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Spring Meet

May 1st and 2nd

We are looking forward to a great meet seeing old friends and meeting new friends. Having fun riding the rails, sharing stories, showing off equipment, new projects, winning prizes at the raffle, and the Saturday evening BBQ dinner.

Well! The 1973 was back on its home rails on Sunday, April 18, for a brief and somewhat shining moment. Actually! When I remind myself that the purpose of the trip was to fire the engine for the first time the endeavor was a success. It was definitely a learning experience.

I now have new values for setting the burner gas pressure during the initial fire up and just how long it takes to build the steam pressure to the operating range. Of course, this being the first fire up, I had a twinge of self doubt wondering if any mistakes had been made. As it turned out, everything went pretty much as expected, there are some leaks in the water glass plumbing and a few other spots that should be easy to correct. I discovered rather late in the plumbing rebuild that one of my happy places, Ace Hardware, sells a TFE (Teflon) pipe thread paste that will seal the most recalcitrant pipe joints. I heartily recommend keeping some in your engine tool box.



Other problems included the injector not picking up. That will require tearing down the injector and sacrificing a chicken to the gods of improbable mechanical oddities. Somewhat more serious was the #1 safety not reseating after it popped. The boiler pressure could not be maintained without over firing. I did run the engine out of the steaming bay and up the hill a short distance without any other problems. The engine is scheduled to return to the back shop Tuesday and the shop forces will make the repairs as quickly as possible and return it to service.

Karle Mahler Road Foreman of Engines - Steam



SVLSRM Calendar

May 1 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 May 1 & 2 Spring Meet - All Day
 May 11 Board meeting 6:30
 May 16 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 May 21 Membership meeting 7:30
 May 22 Work Day and Run day for members.

June 5 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.
 June 8 Board meeting 6:30
 June 18 Membership meeting 7:30
 June 19 Work Day and Run day for members.
 June 20 Run Day - Public rides Noon to 4 P.M.

Mark your Calendar

July 4th weekend events July 3rd & 4th
 Club trip to Willow Creek Railroad July 9-11
 Hot August Night Run Saturday Aug. 28th
 Fall Meet changed to Sept. 24,25,26 Due to Halloween events

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?

SVLSRM has emblem pins for sale and they look great. They cost \$5.

Look for them at the meet.



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Members News

Mark your Calendar

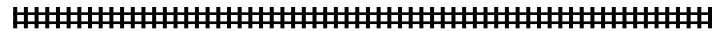
For a trip to visit Willow Creek Railroad.



Please plan on riding the rails of WCRR on July 9th, 10th and 11th, 2010. They are located in Brooks, Oregon.

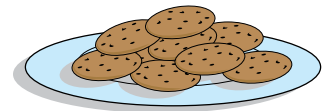
If you are planing on going please let Bill Yoder know so we can tell WCRR how many people and trains are arriving.

Check out their web site at: <http://www.willowcreekrr.org/>



We have three membership meetings that need someone to provide snacks.

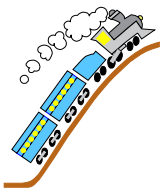
We need June, July and September. Please call if you will help. Thanks.



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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bill Yoder

We have been busy working at the railroad getting things ready so you all can enjoy a fun weekend riding your trains at SVLSRM. While I am writing this knowing of a list of items to be worked on at the track it is raining. The track looks and rides great so come to the Spring meet and enjoy.

Dinner plans for the spring meet will be a BBQ Saturday evening. Menu is: **Grilled Tri -Tip & Chicken Teriyaki**
Home Made Potato OR Macaroni Salad
Ranch Style Beans & Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter
Unlimited Iced Lemonade
\$9.00 adults, \$6.00 children

Please call Lee Frechette at (916) 205-6791 for your dinner reservations or an e-mail to svlsrm@svlsrm.org

Check our web site for latest details about Spring Meet.

If you need a motel to stay in, the Comfort Inn near here is offering us a special discounted rate of \$59.99 per Single Room and \$64.99 for Double Beds. They are located at 12249 Folsom Blvd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 call: 916-351-1213 or Toll Free: 1-800-4-CHOICE <http://www.comfortinnandsuitesrc.com/>

We still need Saturday workday coordinator to guide the volunteers that come out to work. With only 6 work Saturdays left in this year I am sure there are those of you that could help at least one of these Saturdays. Please call me.

