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2009 Spring meet was a great success. We had 48 people bringing their engines and cars. There were many more members and guest looking and riding the rails. Thanks to all who worked to make it an enjoyable event for everyone.

SVLSRM Calendar

Jun. 6 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.
 Jun. 9 Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. (R.C. City hall)
 Jun. 19 Membership Meeting 7:30 P.M.
 Jun. 20 Work day, come out and do something!
 Jun. 21 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.

July 2 TM ramble
 July 3 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.
 July 4 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.
 July 14 Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. (R.C. City hall)
 July 17 Membership Meeting 7:30 P.M.
 July 18 Work day, come out and do something!
 July 19 Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.

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.svlstrm.org>).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Members News

Welcome

Ben Kleinwachter from Sacramento.
 - Ben has been working with Darrell's track gang weekly.

Correction of New member name it is Joan Mercer not Jean as was printed in last months news letter.

We are sorry to report that Joe Yettters wife Tiny passed away the evening of May 21st. Our condolences to the family.

Christine Gramith had back surgery and we wish her a speeding recovery.



The Train Mountain south bound Ramble will be here June 30th, visit State RR Museum July 1, and run our rails on July 2 (Thursday), then to GGLS on Friday.

Ramble Master: Mel Bresee
 mabii@aol.com or (310) 553-2039

Please drop by and welcome them,.



Please check the SVLS web site www.svlstrm.org for current information on SVLS activities.



Postage rates went higher May 11th 2009. 44 cents for one ounce.

Save SVLSRM some money and read the news letters on-line. Tell Membership that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bill Yoder

Update from Board of Directors. Richard Lutrel has resigned as Yard Master due to his railroad job requirements. We thank Richard for his time and efforts during his 2 terms.

The board has appointed Andy Berchielli as Yard Master to complete the current term. Andy has already been busy helping with the yard work and planning our landscape for the future.

We need a chairperson for Membership committee, if you will take the Membership position then please contact Bill.

Craig Craddock sent the following note:

"I would like to express a Thank You to everyone that helped get the engine back on the track.

The condition of the track and grounds were absolutely perfect! I ran around about midnight Friday night and the weather was wonderful, the early to bed bunch does not know what they missed. Just think a few hours later it was only 106 in the shade. I measured almost 150 in the dirt along the track.

From my point of view as a visitor all of everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated, it was a perfect meet. I always have a great time at all of the SVLS Meets. Thank you one and all."

Over the last few years there has been a dedicated group of track workers. SVLSRM requires a lot of work and money to maintain and improve the railroad experience. PLEASE find time to come out and help. If you don't have the time to come out and work then we do accept donations.

I need some help in building signal heads which require some tube cutting and welding but can be done as a home project so if you would like to help please contact me.

- Thanks.



I would like to thank everyone who helped make this weekend a great success. With out all your help it would not have happened.

A big thanks goes to the following people for helping with the breakfast, lunch, raffle, and Friday nights dinner:

Marilyn Drews, Ross Crawford, Clio Geyer, Mary Neville, Bill Yoder, Kevin Sach, Anne Sach, Matt Hall, Kristie Hall, Lee Frechette, Tiffany Sach, Andrew Sach, Ben Kleinwachter

Saturday Night Dinner get a big thanks also.

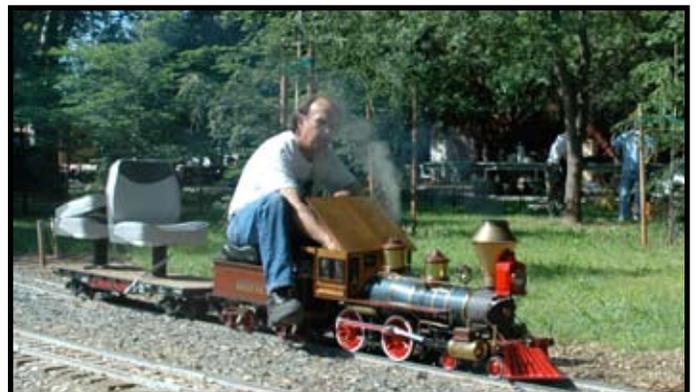
My son Rod Clifton for the cooking of the meet.

