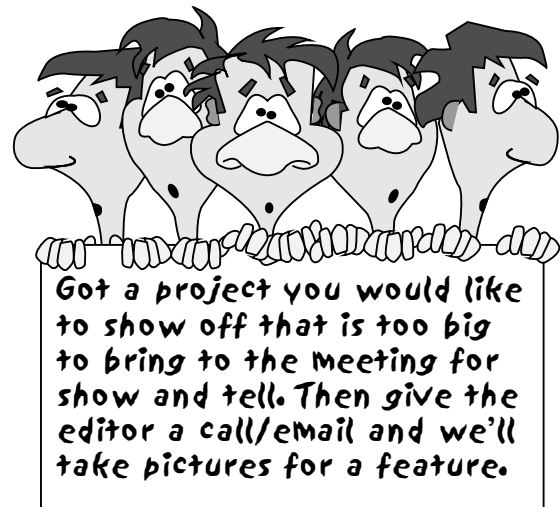
SVLSRM participated in the celebration of the completion of the light rail into Folsom. We were invited by the historical society there. In our display we had Ross Crawford's steam engine, a gondola and a box car from our rolling stock. Many people came up to speak with us and there was much interest in visiting our

track. I personally spoke with over 100 people and we gave out many of our newly revised brochures. We received many thanks from officials for our attendance and participation. These events help solidify our presence in the community and show what we are doing for the public. All this while we enjoy ourselves operating trains. Thanks to Ross Crawford, Marilyn Drewes and Pete Arney for working with me on this project.

The Halloween Terror Train is about to happen as I write this article. I will report on this next month. The agricultural teachers cancelled their outing to our facility and the petting barn as was announced last month. This is disappointing since Pete Arney put so much into it. Apparently, not enough signed up for the trip during their convention to make it viable for them.

Remember the Santa Train coming up on December 3 & 4, 2005. Bring the kids for a picture with Santa.

.....That's "30" for now. Remember to vote.



FALL MEET 2005 – by *Clio Geyer*

We had a smaller than usual Meet, but a fun group attended.

A special thanks need to go out to Darrell Gomes for stepping in and power washing the caboose, all the picnic tables and the rest rooms on Thursday. Darrell brought his trailer out on Thursday so he could help put the finishing touches on the preparations. He helped people unload their equipment on Thursday and Friday.

Friday Darrell helped Vern put up the covers. Thanks to Dale & Lorra Fowlar for the loan of two of their covers, otherwise the raffle table and registration tables would have been totally in the sun all day. Darrell also helped get the chairs, tables and coolers out of the container so that everything would be ready for Saturday.

Gail Gomes came out Friday and worked as “gopher” for the breakfast crew both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you Gail. She also took her conductor test and spent a lot of time Saturday and Sunday riding behind Darrell on the steam engine with the public.

The Bake Sale was a great success. In fact it was sold out by 4 pm on Saturday.

T Shirts were also good sellers with Marilyn selling a lot of the new ones she had just purchased.

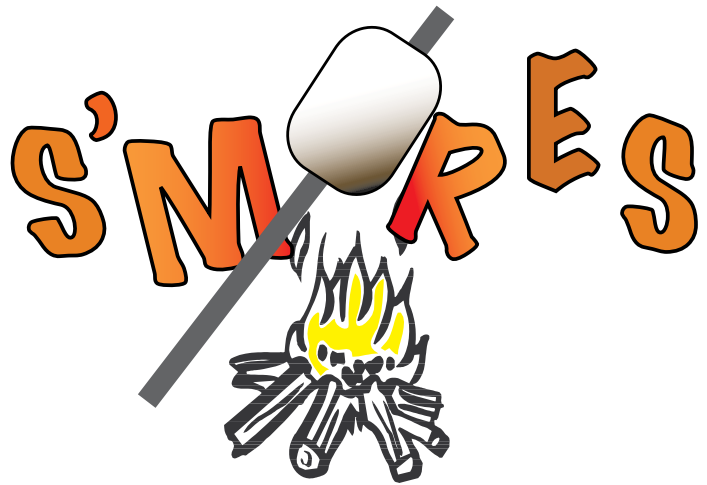
Amy Lutrel got her first taste of doing Registration as the new Membership Chair. It gave her a good chance to meet and get to know some of the members.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. There were a lot of conversations going on in the steaming bays as well as at the picnic area. Craig Craddock and Karl Davison came up from Lemoore and Craig always has a lot of funny stories to tell.

Hope to see everybody back for the Spring Meet next May.



Cub Scout Pack 804 from Roseville had a special run on Saturday 10/22. Thanks to Darrell and Pete.

**Kids Korner** - by *Cindy Wilmunder*

The Saturday night S'more making turned into a marshmallow roast. All the kids who participated said they want to do it again. Tiphany Sach showed everyone how to make marshmallow taffy out of the roasted marshmallows. Casey Wilmunder provided the S'more maker and his mom & dad provided the Hershey bars, Graham crackers and marshmallows. Andrew Sach showed us how many different ways to roast marshmallows.

Victoria Fowlar's granddaughter had a lot of fun making S'more and roasting marshmallows. Also there were two little boys who also joined in the fun but I did not get their names. They all want to do S'mores again next meet. After the kids and their turn the adults took over the S'more maker and we showed the kids how we did our marshmallows. Anne Sach, Lorra Fowlar and myself had just as much fun as the kids. Any ideas for kids crafts for next meet let me know.



