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Bring your Train and your appetite and food to share. It is our Annual Membership get together for a night run. Join us for a Pot luck dinner and a fun night around the old railroad tracks.

This year we invite members to camp overnight so that they can enjoy late night running without the need to pack-up and leave. Several people from the Spring Meet commented on the enjoyment of running at night - it was much cooler.

Join us for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming. Come early and stay late or overnight. Bring some rolling stock and your favorite dish.

The Club equipment will be available for use for those who do not have equipment of their own. Also, any "show and tell" project you would like to bring is welcome.



TRAIN MASTERS REPORT

By Karle Mahler

It has been awhile since I last sent in a report. The work on the steamer is progressing, slower than I would like, but it is getting done. The new boiler is not an exact copy of the old one so none of the old parts quite fit. I find this to be an interesting challenge, every part has to be fiddled or jiggered with to get it remounted on the engine and this, as I said, eats up time.

The plumbing for the throttle is good example. The alignment of the throttle valve to the cut out in smoke box had to be dead nuts on, that's about .010" plus or minus, to prevent binding. This required some serious fiddling, the manufacturing of a new lever arm. (See the smoke box photo), and some precision tape and die work to get everything just right. The rest of the project has been a matter, so far, of getting all the bits and pieces that need to be welded on before I start the lagging. The hand rail stanchions are screwed into half inch square blocks which were easier to weld than ¼ inch nuts and will act as depth gages for the lagging. The cab shots show the new engineers throttle lever, it's longer, and the quadrant, which was missing on the old boiler. The other image shows the fire box door.

The next project is to start on the lagging. This too, should be interesting and vary messy. I'll let you know.



#1973 Smoke Box showing throttle valve

Additional photos on page 4.

SVLSRM Calendar

Aug. 1 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.
 Aug. 11 Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. (R.C. City hall)
 Aug. 16 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.
 Aug. 21 **"HOT AUGUST NITE RUN & PotLuck Dinner"**
 Aug. 22 Maybe still running from night before or come out and do something!

Sept. 5 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.
 Sept. 8 Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. (R.C. City hall)
 Sept. 18 General Meeting 7:20 P.M. at Park building
 Sept. 19 Work day, come out and do something!
 Sept. 20 Public run day Noon to 4 P.M.
Sept. 26-27 Fall Meet - Be here.

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?



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



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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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The Golden Gate Live Steamers

(GGLS) is hosting an all small-scale meet **September 5, 2009**. Small scales are regarded as anything running on 2 1/2", 3 1/2", or 4 3/4" gauge regardless of scale. Both standard and narrow gauge models are welcome.

GGLS has one of the largest small-scale facilities in the western U.S. Accommodations include an 1100' long elevated track with all three gauges and 1200' of ground level 4 3/4" track. There are many bays that can be used for steam locomotives and all motive power types are welcome.

The meet will be exclusively for 2 1/2", 3 1/2", and 4 3/4" gauge trains, with guests welcome to come and interact, even people who don't model in these sizes or don't have trains.

A chili and cornbread lunch will be provided Saturday by The Home Railway Journal for all attendees. A seminar or two are planned as well, focusing on our "smaller" scales.

For more information or to let us know you are coming, contact Matt Mason at matt@homerailwayjournal.com or 916-812-0055. You do not need to pre-register, but letting us know you are coming will help us plan for lunch.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

YARD MASTERS REPORT

by Andy Berchielli



July has been a hot month, but if you have been to the track you would notice that it is in great shape. We received a large donation from Tree Care Incorporated in Rancho Cordova. Thanks to Tammy and the arborist from Tree Care we received 30 yards of fine mulch. We also have Chris and Erick from Rancho Cordova Community Partnership.

With their help all the trees have mulch around them. They have also been busy clearing tree trimmings from the yard and trim mowing. The RCCP pays them 20 hours a week to work at the track. We need some volunteers to open things up for them. They are here till the end of August. If you can help please call Lee or myself. Their schedules are pretty flexible. I have also planted some Maraschino sage after Tin Man Bridge and purple sage in Thorley's berm. They will provide a nice barrier between tracks and add some color to our travels. I would like to say thanks to all those who put in time to make our place beautiful. If we all did a little something each time we visit our track, our place would be all that much better.