Marilyn Drewes made the macaroni Salad and bought the Sheet Cake Barbara Moser made the potato salad and the chili and used my recipe for the green beans

I know there are a few people that I have forgotten and I am sorry. The people that have set everything up and put everything away. A big thanks all so goes to them. - **Lois Clifton**



Bob Silva working on the track during the meet. ↑
The Midway yard was well used. ↓

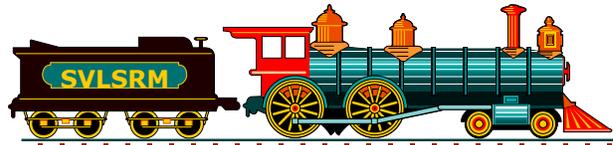




SVLSRM was present at the Ione RailFair (May 23 & 24). Thanks to Bill & Butch Floyd, who brought their scale speeders and Bill Yoder.

Special THANKS to Karl Hovanitz from Bitter Creek Western Railroad who brought his portable track and electric engine to provide rides. The rides and scale speeders were well received by the spectators.

Visit www.ionerailfair.org for more information about their annual event.



Special run schedule for June 2009

Sun. 6/7/2009	10-Noon	Gwen Party	25	Diesel
Wed. 6/10/2009	11-Noon	Eureka School	???	Diesel
Wed. 6/10/2009	12-1PM	Eureka School	???	Diesel
Sat. 6/13/2009	Pending	Barnhart Party	???	Diesel
Sun. 6/14/2009	10:30-12:30PM	Sri Sankar Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 6/27/2009	10-Noon	Brady Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 6/27/2009	5pm -	Willis Church Social	????	2 Diesel
Sun. 6/28/2009	Pending	Berchielli	???	Diesel

Please help by volunteering your time.
Call Clio.



YARD MASTERS REPORT

by Andy Berchielli



I would first like to say thanks for voting me into this position. I'm glad to step in and provide my contribution to the club. For those who don't know me, I'm Tyler's dad. Tyler received his train from Make A Wish a year ago and I have been extremely involve in providing help to the club though the work of

the AmeriCorps volunteers . It looks like AmeriCorps will be involved with us for the foreseeable future. Thanks for all their help.

I would like to tell you one of my ideas. I have a horticultural background and would like to create a drought tolerate landscape. One reason for this is to provide color as well as cutting down on water use and mowing time. I would like to first start by removing the grass the riding mower can no longer reach. One of the areas is memorial hill. My idea is to put in African daisies (osteospermum). In time they would spread and eventually cover the hillside. I have a small collection though transplanting and seeds. If anyone has a collection they would like to thin out or would like to contribute in some way please contact me. Also, if you have an idea for plants in other parts of the yard please let me know. I'm open for ideas.

Andy Berchielli 348-7252



Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes



The track was in Great shape for the Spring Meet and I received lots of compliments. I want to thank Gail Gomes, Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedman, Terry Wiles, Leonord Houpt, Ben Kleinwachter, Tom Mercer, Jeff White, and Hunter Lohse for all there effort on Tuesday work days. Bill Yoder built and installed the remote electric switch throw at Cordova Junction. It works great and I plan to add more in the future with Bills help. Bob Silva, Robert Butler, and I worked on Switch maintenance and installed the guard rails on the girder bridge in the park. We did have a mishap with a motor home that damaged a section of rail. The best part is how everybody that was there worked together to remove and replace the 10' section of tack in 45 minutes.

My THANKS to all involved.



Your editor is looking for pictures or movies of SVLS activities so we can make a copy and add to our Historical collection. If you have some please notify the editor. Thanks - Bill





SPRING MEET OVERVIEW
by Clio Geyer

Well the Spring Meet was warm (hot) but not as bad as last year. We tried something new this year and that was assigning parking places for those who had trailers or motor homes. We found that we had 17 places for people to park. Not all had electric, but those who needed it we tried to accommodate as best we could. Those that took advantage were: Cal Tinkham, Marilyn Drewes, Keven Sach, Bill Noyer, Greg Lewis, Bill Ulrey, Craig Craddock, Joe Yetter, Roger Frymire, Roger Phillips and Pam Hall.

There were also a lot of engines that were seen and heard around the track. While not everyone registered most did and we handed out our new rosters, membership cards and a welcome flyer. It worked really well, so now there are only a few rosters that are left to be mailed.



Safety Committee

By J.J. Carbino



I see that this month held our spring meet. I was unable to attend as I was in Mexico doing the Copper Canyon train tour.

I have not been called or E-mailed of any problems at the park. I trust everyone drank a lot of fluids and stayed healthy.

I plan to make a run up in June for a run day. I have a few items for Ross and hope to discuss the inspection schedule for the Museum's chair cars.

Let's be safe in June and have a fun month of operations.

Hope to meet you at the Park.



Safety Rules for the Month



116. Anyone consuming any alcoholic beverages, including beer, or use of any illegal drugs or narcotics of any kind shall be requested to cease. If they refuse, they will be asked to leave the facility.

