

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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The new track and berm (replacing the rotted trestle). Thanks to the many that gave a helping hand.

Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



Thanks to the Time and Devotion of the Track Crew and Members, the 2013 Track Replacement is now complete. The Track Crew will now start work on the addition of new sidings at the water tower in Oasis yard. We hope to have them ready for Spring Meet.

Just a reminder to bring a CONE to reserve a siding for the meet. Please reserve sidings that will fit your equipment and leave the Long sidings for Long Trains.

It is time to recognize those who have made this years project a success. Track Crew and members Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedmen, Les Gregory, Bill Yoder, Bill Noyer, Mark and Carson Wentz, Gordon and Barbra Moser, Sid Madden, Dale Fowler, Ross Crawford, Chris, Paul and Eli Donhost, Rob Sharratt,

Dennis Gramith, Garry and Jan Wilson, Reed Hickman, Andy Berchielli, Dave Bardwell, Jeff White, Butch Floyd, Pam Hall, Richard Lutrel, and Gary Holms. Did I forget Someone? Let me Know. Thank You All for Time and Help.

I am looking for some one who would be willing to construct replacement parts for our wooden trestles. They are ALL going to need replacing in the near future.

Sacramento Valley Live Steamers invites Members and Guests

to join us at our Pacific Region Spring Meet
May 17, 18, & 19, 2013.

We welcome you in the celebration of our 40th anniversary.

2 unloading lifts with 33 Engine bays.
24 train sidings giving 1200 feet to park.
7 Steamer watering stops.
RV and Camping available on first come basis.
Motels are near.



There is still work to be done before our Spring Meet. There is lots of yard work and general cleanup needed, which one can do at any time. Other tasks are fixing the air line in steaming bay, painting, track tie replacement, and signal repair. Contact Bill Yoder.

Remember Members Run day is April 20th. Here is the day to bring your engine out and have a great time running. We are having a POT LUCK LUNCH too. If you have some extra time to give then, there are projects to work on. Come out and enjoy the day with your fellow members.



SVLSRM
Spring
Meet
2013

RUN TRAINS - MORNING, NOON, & NIGHT CELEBRATION OF OUR 40TH YEAR!

VENDOR TABLES, BUY OR SELL TABLES,
SILENT AUCTION,
RAFFLES SATURDAY AFTERNOON

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
BREAKFAST 8 TO 10
LUNCH NOON TO 2 PM

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER
RSVP REQUIRED BY MAY 10TH.

FOR RESERVATIONS OR MEET INFORMATIONS
CALL CLIO GEYER (916) 645-9154
OR EMAIL US AT: MEET@SVLSRM.ORG

SVLSRM Calendar

Apr. 6 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Apr. 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Apr. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.
 Apr. 20 Members run day, bring your train and have fun.
 Work in AM, Potluck Lunch at Noon.

May 4 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 May 4 Special event in Vacaville SVLS will be providing
 rides at Turtle Tidal Wave event - please help
 May 5 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 May 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.
May 17, 18, 19 - 40th Anniversary / Spring Meet

Dates to mark on your calendar:
Spring Meet: May 17, 18, 19 2013 - 40th Anniversary
Fall Meet: Oct. 18, 19, 20 2013

Don't forget about work days, Contact a board member for information on needs.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



The International Brotherhood of Live Steamers has its very own Website.

<http://ibls.org/wiki>

NOTE: The editor is missing 1993 news letters for the months of March, April, May, and June. If you have any of these please let me make a copy. 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 then read on-line.

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MEMBERSHIP

by Clio Geyer

Welcome New Members:

Richard K. Oswald from West Sacramento

Dean Sheets from Vacaville

Gary and Jan Wilson from Auburn. They joined for their grandson Reed. Reed has the ambition of someday owning a Dash 9 Hybrid.



