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Santa Run 2011

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for a fantastic Santa Run. I would like to start by thanking Barbara Moser, Marilyn Drews, Linda Jones, and Terry Willes for all their baking of all the wonderful cookies.

Then there were the workers who helped setup and take down all the decorations. Plus the helpers running the trains and working the station and Santa's Village. Bill Yoder, Ross Crawford, Kevin, Andrew, and Tiphani Sach; Wayne and Nicky Harmer; Andy, Jane, and Isabella Berchielli; Butch and Bill Floyd; Lee Frechette, Clio and Vern Geyer; Dennis Granit, Richard and Amy Lutrel; Karle and Mary Mahler; Gordon and Barbara Moser, Justin and Jeanette Schade; Paul Skidmore, Marianne Ward, Collette Freitas, Mark Wentz, Matt Hall, (Guest) John Bailie, Ed Zeis. Steve Blamor.

If I have missed anyone please accept my apology and thank you for your time.

Lois Clifton



Guess who is telling Santa what she wants.

Kate knows what she wants.

Guests Bryan, Angela & Kate Morgan were invited by new members Gil & Janet Dominguez to the Santa Run.

Maybe we have a new engineer in the making.



NEW YEARS DAY 2012

Lets start the New Year with a lot of steam, or smelly diesel, and bring out your locomotive, rolling stock and enjoy a members' run day on January 1.

Bring food to share (potluck) for lunch. Mark your calendar for Sunday January 1, 2012. Running starts at 10 AM. with lunch about 1 PM.



Dave August shows his 2-10-2T chassis completed and running on air.

Dave said, "The frame started as a 2-8-2, 90 ton logging Mikado but then I started to investigate logging railroads that used the Mikes and found some great pictures of Hammond and Sugar Pine Lumber 2-8-2T tank engines and liked the 'stout' look, so I chose an SPL loco as a prototype. I worked away for about a year and then one day I came across a picture of Sugar Pine Lumber #5, 'The Mighty Minaret', a 2-10-2T and instantly fell in love with its proportions. I did some quick investigations and found it was pretty much a 'stretched' Mike, same driver size, slightly bigger bore. I was talking to my wife and she was all for it. 'I want something different' were her words."

"Kim Beard wanders in one day and drops couple of slabs of steel plate on my bench and with his wry smile says 'You should be able to stretch that frame with these.' With friends like this who needs enemies. So I copied the back half of the frame in the plate, chopped the frame spliced it in. Gotta give Kim credit again, I don't have a stick welder, he does, so he zapped it for me. The entire front truck, all the suspension pieces, spring hangers and links, backheads, crossheads, valve gear, rods... all of it is scratched built."

SVLSRM Calendar

Jan. 1, 2012 Annual New Years members run day and potluck lunch. Bring your engine and let's start the New Year with a lot of Steam. 10 AM, Lunch 1 PM

Jan. 10, 2012 - Board Meeting 6:30

Jan. 20, 2012 - Membership Meeting - Hagan Park Meeting Room 7:30

Feb. 14 Board Meeting 6:30

Feb. 17, 2012 - Membership Meeting - Hagan Park Meeting Room 7:30

Mar. 3 Public run day Noon to 4 PM

Mar. 4 Public run day Noon to 4 PM

Public run day calendar available on-line.

Don't forget about work days, Contact a board 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?

Welcome

Welcome to new member Robert Forren of Gridley!

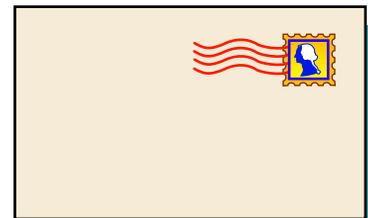
Membership renewal forms have been sent out, so please return yours with your dues payment as soon as possible, if you haven't already. If you didn't receive a renewal form, please let me know, or print off a membership application from the website and mark it as "Renewal".

I look forward to seeing many of you at the track during 2012!

Dale Dennis
Membership Chair



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



Your Editor is missing some Newsletters for the Year 1992, I need January, and September through December. If you have these I would like to make a copy so that we can continue to complete our archives. Thank you - Bill



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



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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



The track replacement project will start on January 5 when AmeriCorps will send out a crew for 2 days. The plan is to remove the old track and complete tractor work in January weather permitting.

I will be at the track on Saturdays thru the month of February so members that work can have a chance to pitch in. A reminder that the track will be closed from January 2 to March 1, 2012. See You at the Track!



YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



Another year at SVLS is upon us. As we begin the new year our track replacement will already be on the way. We will have AmeriCorps with us for 2 days. They will be there from 9-4:30 on January 5 & 6.

There are also a lot of leaves on the ground, East Hill and around the concrete pad that need to be raked up and hauled away.

I have been busy spraying pre-emergent on the track to prevent weed growth. Thanks to Carl Kitzmiller for suppling spray parts for the spray car and to Bill Yoder for hooking it up. I'm glad to see the car in use again.



The club has a mountain car truck that needs a bearing replaced so if you would help give Ross Crawford a call



PRESIDENT- elect COMMENTS

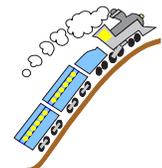
By Bill Yoder

Happy New Year. As we move forward, our members have the opportunity to improve our facility and its operation so we can more fully enjoy this hobby of railroading. We also need to extend a big welcome to all new members and encourage others to join and share this passion.

As noted we will be having work days each Saturday this month replacing track, so help is needed. There are other projects for those with other skills so please come out and help.