205. Any engine following another train must keep at least seventy-five (75) feet behind the train ahead.

303. All conductors and engineers must be able to demonstrate thorough knowledge of basic rules of safe operation to the satisfaction of the Trainmaster or his designated alternate and in addition all engineers shall be thoroughly briefed on the individual engines they are to operate.

412. Steam locomotives shall be operated so as to prevent anyone from being burned or having their clothing soiled by steam from cylinder cocks, exhaust, blow-down valves, whistles, or other emissions.



10 Years ago: NO. 1973 went into revenue service at the Spring Meet and was a favorite of the passengers. We still have a lot of room for any member who wishes to fire and operate this piece of equipment. Please watch for the next training schedule from Red Hadler in the July newsletter.

THANKS TO - - Reno Farinelli for putting a work party together to finish the industrial complex in time for the meet. **Dave Mattox**, one of our new members, for high-pressure washing and painting of the girder bridge. Thanks for all your hard work - - they look great guys

CONGRATULATIONS!!! We congratulate Henry Stefani and Harry Harward who were awarded Life Member status this year. They were awarded beautiful plaques at our general meeting on May 21. Both gentlemen have been very active in our club. We thank them for their contributions to SVLS and again congratulate them!

20 Years ago: Editors note: I missing June 1989 and August 1989 news letters, if you have them my I get a copy for our archives. Thanks --

Bits and Pieces (May): The Daylight #4449 will visit Sacramento from May 12, 1989 through May 15, 1989. It will leave Fresno on the 12th and after a stop for water in Lodi at about 2 M it should arrive in Sacramento around 3 pm. Later in the afternoon the engine will move to the turntable area of the Museum for display over the weekend.

30 Years ago: MAY MEET A SUCCESS: the weather was hot and so were the engines, but in spite of the gas problem which kept away many friends from southern California, we had a fine turnout of engines and hauled an estimated 2000 passengers. From out of town - Art Ladlaw of Goleta Valley, Joe Yetter from Salinas with his 2662, John Haines of Benicia with the former Clyde Johnson engine and a load of GGLS riding cars, Ken Schroeder of Tahoe with his busy Shay, Ed Spall of Coloma with the Green Giant, and Dick Finn from Modesto with his fine engine all helped to haul passengers. Leo Onderko of Roseburn, Ore. was the center of attraction with his beautiful steam tractor.

Visitors from Madera NRHS, Al Harder and son-in-law Norman wrote later: "We had a wonderful time at your Meet...enjoyed every minute of it. Norm was surprised when a fellow (John Haines) asked if he'd like to run the engine. Years ago we went to a meet of.. (another club).. and they seemed hostile toward the public." Al said we were doing a good service hauling passengers.

For Sale: two 1 ½ scale 7 ½ gauge American Locomotives. Tested and Steam real good. \$3500. Each.

for sale

7 1/2" Gauge 4+4 Beam Engine and tender with two 7 1/2 foot bench type riding cars equipped with Tom Bee trucks and couplers. Pneumatic brakes on all cars. Twin cylinder double acting engine with Stephenson valve gear and a bore and stroke of 2"x2.75" driving 4.375" diameter wheels through a 20% overdrive.



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. **Asking \$10,000**

Scratch built 0-4-0 Falk logging locomotive, propane fired. Runs on air. Whistle, axle driven feed pump, working donkey engine. Cute little thing - Only \$3,200/offer. Too small for me, I like the larger stuff.



Contact Bill Cody at (775) 674-6512 or steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net for additional information/pictures.



An Andy Clarici original one of a kind. Hall Scott car with trailer car 7.5" gauge, roughly 2" scale. Last ran in September.

Includes 5' x 10' trailer with custom cover. Also includes spare engine. Asking \$10,000 for all. Located in Sacramento area. Contact Paul or Lois Clifton 916-722-8514

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They operates "True to scale" from the prototype and is constructed primarily of brass. The light operates on 2.5vdc. Price \$395.00 allow five weeks receipt of order. 12vdc to 2.5vdc voltage regulator/reducer for GYRALITES. \$30.00



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- #1. Mechanical cylinder cocks for 1 to 4 inch cylinder. 1/8 NPT. Four per set, \$80 per set.
- #2. Steam oil \$10. per quart.
- #3. Aluminum Brake shoes for 4 inch wheel: \$ 1 per shoe.
- #4. 6 wheel common wealth passenger trucks for 7 1/4 or 7 1/2 gauge. \$1200. Per pair.

Ross Crawford 916-718-4162



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