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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

ELECTION

The ballots have been mailed and the election is upon us. The choices of the Nominating Committee were made and there were no nominations from the floor. Your choice is to vote either YES or NO for each candidate. If you wish, you may write in another name. The candidates for this election are: Vice-President, Pete Arney; Treasurer, Lois Clifton; Track Superintendent, Darrell Gomes; and Yardmaster, Richard Lutrel. Mail your ballot or come to the meeting. Remember to sign the envelope so we know who is voting if you mail the ballot. This avoids duplicate votes.

INTERNATIONAL RAILFAIR

As you read this newsletter, we will be in Roseville at the fairgrounds participating at Railfair, the annual model railroad event. The dates are Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12. Our snap track will be there and rides will be available to anyone who attends. Hope you will join us.

FALL MEET WRAP UP

From all of the comments I received at our recent meet, all who attended had a great time. Lois Clifton, Cindy Wilmunder, Marilyn Drewes and Ann Sach put forth good food and banquet for all to enjoy. Others were there to help and I did not get all of the names (forgive me), but we appreciate the efforts. Gordon Moser helped me with the raffle and Clio Geyer sold soft drinks. Rides were given to the members and friends in attendance as well as our public visitors. Many engines were

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FALL MEET photos: (above) Ed Yungling with son Donalds GS-1.



(Left) Craig Craddock with his Daylight - a GS-4.

(Below) kids having a fun time looking at raffle prizes and eating ice cream.

(Bottom) Cal Tinkham with his #26 "Virginia & Truckee" 10-wheeler.



CALENDAR

Nov 10 Setup track at rail fair start 6 am svls for pickups
 Nov 11-12 International Rail Fair in Roseville (train rides)
 Nov 17 General members meeting & elections
 Nov 18 Work day

Dec 1 Board meeting - 7:00 PM Park building
 Dec 2 & 3 Santa Train - Photo with Santa
 Dec 15 Christmas pot luck - at park building 6:30

Jan 1 New Years Day - Members run
 Jan 5 Board meeting - 7:00 PM Park building

Public run day calendar available on-line.

Don't forget about work days, Every Tuesday also Saturday after members meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site (www.svls.org).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

SANTA RUN

Will be the first weekend in December. We will be setting up on Friday and Running Saturday and Sunday. We will need help setting up, at the station and in Santa Village you can dress up if you like. We are going to have our Santa raffle tickets will \$1.00 each. We will also need cookies and candy canes to pass out if any one has any suggestions and wants to help please call Lois at (916) 722-8514 or email loisjune1@surewest.net



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MEMBERSHIP

by Amy Lutrel

Welcome New Members

Glenn Engle
 Jennifer Lohse and Kids
 Jim & Rosemary Colby
 Daniel & Lynn Kitzmiller
 Sally Peters and Kids
 Roger & Karen Gash
 Kevin & Misako Miller

Rancho Cordova, CA
 Rancho Cordova, CA
 Citrus Heights, CA
 Milpitas, CA
 Gold River, CA
 Washoe Valley, NV
 Winlock, WA



The 1st Trainmen Auxiliary Meeting Twill be held on **Nov. 18th**, 2006 at the caboose from 12pm. to 2pm. If you have a mature youth that would love to learn some great things about the railroad bring them out. Also I am looking for anyone who would be willing to share some of there knowledge with our trainmen. It can be about anything to do with railroading. Please give me a call if you are interested.



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svls.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS:

My name is Darrell Gomes, I am a retired mechanic and have been a member of S.V.L.S since August 2005. I have done many different tasks at the track and have found that I really enjoy doing track maintenance. I have passed all required engineer tests and training (STEAM & DIESEL) and spent many hours at the track hauling public and private parties. This gives me lots of exposure to the track conditions and what needs attention.



Dear Friends At Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. ;

My name is Richard Lutrel and I would like to be the next Yard Master for Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.

First, let me start by telling you a little about myself. I am 32 years old and married to Amy. We have a daughter named Sarah. I grew up in the bay area, in a town called Pittsburg. Almost 9 years ago I started working for the Union Pacific Railroad as a conductor. About 6 years ago my job was moved up to Roseville, Ca. So I moved. Shortly after wards I found a web site for SVLS. My Wife and I went down to the track to check it out and Loved it. We joined a few weeks after our first visit.

Since joining I have tried to come out at least 2 times a week to water, mow, do track maintenance, or what ever needed to be done. Some of the projects I have helped on are laying pipes for the irrigation system, planting trees, the cement pad for the haunted house, the cement steps leading to the steaming bays, the cement crossings, and many more. I am currently the train master and on the planing committee.

Next, I'd Like to tell you why I think I would be good for the position of Yard Master. I have spent many days out at the track helping to maintain things. I am dedicated to keeping the place looking its best and no less. The job I have allows me to have time during the week to be at the track working.

Last, I have seen a lot of growth in this organization and hope to be apart of it for years to come. I would like to thank you for your Vote.