With the change of the board members, the appointment of a VP, and committee chairpersons the new board will be approving these positions at its meeting in January. If you would like to have a more active roll in your club please call me to offer your time.

I want to encourage members to attend the January membership meeting as I am looking for the membership input on priority of projects, work days, when and where meetings should be, and your concerns for the good of the organization.



Keep it steaming!

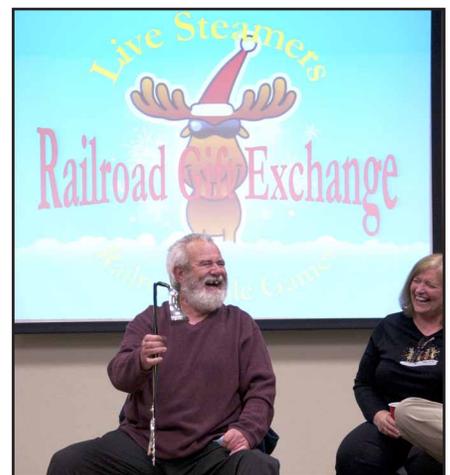
The 2011 SVLSRM Christmas Party was filled with food and games along with the famous white elephant exchange. While I don't think anyone should become a bell ringer fun it was.



Members prized gifts overflowed the table waiting to be picked and stuck in someone else's home until next year.



Tom Mercer found a nice gift. (not that it would be a problem from the selections)



One could say that Butch Floyd won the "door prize" as this annual exchange gift does hang on a door and brings the joyful sounds of Christmas into you home.



Safety Rules Review

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.

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

311. The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling passengers shall ascertain that all passengers are told and understand the passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station, as set forth here:

A. Remain seated facing forward at all time while the train is in motion.

B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.

C. Do not lean out nor reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.

D. Keep hand and feet inside the car at all times while the train is in motion.

E. Do not yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.

F. Anyone disobeying these rules may be asked to leave the facility.

405. Steam boilers shall have at least two (2) safety valves set to operate within ten (10) pounds (psi) of each other.



Did you know we have the SPIKE news letters available from 2003 on the SVLSRM web site?



Older news letters can be scanned if there is an interest to have them on-line. Comments?



10 Years ago: News Year’s Day run had two dozen people show up in spite of the forecast for nasty weather. Those attending were Barry Garland with his train who brought his Northern Electric #525, (yes Northern) and a new riding gondola which he has just completed. Barry’s son Dave and Dave’s wife Robin, and sons Dominic, Dillard and six week old Hudson were on had to help him break in the car. I like the name.. Hudson. Paul and Lois Clifton did the honors in the Caboose/kitchen with help from Gordon and Barbara Moser. Between the two couples they produced vegetable beef soup, clam chowder and rolls which was much appreciated by all. Don and Jeri Juergenson were out along with Curtis and Roxi Bonville and their niece Lora, Lee Frechette and Andi Guidry, Milon Thorley, Matthew and Venessa Mason , Dave and Pat Mattox, Allison King, John Bailie, Karl Mahler, Dick Esselbach, Will Willingdon. -- Dale Fowlar

20 Years ago: *To My Dad, Richard Bristow*

My Father and the Train

Rolling thunder chugging, chugging along.
 Powerful arms turning and turning,
 Wheels rolling along thick, metal rail.
 A massive heap of machinery stops
 dead. . .

And the whistle blows steady

“Is that the one?”

“Is that the train your father’s on?”

“The one coming around the bend there?”

“Oh yes, yes it is.”

When I was a little girl that train always seemed so big to me.

I could ride in the caboose and feel so safe,

And it had a loud, and mighty whistle.

And has always had one destination, straight ahead. . .

It was a train that could get through the stormiest days and could take mostly any heat. .

A train that carried children, I one of them,
 down the right track.

A train that also let out steam when it needed to.

A train that always worked hard to keep the wheels rolling.

And it carried such heavy loads for us.

But mostly the train was always able to say “I think I can.”

“Yes, that’s the train my father rides.”

“I love him very much.”

By Heatherlee Mace-Bristow 12/24/91

30 Years ago: The first meeting of the new board of directors covered a wide spectrum of subjects. Many new goals were established. Some of the matters discussed were: Brakes on riding cars, rules and regulations, more publicity, track additions, club engine, excursions and the club buildings.

Dick and Lori Esselbach hosted a “Bang Up” open house to start the new year. The big bash started about 5:00 a.m. January 1, 1982, when a drunk driver missed a turn and crashed into the front of their home. The car continued through two bedrooms demolishing everything in its path before it finally stopped. Fortunately, these rooms were unoccupied at the time. Dick and Lori, although trapped for a short time, escaped unhurt.



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<http://www.svlsrcm.org/sale.php>



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

Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell? Then give the editor a call/email and we'll take pictures for a feature.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DUES INVOICE**

To be filled out upon application for membership and/or membership renewal



NEW RENEWAL DATE: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: REGULAR
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Receive E-Mail notice and read it on line at: www.svls.org (yes) or Send printed edition via snail mail. (yes)

Occupation: _____

Operable live steam equipment or under construction:

Do you have track at home? Yes No Someday Gauge: _____

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLS:

Affiliations with other railroads:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DUES TO:

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DUES RATE: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (Individual or Family) is \$60.00 per year payable due on January 1.
ONE TIME INITIATION FEE: \$30.00 (In addition to the regular membership dues)
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$30.00 per year (NO initiation fee) Must live 100 miles or more from track or belong to a recognized live steam club. An associate member who moves into the 100 mile radius must convert to a regular membership by paying the \$30.00 initiation fee.

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