Santa Run Saturday & Sunday December 3 & 4. Help is needed in many ways. Train Crews. Bake Goods (cookies, brownies etc) Candy Canes. Decoration Santa's Elves for both days. Help with setting up on Friday

Other IDEAS

Call Lois Clifton (916) 722-8514

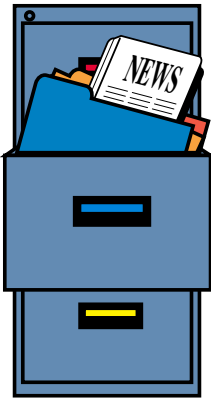
Rail Fair

Nov 12 & 13

Volunteers needed. Please call Paul Clifton (916) 722-8514 or e-mail loisjune1@comcast.net
Hours Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4

Set up will be on Friday Nov 11.



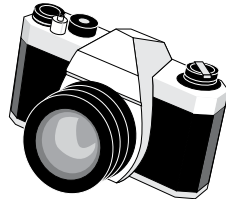
**10 Years ago:****“FROM THE FAR SIDE OF THE CAB”**

The truss bridge that serves as the centerpiece of our railroad is currently 2/3 of the way completed. I have taken this project on. I have worked on it for two years. It is my intent to complete the project and paint it -- by the 1996 Spring Meet.

This bridge is unique in the hobby. The Club receives positive comments from visiting members on a regular basis. As far as I know, our bridge -- the built up

detail that is -- exists only on our railroad. It certainly has been, and will be, worth the time and effort. I certainly hope you agree. Bob Lovell, Vice-President

The November 1995 issue of MODELTEC has a great article on the Western Live Steam Ramble. There are two pages of photographs taken at SVLS.



20 Years ago: (1985) “KEEPING FIT” Here is a snippet from an item by Frank Fleury on how to get exercise while still working by simply engaging in some of the following strenuous activities:

- beating about the bush - 75 Calories
- jumping to conclusions - 100 Calories
- bending over backwards - 75 Calories
- pushing your luck - 250 Calories
- running around in circles - 350 Calories
- making mountains out of molehills - 500 Calories

30 Years ago:

President Barry Garland will be the featured personality in the January 1976 issue of Railroad Magazine. Barry says after filling out a very lengthy questionnaire, he discovered some new facets to Barry Garland.

Ken Spicer, the Yunglings, Ed, Don, Margaret and Michelle attended the Riverside Live Steamers meet in October. They had great weather and a good time.

The Sierra Mountain R.R. Club over in Auburn, invited Barry Garland to be the guest speaker at their November meeting. Barry showed and narrated his movies of our spring meet and the brotherhood meet in L.A. These are the same films he will be showing at our meeting. Joel Corbin brought his Camelback engine, Earl Mc Kenzie and wife brought the Western Pacific, and Barry Garland, Marge and Son brought his 1/2” 462. He also brought his “in the works” crummy (caboose). Some other members we saw there were Ken Yeo, Steve Banks, Wally Ripley and the Esselbachs.

YARDMASTER REPORT

by Vern Geyer

Despite a longggg and dry summer the area looked pretty good for the Fall Meet. Thanks to all the folks that came out and watered, when it was available, mowed and generally kept the area looking good.

The list of folks that have helped this season are: Pete Arney, Dave Mattox, Dale King, Allison King, Pat Mattox, Hans Feickert, Dale Fowler, Jack Friedman, Paul Clifton, Richard Lutrel, Amy Lutrel, Barbara Moser, Paul Skidmore, Milon Thorley and Les Wilmunder for all that they did in helping keep the place looking good. I couldn't have done it without all of you.

**SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH**

229. Chains will be installed between any riding car on which the Engineer is riding separate from his locomotive. Chains will also be installed between any fuel cars and the locomotive which it supplies. Chains will be installed on all cars carrying the general public.

304. ENGINEERS:

A. Qualifications: any member of S.V.L.S. or other Live Steam club, who demonstrates they has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to operate a locomotive and who passes the qualification test, will be qualified to operate as engineer on the type of locomotive for which he has applied (steam, electric, etc.) No one under the age of 18 will act as engineer on any train pulling the general public. Persons between the ages of 13- 17 may operate as engineer of the locomotive only with permission of the owner, or in the case of S.V.L.S. owned equipment, by permission of the Trainmaster. They will not carry passengers except a flagman. Children under the age of 12 may operate locomotives only while accompanied by an adult (the owner or another adult who is familiar with and qualified to operate said locomotive). The adult must sit directly behind the child and have full access to and can easily reach the controls in case of emergency. Children under 12 years of age may operate trains in the above mentioned manner with passengers who are live steam club members or family members. Children under age 12 may operate non-steam locomotives such as small electric or gas powered engines with simple controls without an adult supervisor as long as they do not carry passengers except for a flagman. Engineers under 18, at the discretion of the Trainmaster or his designated alternate, may be restricted from operating during periods of heavy traffic such as during invitational meets, birthday party runs, and major holidays such as 4th of July.

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

Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.
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 Car sticker Date completed: _____

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