Richard Lutrel

My name is Lois Clifton I am running for Treasure for the term 2007-2008. I have served as Treasurer for the last 4 years. I hope you feel I did a good job and will vote for me again.



When we changed our organization's recorded corporate name to SVLS Railroad Museum a few years ago, we also changed the future direction of the club. We are officially a non-profit public benefit corporation even though we have always operated for the benefit and enjoyment of members and the community alike. That said, SVLSRM must continue to develop programs that emphasize our heritage and benefit to the community through our designation as a railroad museum and community outreach. We can't, however, loose sight that we are a place to have fun, share friendships, and spend time with our families.

I have been on the Board of Directors since 2002, first as Track Superintendent and now as Vice President. Over that period of time I have supported and helped with the implementation of upgraded track and right-of-way, a junior trainman program, a three-year track realignment project west into Hagan Park to accommodate a new station location, and underground landscape irrigation.

I recently have been involved with the American River Parkway Plan (ARPP) committee as an advocate for SVLSRM. The current comprehensive revision of the parkway master plan may include a provision that would allow SVLSRM to reorient to the east on the now vacant property next to us. Along with the president and members of SVLSRM, I have represented SVLSRM at city council and park board meetings as well as neighborhood community action committees. Continuity of this process is important to our future.

Ongoing participation in planning for the future in an orderly fashion is also important and so I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Master Planning Committee to help focus our attention on matters important to SVLSRM.

I support member involvement in all SVLSRM deliberations. To that end, I have worked with our web master to post current activities and projects on our web site. I would like to see more discussions of issues at membership meetings. While board meetings have always been open to the membership, I would like to see more members attend them and provide input to the important questions that face our organization.

But railroading is my first love and I also enjoy serving as current director of steam under the Train Master and running my own steam and electric locomotives as well as building a Pacific locomotive that was started in 1961.

I would appreciate a "yes" vote for Pete Arney, Vice-President, in our upcoming election.



Thanks to Leonard Houpt, Lois Clifton, and Kevin Sach for taking photos at the Fall Meet and sharing.



Thanks

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for all their help with the Fall Meet. I feel everything went over great and everyone had a good time. *Lois Clifton*

Thanks to all those that helped with the dinner on Saturday night. It was the special efforts of Amy Lutrel, les Wilmunder, Gordon Moser, Marilyn Drews, Anne Sach, Lois Clifton, Barbara Moser and Clio Geyer that made the event good for everyone. If I have forgotten anyone then and from the bottom of my heart thanks. It could not have happened without you. *Cindy Wilmunder*

A Members Project

An unusual patent model, 20 inches long; 9 inches wide, found at auction and restored by John Haines. Built about 1870 by a very patient jeweler or professional model builder. With few exceptions every detail is exactly to 1/12th full size. The independent cradle wheelsets are gauged at 4-3/4 inches. Wheels are cast iron from a match plate pattern for front and back detail. The pedestals, journal boxes and couplers were done in bronze and required core print molding.



Replacing missing planking, miniature square nail brads, 3/8 and 1/2" long, were found in the boxwood and mahogany construction.

Two of the 1" scale truck bolts were missing their square lugs. A jeweler's glass was used to inspect a sample bolt and nut when it was found that a 3-48 tap did not cut a matching thread. Diameter the same but the original pitch is 50! Same problem with the 3/4" tie rod ends. Would be 0-80 today but literally can't see what pitch was used on the 1/16" brass wire. Besides this re-threading the restoration still requires some bronze coil springs to be wound and one or two spring cups to be turned. Because there are no machine tool marks on any of the cast and finished pieces making missing parts and leaving only file marks has been an interesting challenge.



The Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society had their "G" scale modular table which is about 30x40 feet set up for show and tell at our Fall Meet. (Photo at right by Lois Clifton) Below is Ed Yungling's G scale cab forward being shown at the G scale club event in Sept. Ed is known for his scale live steam cab forward #4242 that he built and has run at our track over the years. Photo by Donald Yungling.

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brought out in addition to fine engines under construction, such as those by Karle Mahler and Ed Yungling. Thanks to all for the help and participation. We all had a great time due to these efforts.

OTHER THINGS

A very successful Halloween run with Jerry Jewell's Scary U program was held and thanks go to all who helped. Remember the Santa Run on December 2 & 3. Amy Lutrel has started the junior engineers in training program for teenagers and more will follow on this. New Years day will see a members only run day so schedule it now. Pete Arney and I continue to meet with community groups and elected officials with regard to the land to the east of us.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND POT LUCK

Now is the time to mark your calendar for Friday, December 15, 2006 when we will hold our annual Christmas pot luck dinner. The reason I mention this now is that we always ask everyone to bring something for "show and tell." This means everyone. It is not just for a railroad project or machining in progress, but sewing, crafts, paintings you have done, or what ever means something to you. We had a great time last year and look forward to doing it again. Everyone is invited and is welcome regardless of whether you have something to bring, but we encourage you to do so.



