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Hot August Club run day/night had a good turnout. Many members brought their trains early in the morning and ran when it was cool, while others did more night running. The pot luck BBQ was great, plenty of side dishes. Thanks to all that made it work. - Photos from Barbara Moser - Thanks.



Young SVLS engineers enjoying the day.



Paul Moser cooking a variety of BBQ items for members



Dennis, Gordon, & Lois shooting the breeze

Notice: The Fall meet for 2012 has been changed to Oct. 19, 20, & 21. See page 3 for details.



Members day Sept. 15 9AM
Work on projects (until lunch)
Members meeting at 1 PM
Learn to run the steam engine in the afternoon.

Enjoy the day.



Plants and trees really make the railroad look nice.



The Berchielli family

SVLSRM Calendar

See Special run schedule on page 4 and please come help.

- Sept. 1 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Sept. 2 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Sept. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30, Coloma Room * room change Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Sept. 15 Members day. Work starts at 9Am, lunch, Members meeting at 1 PM, then run trains in the afternoon.
- Oct. 5 Setup portable track at Colfax for Railroad Days
- Oct. 6 Run train at Colfax Railroad Days 10 to 4
- Oct. 7 Run train at Colfax Railroad Days 10 to 4
- Oct. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Oct. 19-21 Fall Meet. Join us for 3 days of fun.
- Oct. 26, 27 and 30, 31 Halloween train run, Dark to 10 PM

Mark your 2012 Calendar as dates have changed

Fall meet is now October 19, 20, & 21

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.svlsrcm.org>.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



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

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MEMBERSHIP

You should have received your membership book by now if you did not get it before at the spring meet. Also those that were needing badges should be receiving them too. Sorry for the delay.

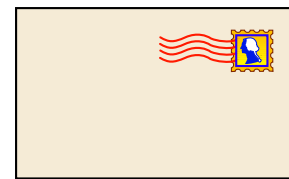
Clio Geyer will be chairperson for membership so if you are still due a badge, roster, or have questions about membership please give Clio a call or email.



Old issues of *The Golden Spike* needed. I currently looking for the year 1992 months of January, September, October, November, and December. If you can share or donate it would be appreciated.

Please notify the Editor. - Thanks.

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.



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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

Hot August Night run had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed running trains and eating a good BBQ. If you missed it then mark your calender for next year, it is a great SVLS event.

While we have been taking the August hot work days off, we now need to get busy and get ready for our Fall Meet, which is October 19-21. This was changed from September so make sure your friends know we changed the date.

We are having a special "work, eat, meet, & run day" Saturday September 15. We need members to come out and help with projects in the morning at 9 am. We will work until lunch time.

After eating we will have a short members meeting at 1 PM. A by-laws change will be presented to change the number of Directors on the board from 7 to 9 by adding two Directors at large. We then will have the rest of the day to run trains. If you have not run the steam engine and want to learn, then come out, help out, and have fun doing something new.

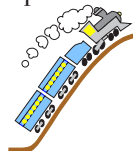
We will be running our train at Colfax Railroad Days, on October 6 & 7 with setup on the 5th. We will need several people to help with loading the trains, track and taking it to Colfax and setting it all up on the October 5th. Additional help is needed in running the train Saturday and Sunday and then we will reload the trains and bring back to Hagan Park, help is much needed. Please call me if you can help any of those days.

We also will be going to the International Rail Fair in Roseville the second weekend of November. Again we will need help.

I was at the track last Tuesday while the Sheriff work crew was there, thanks to Andy Berchielli our hard working Yard master. I was looking around and thought the place was really looking GREAT! Grass was mowed, things were green. Momma deer and her kids were roaming around even with the weed-eaters making noise. My point here is this place takes work, to make it an enjoyable place to run trains and visit with friends. We have had a small group of hard working members this year, so if you can take the time to play on the railroad then please find time to work on the railroad. Just think if we had even half of the members come out and work that would be about 4 times more than normal.

To quote a previous club president Is the SVLS "your club"? Do you belong? Being part of a club is more than just sharing a common interest (railroading). It is also being part of the development and growth of your organization. Please ask yourself if you have given ALL you can? Is it really impossible to show up at the park for a work day? ... Could you possible give "your club" 1 or 2 hours a month to do your fair share on a work day or other times. Give it some thought.

Thanks. Keep it steaming



Yard Masters Report

By Andy Berchielli



Maintaining the grounds take a lot of work during the summer months. I wanted to say thanks to Wayne and Adam for helping me water this summer. I could not do it without your help. Thanks! Also Adam's son Sabastian enjoys running the 1500 to help spray the track. Thanks for the help Sebastian! Recently I have got help from a Sheriff work group. They have been busy cleaning up the RV fence line and the dirt berm in the park. We should get them one or two more times. I plan on using them to clean up the rest of our fence line. They get a lot of work done in a short amount of time and are appreciated.