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What good weather we had for the 4th. Nice and clear and in the 90's. We had a fair turn out for the run days the 3rd and 4th. Here are some of the people who came out to help. It would have been nice to see more.

Gordon and Barbara Moser, Vern and Clio Geyer, Pete and Betty Arney, Carl and Linda Kitzmiller, Pam Hall, Lois Clifton, Butch and Bill Floyd, Ben Kleinwachter, Ed Zeis and Bill Yoder trying to keep everything in order and moving.

We had a really good 4th dinner. We had meat left over from the Spring Meet still in the freezer, so took it out and served the following:

Bar-B-Q Chicken, Pork Tenderloin and Steak. Everything was finished off with a nice salad, French bread, garlic bread with strawberries and cream for dessert. Milon's granddaughter came out with her husband Billie and two children. Billie ended up being the Bar-B-Q chef for us. Thank you Billie.

For those who didn't come out "SEE WHAT YOU MISSED?".

VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Bill Yoder

Well last month I did not get any response from the membership, I find this strange that you all want to use the track but not give any time to support the needs of the organization.

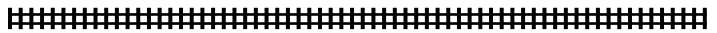
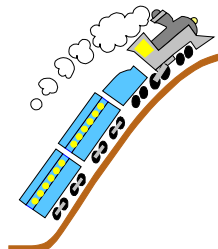
I know everyone is busy but SVLS needs some of your time. While it seems all members like attending the Meets or just run their trains very few find it important to support the running and maintenance of the facility. Support is needed both in time, labor and money to maintain the facility, without this then having a place to run trains becomes impossible.

Where we need help. *

1. We need a chairperson for Membership committee.
2. Run days, station help, and running trains. - There is always setup and cleanup that needs help too.
3. Programs for Membership meetings. If you can provide a program, or have suggestions. Tell us what you would enjoy seeing at our meetings.
4. Volunteer as a volunteer coordinator - We need someone to insure we find support for our activities.

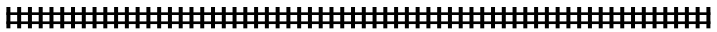
* Please call or E-mail Bill

- Thanks.
Keep on Steaming!



The Flags come down at the end of the day on the 4th by Milon's grandson and great granddaughter who helped Gordon take the flag down on the 4th. Gordon told them both that grandpa would be so proud right now and little Ashley spoke up out of the blue and said, "When you die you start over again at 30".

They folded up both flags together by themselves just the way grandpa had taught them.



Fall Meet is Sept. 26-27.

Yes that means it is less than two months away. Time to come out to the track and help with track, building, and ground maintenance.



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





Special run schedule

Sun 8/2/2009	11-1PM	O'Connor Party	25	Diesel
Sun. 8/9/2009	11-2PM	Juarez Party	25	Diesel
Sat.9/12/2009	All Day	Arney Family Reunion	????	Diesel
Sun. 9/13/2009	1-3PM	Escobar Party	25	Diesel

Please help by volunteering your time. -->>> Call Clio.



New Throttle lever.



Burners for new boiler.

Mark your calendar for a night of fun - August 21, 2009 30 PM

Come out and meet some of your fellow members and spend some time running trains or just visiting. If you have not been to the Track for a while then this is the time to show up to see how much fun you have been missing.



Safety Committee

By J.J.Carbino

I have just completed (6) new safety chain chalks for the museums locomotives. I will leave these in the boxcar and hope they are placed on each locomotive. I am also in the mists of finishing up on the new car inspection sheets for the museum riding cars and work equipment cars. I plan on being at the park for the next for a semi annual inspection. I trust that all is in order. The fire extinguishers are about to come due for inspection in a few months. Lets stay on top of these units. I hope to check with Ross as to the repairs being conducted on down equipment.

If the museum is planning on a special event in August lets be sure we are up on our safety rules.