The 2010 Roster will be available at the Spring Meet. Please see the Registration booth to sign in and receive your copy.

Looking forward to Spring Meet - See you there I hope.

Notes from the April board meeting:

Special Thanks to the AmeriCorps group for doing another splendid job during the last month.

Three FCRS were approved: #39 for signals at snake bite junction (sugar pine and main line) to protect junction and trains on river view curve. #40 new permanent light for Steaming Bay. #41 Lights and power for Container #3 (Work train container to be).

Rule change of minimum age of conductors from 18 to 15.

Fall Meet/ Halloween. Due to Halloween event wanting to be 4 weekends and the amount of construction needed it was decided to move the Fall Meet back into September on the 24,25 & 26th. The board would let the membership give final approval at the May meeting.

It was suggested that everyone that volunteers at the track needs to log their time working.



Track Superintendent

By Darrell Gomes

Its time for Spring Meet and the track is ready! This is the time for me to Thank the members of the track crew and the members for there time and dedication to keeping the right of way in Great operating condition. I would like to Thank Paul Skidmore, Ben Kleinwachter, Jack Friedmen, Richard Lutrel, Garrett Garnes, Terry Wiles, Leonard Houpt, and Bill Yoder.

Andy Berchielli has done a fine job spraying the road bed for weeds. I would like to reminded all engineers and conductor to check the switch points and be sure they are free of rocks and that the points are closed. There is a lot of foot traffic and rocks get kicked ! Hope to see you at the Meet.

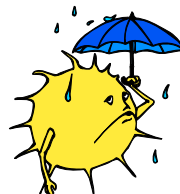
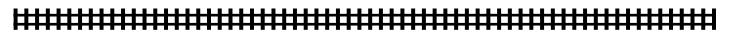


YARD MASTERS REPORT

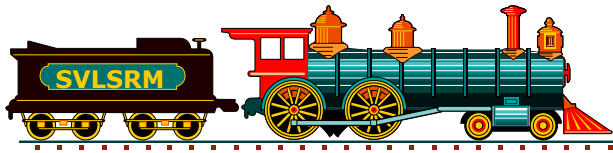
By Andy Berchielli

Hopefully you will be able to come to the spring meet and enjoy the sights and sounds of many different trains. You will see how well the grounds look. Many days were spent cleaning the facility with the help from AmeriCorps, myself, and others. It is important to note that we do not receive this help without our involvement in community activities. AmeriCorps main purpose is to help rebuild and strengthen communities. Whether it be the Easter egg hunt, Kids Day, 4th of July, Halloween, or Xmas tree lighting, our involvement with community events goes a long way to help the sustainability of the corporation. I would like to thank all those who come out to help with these community events and to those who keep the trains + track in working order so we can run these events. I would also like to thank those that keep the club successfully by achieving various sources of revenue. All of the help does not go unnoticed and is appreciated by the club and the community. Thank you for your time and commitment!!

I am also looking forward to see some younger faces helping with the public runs due to the rule change for being a Conductor. Now 15 or older. See you at the track!



At the General meeting an expanded Halloween event was discussed with more events and more weekends. The membership approved the concept and requested that the board finish the negotiations. It was discussed that other originations can supply volunteer help but only SVLSRM engineers will be running the trains.



SPECIAL RUNS – by Clio Geyer

I want to thank those helpers that have come forward to run trains and act as conductors for the school and party runs for April.

April has been a very busy month with 6 schools runs as well as 7 birthday parties.

THANK YOU:

- Barbara & Gordon Moser
- Ed Zeis
- Ben Kleinwatcher
- Dennis Gramith
- Pete & Betty Arney
- Paul Skidmore

I am always looking for volunteers to help with school runs and birthday parties. If any of you would like to help with a day you see on the schedule, please let me know. You might find it fun. We only do a couple of passes for school groups and about 2 hours for birthday parties. That is not a lot of time for someone to spend giving joy to children.

Special run schedule

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Wed. 5/5/10	10-3 PM	Thompson Car Club	??	Cars Only
Sat. 5/8/10	2-4PM	Varney Party	25	Diesel
Mon. 5/24/10	11AM	CHEC Home School	??	Diesel
Tue. 5/25/10	10-12 AM	CCA School	50	2 Trains
Sat. 5/29/10	Pending	Crews Party	25	Diesel
Mon. 6/7/10	11AM	Ridgeview School	50	Diesel
Mon 6/7/10	Noon	Ridgeview School	50	Diesel
Sat. 6/12/10	10-Noon	Friedman Party	30	Diesel
Sat. 7/17/10	10AM-Noon	Horel Party	25	Diesel
Sat. 10/16/10	12-2PM	Twardosz Party	25	Diesel



Safety Committee

By Ed Zeis

Now that our 2010 season is here this would be a good time for all to sit down and review the rule book

And for those who are steam qualified you should review the steam rules as the Clubs steam engine should be back in service.