HALLOWEEN RUNS

Three cold nights running trains for the haunted house. We managed to run better than 800 people for those three nights.

The following people were there for all three nights:

- Pete Arney
- Bill Yoder
- Lois Clifton
- Butch Floyd
- Joel Corbin
- Richard Lutrel
- Darrell and Gail Gomes
- Vern and Clio Geyer
- Kevin and Anne Sach



The following people were there for one or two of the nights:

- Marilyn Drewes
- Ross Crawford
- George Alstatt
- Linda Nance and son Thomas
- Phil and Ellen Sanchez
- Milon Thorley
- Paul and Tia Skidmore
- Dale Dennis
- Jim Colby
- Norinne Murphy
- Gordon and Barbara Moser



Lois made hot apple cider in the caboose for those of us who were really cold or after the run was over. Thank You Lois...It was great!



Our next outing will be the weekend of November 11th and 12th. at the Placer County Fair Grounds for the International Rail Fair. If you haven't already signed up to help, give Joel Corbin a call and tell him you would like to help.

Then the Santa Run on the first weekend in December. A number of people have already signed up to help, but we could always use more. If you would like to do a little early holiday shopping and help us at the same time, give me a call at 916-645-9154.

Thanks, Clio Geyer





SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

107. The Station Master will have complete charge of the station. He may appoint any qualified assistants needed.

All passenger loading and unloading, and the arrival and departure of the trains, will be under his supervision.

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

306. STATIONMASTER:

A. Qualifications: any member of S.V.L.S. who demonstrates to the examining committee that he has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to supervise passengers and scale railroad trains competently and safely and who passes the qualifications test will be qualified as Stationmaster.

B. Responsibilities: the Stationmaster shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession at all times while acting as a Stationmaster. He shall supervise the loading and unloading of all passengers

at the passenger station. He shall discretely refuse passage to oversize passengers who obviously cannot fit or sit comfortably and safely inside passenger hauling car seats. He shall make certain that all passengers have been told and understand the safety instructions before the train leaves the station. He shall work in close cooperation with other operating personnel to keep passenger hauling trains moving without congestion on the mainline.

417. All equipment shall be built to clear all track side clearances as shown in these rules and standards. Any equipment on which the engineer, trainmen, or passengers ride with their feet outside the equipment shall have foot boards or bars to hold the feet of all riders in a position to clear all track side objects such as: switchstands, signals, mileposts, etc.

418. Cars used to haul passengers that do not have built-in seats shall NOT have seats improvised with boards and objects laid across the sides of the car, except for the last seat which shall be reserved for the trainman. Passengers may sit on the floor of the car, to keep the center of gravity as low as possible.

for sale



Gene Allen Models 4-6-0 Ten Wheeler casting set and plans. Tender complete, all water, set up for propane. Side frames done. \$3,000.

Stock car set up for propane. \$1,000.

2-6-2 Prairie, based on Little Engines 0-6-0. Rolling chassis except for valve motion and cross heads. Has copper boiler. Have most castings, parts, and plumbing needed for completion. Tender complete, all water, set up for propane. \$7,000.

Contact Cris Morgan
(209) 339-8440
crelmorgan@clearwire.net

The following items are for sale:

1. Car Key, Adlake, brass 3.6 inch long, stamped SP ;2. Late, Unimate, all tooling, in box.; 3. Weather vane, cast aluminum, CP Huntington 3 feet long with roof mount.; 4. Switch locks & more.

Call: Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

Switch stands for \$85.00 each. They can be viewed on my website under photos in the "for sale album":
<http://www.timbercreekrr.zoomshare.com/>
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South Bend 9 inch "Junior" model lathe from late 1920s. The "Junior" model predates the more common "Workshop" model which most people find today. The "Junior" is a much heavier.



The machine comes with change gears, 3 jaw chuck, 4 jaw chuck, faceplate, jacobs tailstock chuck, tailstock wrench, steady rest, tool holders, toolpost, motor, countershaft, belts, and reversing switch. In short, this is most everything you will need to get started. It is a good little machine. Interested buyers are welcome to inspect the machine in Stockton, California and take a cut or two. Price is \$650.00. I also have a new (and very nice quality) Bison 6" 3 jaw chuck with reversible jaws for this lathe which I would include for a bit more.

Stathi Pappas: (209) 603-7363 SouPac@aol.com

WANTED:

Ready to run 7.5 inch gauge / 1.5 scale cars, looking for Flat car, Box car, and Tank car.
Contact Les Wilmunder at (916) 372-2423

I am looking for a well built 2-6-0 or 4-6-0, 1 1/2 inch scale, 7 1/2 inch gauge. Preferably Winton or Allen type locos. It must run well, and be a turn key loco. An Allen 4-4-0 would also work. Please call John Bothwell at (949) 294-5719 or write to john.d.bothwell@biola.edu if you have or know of an engine.