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New paint job for the SLVSRM RS-3

Many thanks to Kevin and Andrew Sach, Matt and Kristi Hall



Our 35th Annual Spring Meet was clearly a **HOT** attraction - with outstanding attendance by our members and guests - and a large number of engines to enjoy despite soaring temperatures. Special thanks go to all those who worked hard to make this celebration fun for everyone.

--- Spring Meet Photos ---



Staying cool in the steaming bay.



Steaming bays were full of engines, waiting for their engineer.



Membership

By Amy Lutrel

It was nice to see so many of you out at the track for the spring meet. We sure had a good time!! If you didn't make it out to the track for the meet your 2008 Roster will be coming to you in the mail.

New Members

- Keith Jackman of Grass valley, CA
- Hans Stangier of Albany, OR
- Steve Alley of Gardnerville, NV
- Garrett Garnes of Antioch, CA

Calendar

- June 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM.
- June 10 Board Meeting 6:30 (RC city hall)
- June 15 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- June 20 - NO Membership meeting in June.
- June 21 Work Day - come out and help with the railroad

- July 4 4th of July Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- July 5 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- July 8 Board Meeting 6:30 (RC city hall)
- July 18 NO Membership meeting in July
- July 19 Work Day - come out and help with the railroad
- July 20 Public run day Noon to 4 PM

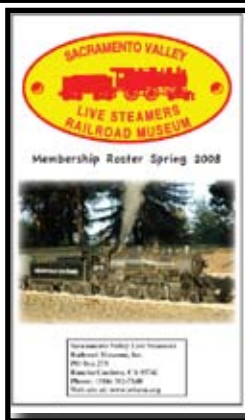
Public run day calendar available on-line.


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 (<http://www.svlsrcm.org>).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Editors note: Thanks to Paul Clifton and Bill Yoder there are more ads in this year roster.

Please support our advertisers since they help pay for the printing of the roster.



 Postage rates are higher now.

Save us some money and read the news letters on-line where every page is in color. Tell Membership that you don't need the mailed copy, you will read it on-line.

SVLSRM has new emblem pins and they look great. They cost \$5. See Clio to buy a pin.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

President's Report

By Pete Arney

Make-A-Wish. Tyler Berchielli will be 5 years old this June 28th. His parents, Janel and Andy Berchielli, will be providing a special birthday party for Tyler at our track on June 21. Clio Geyer, our Special Events coordinator, will be managing the trains.

Tyler has Hirschsprungs Disease, where the colon (large intestine) does not have certain cells in a part of it to help move digested food out of his body. Tyler's progress can be followed at this web address: <http://www.myspecialone.blogspot.com/> Tyler is an avid train enthusiast. Tyler's parents bring Tyler to SVLSRM often, the last being at our Spring Meet, where he drove the train of one of our members. On an earlier visit, he got to sit on our steam engine.

Tyler's wish is that he could have his own train to take to our track to run. Joanie Johnston of the Make-A-Wish foundation became involved and contacted us for advice. Make-A-Wish (MAW) purchases only new equipment for their special children so we directed Joanie to Roll Models Inc. in Fresno as a quality supplier of equipment. Bob Kearney of RMI will provide a scale 25 Ton electric locomotive and riding car with chair seats at a deep discount to MAW. The engine and riding car will take about two months to build so Tyler will receive them after his 5th birthday party. MAW will also provide Tyler with an enclosed trailer to store and transport the engine and car. SVLSRM, at our May Board of Directors meeting, voted to grant an SVLSRM family membership to Tyler and his parents. We also will outfit the trailer with rails and tie downs for the equipment and have agreed to pick up the equipment from RMI if need be.



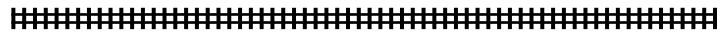
CDBG. Our Community Development Block Grant has now begun with a mandatory workshop put on by the Rancho Cordova CDBG program director on Tuesday, June 3. The members of our Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 27, to discuss and select the station plan to be used for our Track Relocation project that will provide a station building, loading platform, and track west of our present station in the park. Under the direction of Lee Frechette, our representative to the Cordova Community Council, and Bill Yoder, Master Planning Committee chair, some samples of passenger station building designs were considered and one general design selected. We will need to submit these and conceptual plans to the architect for inclusion in the new station/track relocation master plan.