Do you wonder how to help more? I am looking for someone to help mow at least once a month. Currently it takes 4 1/2 - 5 hours to mow the park area and our fenced-in area. If interested in helping let me know.



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



It was great meeting several new members during Hot August Nights out at the track. . Also during Hot August nights we had the service valve fail on the propane car for the club steamer, which has now been replaced.

While getting the valve fixed, I was able to get a hold of some tank paint, so sometime in the next month, the tank car will be repainted and dressed up. As Bill has mentioned in the last newsletter I have been busy trying to get a propane dispenser installed near the roundhouse to allow the club steamers' propane tank to be filled on the premise, and to eventually allow members tanks to be filled.



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



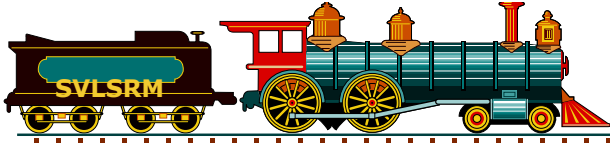
With summer in full swing and the weather HOT, the track crew has taken a well deserved break. New projects are being discussed and planed for the coming winter months. We plan to build 4 switches and some aluminum track panels for Oasis yard. I have received few comments on the yard design and I would like to hear members input on the plan. *Plan is in August 2012 news letter, available on line if you missed it.*



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?

Special run schedule



Please help by volunteering your time. Call Clio to help.

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
Sept. 8, 2012	12:30-2:30	Wiley Party	25	2 Diesel
Sept. 9, 2012	10-Noon	Nelson Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 22, 2012	??	Garcia Party	25	Diesel
Sept. 29, 2012	1-3 PM	Sharratt (Member) Party	?	Diesel



Help is needed with our public ride days and party events.
Please help support your club.
Call Clio for info. (916) 645-9154



10 Years ago: “The Third Rail” Well, after a few years in the making and a few weeks of actual work, the 1” yard is done. Mie Yard, as it is called, consists of three tracks about 15-20 feet long and is tied into the outbound lead of the turntable.

The whole yard is on a slight grade to ensure the cars will never just roll out and foul the mainline. There is also a short bridge that spans the ditch and culvert that drains from the passenger station and DeFrietas Duo Cut. A few details are still left to be put in, but the yard is entirely usable now. - Matt Mason

As anyone who has run trains at the club recently has noticed we have been adopted by a group of deer.. It looks to be 3 stags and 2 doe’s. They have been hiding in the logn grass in the center of the expansion area, but also at night come down to the transfer table area. They are quite the sight, and seem used to the trains. Passengers really enjoy them. Hope they stay awhile.

20 Years ago: *** I am missing Sept. Through Dec. of 1992 news letters. If you have a copy please share with us.*

30 Years ago: From the Board: Principle items of interest that were discussed at the board meeting included: automatic sprinkler system, storage building, and proposals for a master plan for future development. Included in this bulletin you will find a list of materials needed for the new bathroom facilities. If you have any of these and would like to donate them, it would certainly help the project along and reduce the cost to the club. That old 2x4 that is always in your way could be part of the building. Any materials that you care to donate can be placed in the roundhouse.



Well at least someone has Darrell’s ear!



August public run. Steamer stopped for water at Oasis.

Safety Rules Review



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.

218. Engine whistle signals shall be used by the engineer whenever practical to give, ask for, or acknowledge information about train movement. When double heading, the lead engine will give the whistle signals when possible. The whistle shall not be used unnecessarily. The whistle is a signaling device and should be used as such.

309. All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession. (See rule #118).

413. All locomotives or engineers’ riding cars shall have braking devices that can be activated easily and quickly by the engineer. Such braking devices shall have the power to slow and stop the entire train within a reasonable distance, depending on the weight and speed of the train.



We need your HELP!

Colfax Railroad Days (Oct 5-7) – We will need help picking up the track and supplies and transporting to the Colfax. Then there will be set up, take down and returning equipment back to Rancho. Engineers, Conductors, Station Master and help selling tickets.

The Fall Meet and Halloween will be coming up in October. Then in November we have Rail Faire, plus December is our Santa Run . We will need your help! Below are some ways you can help for these events:

Fall Meet – Oct. 19-21

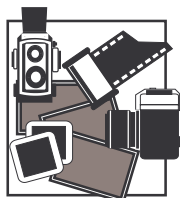
- 1) We will need lots of baked goods for the bake sale.
- 2) Help in the caboose, setting up, preparing food, working the register. Selling soda, water, soft goods.
- 3) Setting up covers, moving tables, setting up barbeque
- 4) Helping Darrell, Andy, and Dennis with their projects.

Halloween – Oct 26, 27 & 30, 31 We will need your help to set up, take down, conductors, station master, engineers, other help in the station and out along the track. Help selling goodies at the station. Come and enjoy the fun, dress up in your favorite costume if you want.

Rail Faire – (Nov. 9 - 11) Is in Roseville at the Placer Fairgrounds. We will need help picking up the track and supplies and transporting to the fairgrounds. Then there will be set up, take down and returning equipment back to Rancho. Engineers, Conductors, Station Master and help selling tickets.