Hope to meet you at the Park.



Fire box door



"The Amtrak two step". # 5 (rear above) needed to use the #1 rail into Roseville but # 6 (engine on-coming) needed to use same rail due to parked trains on #2 rail, so with a little shuffle in Rocklin by #5 parking on #2 track west of the crossover then letting #6 pass, then backing up onto #1 rail it was able to then proceed forward into Roseville on the # 1 rail.



10 Years ago:

Planting in the yard have started! Several butterfly and pineapple bushes went in July 18th. We are planning to plant some more bushes Sunday Aug. 22nd. Come around 9:00 if you would like to help.

Next month I'm hoping to have many day lilies to plant (donated by a friend) and will need help putting them in.

I would like to extend a HUGE thanks to Glen for keeping the bushes alive.

We also need to do much sprinkler/air line fixing. Please contact me if you are willing to help and I'll get parts.

Thanks to all that tackle the mowing chores. It is a huge job and we all appreciate it.

RAILFAIR '99

An additional Railfair '99 Thank You to Dick Esselbach and Don Hyberg for helping me out! They showed up just in time for me to get a much needed water break and then spent the afternoon telling "tales" and giving me the low down on the Live Steamers. So Thank you again guys, I really enjoyed it.

Pat Mattox

20 Years ago: ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS! Well, I just can't stand it any longer. I have to return the "ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS" column. I will start it off with "one" on me. Several months ago I realized that I couldn't find a particular piece of my Tupperware. I looked high and low and everywhere for that dumb piece of Tupperware. I even accused my daughter, Cricket of misplacing it. Well, almost a month later I found the mystery piece of Tupperware. It was sitting on the counter in the Caboose at the park... in the "heat"! Unfortunately, I was not the one to find it. Poor Amadus and Marilyn Drewes were the first to arrive at the Caboose that particular day and found the Tupperware (and this is the embarrassing part) on the counter, right where I left it.... it contained month old raw hamburger patties left from the month before when some of us stayed for a BBQ after a Run Day. Needless to say, I immediately made an apology to my daughter. (Judy Gramith)

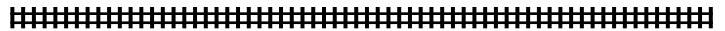
30 Years ago: President Quiring speaks.... We need someone to provide a new operator for the "in" switch on the passenger siding before the meet. We still have plenty of ballast material itching to go from pile to track... bring shovel and truck. Then there is the little matter of mowing... bring mower. Once we get our building, the tools will be waiting for you. Speaking of the building, preliminary sketch is attached for information of members not present at the last meeting. Suggestions as to how we can get more for our money are welcome. Before next meeting the building idea will have been passed before Mr. Hagan of the Park district so we can see where we stand with them. In closing we promised a Lady John for the meet.

A SCARY GROUP



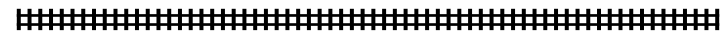
If we are to have Halloween runs this year then we need to do some planning. We are looking for suggestion for new scary things to do, like have more track side stuff. Yea we need to define stuff. The haunted house may not be haunted this year so can we make enough attraction to entertain our riders. Will you help so we can do runs for two weekends? We would need dozens of people.

Please contact Bill Yoder with your suggestions or comments on doing the Halloween runs. --- Your input is needed.



There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.

Come and help. Your help is needed. Don't know what to do then call a board member and ask, then volunteer.



Safety Rules for the Month

101. Locomotives and equipment shall be unloaded and loaded only at the facilities provided for such unloading and loading. All vehicles shall be removed from the loading area as soon as possible after loading or unloading.

208. Any train that is stopped on the mainline must call out a flagman to protect to the rear with a red flag or light that may be clearly seen by a following engineer for a distance of at least one hundred fifty (150) feet.

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

415. All locomotives operating during periods of low visibility or after sunset shall be equipped with a working headlight that may be seen clearly for a distance of at least 150 feet and sufficient lighting in the locomotive cab to read the gauges and see the controls clearly.

for sale

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