Donation. A donation of track ballast and subbase rock was made by Loring and Thelma Brunius of Sierra Rock in Placerville. An area was cleared at Quarry siding for the material. A total of 36 yards was transported by transfer truck

and trailer in two trips from Placerville to Hagan Park on May 21st at no charge to us. Thanks to the Brunius's for this much needed and appreciated material.

President. I will be stepping down as president in mid-June. A new marriage to a wonderful lady and pressing personal matters make the move necessary. Lee Frechette, our vice president, will take over the helm. Our current Board of Directors is a working board as well, all putting in long hours to make things work at the track. We have now what is, in my opinion, the best board in the years that I have been a member of SVLSRM and are a part of the 10% that do 90% of the work. Please continue to give them your support and remember that they are volunteers too. In the meantime, maybe I can now finish the Pacific I started in 1960.

See you at the track. Keep on steaming!



Special Runs/Events

By Clio Geyer

The following Special Runs are scheduled for June 2008.



Sunday - June 1 from 1-3pm Birthday Party - Diesel

Sunday - June 8 from 2-4pm Heritage Credit Union Picnic - All Trains

Wednesday - June 11 from 11-12:30 - Eureka School Bike Run - Diesel

Saturday - June 14 from 11-2pm - Birthday Party - Steam

Wednesday - June 18 from 1:15-3pm - Cordova Gardens School - Diesel

Saturday - June 21 from 10:30-12:30pm - Birthday Party - Steam

Sunday - June 22 from 10:30-12:30pm - Birthday Party - Diesel

Saturday - June 28 from 10am-Noon - Birthday Party - 2 Diesel

Sunday - June 29 from 10am-Noon - Birthday Party - Diesel

I want to thank Gordon and Barbara Moser for helping with a couple of parties in May. I have also asked them to cover the last two parties for June due to our Granddaughter's wedding in Santa Cruz that weekend. If there is anyone else that would like to help the Mosers or myself on any of these runs, please let me know. We will need two engineers and conductors for the party on Saturday 6/28 because they have asked for 2 trains that day.

Also a big thanks goes out to Bill Cody for bringing his equipment down from Nevada to help out in May and then making the trip back down for the Meet in a little less than a week.

Is there anyone living close to the track with a steam engine they would be willing to bring out and for the party on the 14th as well as the 21st? The club steam engine is currently down and there is no date so far as to when it will be available, which leaves me with a problem when people ask for the steamer. If anyone can help please let me know.

Ione Railfair and Vintage Motorfest May 24 & 25



Bill Yoder, Paul Thomson, and Butch Floyd, attended the Ione Railfair on Saturday May 24th. While the weather was a reverse of our Spring Meet weather the Rail Fair had a good turnout with 25 plus speeders and other rail equipment. We had our promo video showing and handed out our brochure and answered questions. Special thanks to Paul Thomson who took the time to bring his 4-4-0 for display, it received lots of compliments and was an attention getter. Maybe the weather will be better next year.



Well Well what do we have here? Milon Thorley was test driving a Segway during the Spring Meet.

His question was where do I shovel the coal ?

Spring Meet photos below.



The Garden Railway Society had two layouts setup, one electric and one steam for all to see.



Dave August brought his home built Calliope for entertainment. It is air operated, has 16 notes, and MIDI controlled.

Dave says that at 20Psi it's LOUD, at 30psi you can't be in a room with it, at 40psi and playing outside you can hear it a mile away.. LOL...

You can hear it on the opening of the video posted on our web site at: <http://www.svlsrcm.org/Video.php>



Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes

Thanks to weather, The 2008 Spring Meet will be remembered as a HOT ONE. The days before the meet had temperatures in the 90's and I would like to thank members Terry Willes, Bob Silva, Bill Noyer, Carl & Linda Kitzmiller, Bill Yoder, Jacob Stealman, Leonard Houpt, Gail Gomes, Paul & Tia Skidmore, Pete Arney and all who helped get the facility ready for the meet. The Tuesday track crew will be building two switches for the new yard at Midway. I would like to thank Bob Silva for volunteering and building the entry switch for the new yard.



Progress is being made on building the new yard at Midway.