As your new safety chairman I just want everybody to be safe when you are at the track and have a good fun filled day and be happy when you go home.

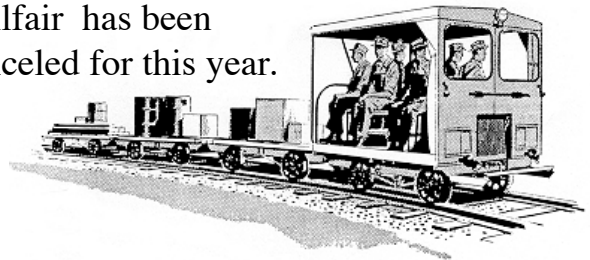
Safety Rules for the Month:

110A. A maximum of 5 persons will be allowed on Each straddle car including the engineer and conductor. If all persons are adults only, 3 persons per car is the maximum allowed.

111. Passengers shall not take food, drinks, or other refreshments other than water aboard any train, Nor may any person, passenger, or crew member smoke while on board.




UPDATE: The Ione Railfair has been canceled for this year.



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





Help us save money.

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.





10 Years ago: The Easter Egg Hunt was cold and wet! The hunt began at 10:00 AM and by 10:05, our line was quite long. The hunters and their families rode behind the RS3 running in the reverse direction with Matthew Mason as engineer, Venessa Mason as flagman, and Don Hyberg and Anne Bruner-Welch were station attendants. What a different track the old layout becomes when traveled on in a different direction.

(Presidents report) ... So, as you travel and arrive for our Spring Meet to visit with old friends and hopefully make some new ones, please remind yourself that this wonderful facility is due to a lot of man hours by your elected Board members and fellow club members who unselfishly give of their time. Please just don't take all this work for granted. Like the commuters thinking the conductor just punches tickets, don't think that all the club had to do was open the gate to welcome you.

20 Years ago: *EDITOR request: I need newsletter copies for the months of: 3,9,10,11,12 of 1990. If you have these please call Bill.*

Bailie's Babblings -Why does this club exist? "The purpose of this organization (S.V.L.S.) shall be to promote and stimulate interest in live steam engines in the Sacramento and Northern California areas, and to assist the members of this group in the pursuit of their individual objectives in the hobby of live steam" (The S.V.L.S. By Laws) Here is an interesting rule: Rule #302 "All members share equal privileges and use of the facilities.

All members also have equal responsibility for the safety and maintenance of the club facility, club equipment, and the observance and enforcement of these rules."

It is just my opinion, but I think this applies all year round. If you begin to feel guilty, the S.V.L.S. (call the) Work Party Hotline number

by John Bailie, Trainmaster.

30 Years ago:

PROGRESS AT THE RAILHEAD has been unexpectedly good. The passenger siding will be operable by the meet... on slow order to be sure, but operable just the same, and for revenue service. The celerity with which events have unfolded is due to efforts put in by Andy Anderson, Tom Anderson, Chuck Corothers, Dick Esselbach, Earl McKenzie, Wally Ripley, Warren Rose, Al Shelley, Ed Spall, John Siebert, Bill Wells and Gerry Carney, but especially by the Hilmar Heros, Joe and Al DeFreitas. Ken Spicer, the club's GOM, never fails to drop around to lend encouragement to the good work.

NAMES ARE IMPORTANT. So we have Hall Cut just outside the east (out-bound) rail gate, Yost Cut on the Curve that opens onto the American River and Thumbs Cut at the approach to the West (inbound) rail gate. At the East end of the new passenger siding we have Spicer Cut and at the West end De Freitas Duo Cut (changed from Hilmar Cut at the unanimous recommendation of the board of directors).

Safety Rules Review

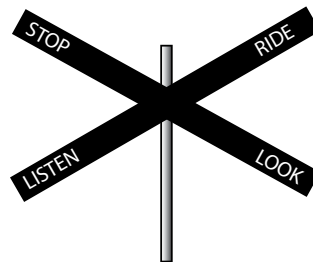


118. Visiting engineers, trainman, and their guests are to observe these rules and abide by them. Copies of these rules shall be made available to visiting engineers while they are operating on SVLSRM tracks. Visitors may purchase copies of these rules to keep.