Santa Run - (Dec. 1, 2 & 8, 9) We will need lots of baked goods for two weekends, candy canes, Engineers, Station Master and Conductors. Help setting up and taking down decorations and backdrop. I am looking for suggestions to improve our event. There will be more information in the November Newsletter.

You can contact me at my email loisjune1@gmail.com, or my phone numbers are home (916) 722-8514 or my cell (916) 761-9171.



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

Other news of railroads & hobby interest.

UP celebrates its 150th anniversary in Old Sacramento Sept. 29-30 at the California State Railroad Museum. Their Steam Locomotive No. 844 will be on display along with other locomotives and equipment for the two day event. See Museum web site at: <http://www.csrmmf.org> Then click on the UP Steam picture at the bottom of page. The UP 844 will be coming over Donner summit on Sept. 27 (subject to change) the train will also be making a stop in Colfax on Sept. 27. UP has a web site to track their steam engine, and it can be followed on Twitter.

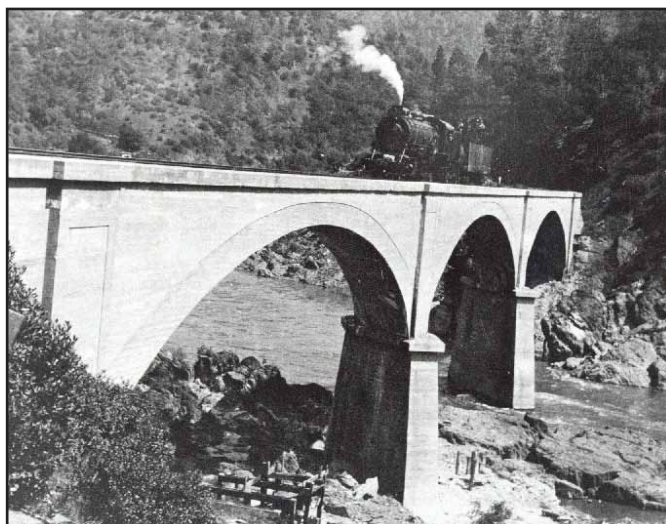


The Mt. Quarries Railroad 100 year anniversary is this year. The Mountain Quarries RR engine # 202 the last one of 6 engines used on the MQRR. The locomotive was constructed in 1913; ran on MQRR until 1942. It also did service on the Virginia & Truckee line. The Mountain Quarries RR hauled limestone from the mine in the canyon to Flint station in Auburn where Southern Pacific hauled the gondolas to Solano County for processing.

On Sept. 29th the engine will be on display on the MQRR bridge over the North Fork of the American river (near Hwy 49 bridge).

For current details see:

<http://www.trainweb.org/foothill/mq100years.html>



FOR SALE



4-8-0 Lehigh Valley Champion which ran many hours there at the park. Selling the whole train, the support cart it sits on, a passenger car and caboose along with some track. Train is coal fired but has sat covered for many years. Plus some various train items. Asking \$25,000 for everything.

Austin Knoff - 916-485-4070.



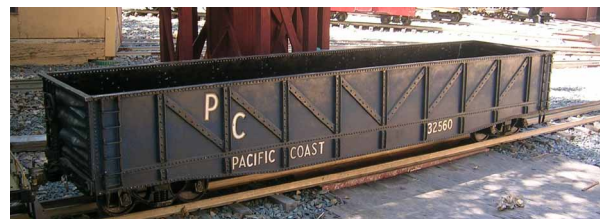
Freelance 7.5" Gauge 0-4-0, 7.5" Gauge, 1.5" Scale, Oil Fired, 2" Winton Cylinders

This locomotive was built by Mr. Terry Taylor in 1972. It features an axel pump and a hand pump. There is also the necessary plumbing for an injector. The locomotive is fired up on a regular basis at the Golden Gate Live Steamers. It holds 3 gallons of fuel oil and about 10 gallons of water if I recall correctly. It was weighed in at just about 350 lbs. It has hauled the club public train with a total of 22 passengers on board.

The locomotive is very complete with detail. I have had this locomotive for 2 1/2 years and it has been an interesting journey through the ups and downs of locomotive ownership. It's all part of the fun. I am selling my locomotive because I'm ready for a bit of change and I would like someone else to enjoy my locomotive as much as I did!

\$12,000 OBO
David Waterman steamfreak22@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 1 1/2-inch scale detailed gondola car with Winton's fully sprung Bettendorf trucks. Over 6-feet long and made from aluminum/steel castings and plate. Perfect for hauling a family around the track or at your home railroad. Car is perfect for mounting a propane tank for propane fired locomotives while seating 1-2 passengers. Gondola may be viewed at GGLS most Sundays-please call to schedule. Asking \$1100 - will consider reasonable offers. Michael B. Smith (415) 558-4536



Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details. <http://www.svlarm.org/>