New light and Turnout motor installed



Bill Yoder has made and installed another Turnout motor on the track at Midway with remote buttons for operation when approaching siding. These motors seem to be working well so plans are to expand their usage. Also installed was a new light module for the top block signal. You can see the difference with the new light having a larger view area due to it fresnel type lens. The plan is to use this style for all signals. Hope you all like.

Spring Meet Photos, Thanks to Gordon Briggs, Leonard Houpt, Kevin Sach, Donald Yunging, Barbara Moser and Bill Yoder for sharing their photos. Don't forget to see the spring meet video on our video web page. <http://www.svlsm.org/Video.php>





10 Years ago:
*ENGINES & ENGINEERS THAT VISITED
 US FOR THE MEET (1998)*
 SW15 - Scotty Murphy
 440 VT - Bob McMullum
 V&T #26 - Calvin Tinkham
 Pacific - Norman Krueger
 Pacific - Bill Cody
 Pacific - Deon Carroll
 4-6-2 Missouri Pacific - Jim Carroll

- 1500 Switcher - Bob Watkins
- Consolidation - Dick Quiring
- SW1500 - David Arrol
- 4-4-0 #116 American -
 David & Geraldine August
- Shay - Ken Schroeder
- CP 173 - Robert & Kim Beard
- SP-PID - Joe & Tiny Yetter
- Mich-Cal Shay - Don Juergenson
- Falk #1 Shay - Henry Stefani
- Electric - Karl Reichhold
- 2-8-2 Sierra Pacific - Rick Zobelein
- Baldwin/Westinghouse Electric - Herb Reichhold
- Allen Mogul - Ralph & Mary Hutchens
- Box Cab Elect. - Bill Quick
- Lil Gasser - Robert Bergmans
- SP AG - Charles Hunter
- 3/4 Northern - Victor & Anita Owens
- Baldwin Gas - Paul Garin III
- GS-4 - Craig Craddock
- Pacific - Dick Bartel
- Coal Fired Pacific - Dale & Lorra Fowler
- GE Switcher - Bud Rogers & Chantel Wilkison

These are all those who registered their equipment with us. There were others there that did not register. The next meet you attend please be sure to drop by and register with us so we know you were there.

Of those that registered, Thank you for coming by and hope you all had a good time ‘playing’ at our track.

20 Years ago: (I don’t know what happened then, because we are missing news letters. - Editor is needing old news letters.)

30 Years ago: Sunday June 18th “See Father run. See Father having fun.” This is Fathers’ Day and it is also Run Day on the SVLS and what better way to please him. Bring a picnic lunch, let the kids go swimming or fishing and let Dad do his thing. We will be planning out some new additions to the SVLS to be started in the near future.

Joe and Jody Passentina have donated a new parachute to the SVLS and after the heat on Saturday at the spring meet and the welcome shade of our old parachute, we sure appreciate their gift. We’ll put it to good use at the ever hot Fall Meet.



Safety Committee Report

The spring meet had many engines on the tracks. Yes it was a warm day and no one passed out do to dehydration or heat stroke.

I was informed that the Steam engine is down and the GP 40 ready for a good going through. I hope this season will see us getting all of our equipment repaired and in top running order. We all make sure our own equipment is in tip top order so lets make sure our club equipment show our talents of maintaining equipment that haul the public.

The next safety project will be to make a mask to fit over the ends of the storage tracks in the steam bay area. I will be using safety yellow paint. I also will spray the leading edges of steps up to the station and box car and other steps that pose a safety problem.

I wish to take this time to remind the committees and board members that we need to be safe in all that we do. Let’s make sure that equipment being brought out of the steaming bay and the box car is done safe and guests and members ride on proper designated seats and chair cars.

J.J. Carbino
 Safety Committee Chair
 Safety is Job # 1



Safety Rules for the Month



114. All SVLSRM owned material and equipment is for use of members and guests at the SVLSRM facility ONLY, and shall not be removed from the facility without specific permission from the Board of Directors. This includes treated or distilled water, fuel, cars, locomotive, tools, material, etc.

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.

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

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.

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 Paul Thomson ph: 925 672 5477



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The train is set-up on a new two wheel trailer for towing with a car or small pick-up truck. I estimate the weight of the complete train and trailer at about 1000 pounds. The train and trailer are located in Reno, Nevada.



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