219. Engine whistle signals:
 O = A short blast - = A long blast
- A. O Apply brakes; STOP
 - B. OO Answer to any signal not otherwise provided for.
 - C. OOO When standing back up; answer to 221C. When running, answer to 221D.
 - D. OOOO Call for signals.
 - E. -- Release brakes; proceed.
 - F. ---- Flagman return to train.
 - G. -OOO Flagman protect rear of train.
 - H. --O- Approaching public crossing, area of restricted visibility or a train on adjacent track.
 - I. OOOOOOOO (8) Warning to people or animals on track; general alarm.

310. The Board of Directors may restrict or suspend from duty any operating personnel who consistently violates safety rules.

404. Couplers or drawbars between engine and engineers riding car, or between any combination of engine, riding car and fuel car shall be of a drawbar with lock pin type or equivalent that cannot become accidentally uncoupled nor disconnect any fuel lines in case of derailment.



Keep on Steaming!



Help is needed with our public ride days and party events. Please help support your club.

Call Clio for info.



Please check the SVLS web site: www.svlsrcm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

for sale

1" scale Pacific. Plus flat cars, tender and the stand that the loco is on are all for sale. Also a box of odds and ends. Asking \$8000 or reasonable offer. Email for pictures or info.
Contact: Michael Savarino email: mssavarino@yahoo.com

TWO STEAM Trains for sale. Buy one or both.

1: 1.5" scale, 7.5" gauge Clishay locomotive and riding car. \$6,500. Engine is a two cylinder double acting 1 1/4x1 1/2". Boiler upgraded from the original 8" diameter water tube to a steel 10" diameter propane fired fire tube boiler with 73 1/2" copper fire tubes. Pneumatic FWD/REV shift and brakes on locomotive. Usual Accessories: working headlight, bell, new whistle, two new relief valves, engine driven feed pump and a hand pump. New body and trucks on riding car. Engine and tender set-up on a single axle trailer for transport.

2: Recently refurbished CRAB locomotive and tender. Loco is about 14" wide and 22" long. Two cylinder double acting engine with a bore and stroke of 1.375 x 2.5". Slip eccentric valve gear, a mechanical lubricator and crosshead driven feed pump. Boiler is about 9" in diameter and 14" tall, propane fired with 8 individual burners in a ring. Burner control manifold is on the tender along with the pilot light control. Boiler feed is by a crosshead pump with a hand pump for back-up.

Tender has mechanical brakes and is about 16" wide by 5 feet long. Holds about 12 gallons of water and a 5 gallon propane tank. Tender is freshly painted.

Asking \$3,500, RTR. Reasonable offers considered.
Contact Bill Cody at (775) 674-6512 or steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net for additional information/pictures.

- #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. 6 wheel common wealth passenger trucks for 7 1/4 or 7 1/2 gauge. \$1200. Per pair.

Ross Crawford 916-718-4162

RMI 45 ton centercab 2.5 scale 7.5 gauge

Complete except for siderod, wiring harness, controller that can be bought from RMI. The engine can be running for under 900.00.in light gray primer. It can be delivered to SVLS for a fee of 75.00 asking 3,500.00 O.B.O or possible trade for model T parts or Live Steam Garden railway engines or 4by4 trucks.
Contact Les wilmunder(530) 533-2163 or email cindy194@att.net

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Switch stands, point throw mechanism and point plate for attaching the points is included with the switch stand. A complete set-up for \$75.00 (plus shipping) <http://www.timbercreekrr.zoomshare.com/>
Contact me by phone or e-mail for questions and quantity discounts.
Gordon Briggs timbercreekrr@yahoo.com (530)273-9145

1.5" scale Pyle National extended case or flush mount dual GYRALITE.

They operate "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

1.6"scale, 7.5"ga Southern Pacific C-30 Caboose drawing package. Contents: 58 fabrication and assembly drawings (produced using autocad); 11 pages Assembly Procedures; 3 pages List of Materials, Suppliers, Detail items and Paint Specs.; 55 detail photos of prototype and 1.6" scale model caboose. The information contained in this package along with your skills will produce an excellent protoypically correct caboose. Price: \$85.00.

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