This railroad requires teamwork to make it a great place to run trains. While we have a good team that works hard, we don't have enough people on the team. While everyone enjoys running their trains on the club rails, we need all members to work on the rails and other projects that need to be done. Please make time in your schedule to help. You will be glad you do.



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

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

March 3 public run day had several members out running their trains also.



Chris Donhost unloading his engine.



John Bailie was out with another engine.



Bill Cody was steaming up his Invicta which is a model of the early steam locomotive built by Robert Stephenson and Company in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1829.



Keith & Gloria Berry with his engine.



Reed Hickman running Chris Donhost's Atlantic steamer.



Workers that helped March Run Days:
Gordon & Barbara Moser, Chris Donhost, Val King, Ed Zeis, John and Jackie Bailie, Dennis Gramith, Butch Floyd, Gary & Jan Wilson w/ Grandson Reed Hickman, Richard & Amy Lutrel, Keith & Gloria Berry w/Friends, Wayne, Nickie & Sherie Harmer.



Below work continues on new Oasis sidings, thanks to Paul, Les, Jack (pictured) & Reed Hickman, Gary & Jan Wilson, Leonard Houpt, and Bill Yoder.



Members Run Day March 20th. A couple of member brought their trains to run while others used the club equipment. We all enjoyed a great day and a good pot luck lunch.



Dale Dennis



John Bailie



Paul Skidmore and Les Gregory have given many hours to this project and continue working on other track projects. We need more members with this dedication to the club. *Special thanks to all from the President - Bill Yoder.*

Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

Many people have been helping with the track upgrades and maintenance but there is still more to do. Currently the new sidings are being added for Oasis train parking. With this addition of sidings we will have over 1200 feet of train parking. Please come out and help. If you can not do track work then help run the trains on public run weekends the next one is April 6 & 7th.

In May we will celebrate 40 years of having our railroad here in Hagan Park. Actually, we named ourselves the "Sacramento Valley Live Steamers" in honor of the original railroad, the Sacramento Valley Railroad, which was planned in 1852 by Theodore Judah to run through the area which is now Rancho Cordova, along the route of today's Folsom Boulevard.

The club is here for all members to use so members should come out and run trains monthly not just at our Spring or Fall meets. So our second member run day is April 20. Please come out, bring something for pot luck lunch and run your train **For Fun!** Come visit with friends. If you have a show & tell item please bring it, as we like seeing what other are doing.

Please notice the list of workers on page one, as they continue to work and fix things at the railroad for all to enjoy. When you see them please take a minute and thank them for giving their time. We need more help at the railroad, so please make an effort to give some of your time. All members should help in some way and not just let others do the work.

We have a new Yard Master as Rob Sharratt has accepted the task and was approved by the board of directors and has been hard at work since. Please give your support and share some of the yard work with Rob. Ben Kleinwachter decided not to be Yard Master so I appointed Rob. Rob has been associated with the club since his younger years. His dad Warren has been a long time member and had served as President.

Simon Briggs of the Sydney Society of Model Engineers in Australia who visited us on their ramble last year, has extended an invitation to our members. He writes: "Our club in Sydney will be having our annual 'Julyfest' run on the 13th & 14th of July 2013. If any of your members are in the country they are more than welcome to attend. (Just let us know you are coming)"

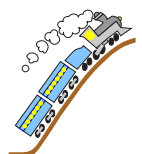
For those wanting some closer fun please join us for our 40th anniversary May 17, 18, & 19, 2013. It will be lots of **FUN!**

Right after our Meet is LALS Spring Meet their 57th on May 24, 25, & 26 Memorial day weekend.

Thanks to Barbara Moser, Dale Fowler, & Leonard Houpt for taking photos and sharing.

Times are busy when you want to play trains.

Keep it steaming!



Safety Rules Review



112. All passengers are required to wear shoes, however, sandals may be allowed. Shoe skates are not allowed.

227. Trains carrying the general public in cars not equipped with operating brakes shall not exceed seven (7) cars in length, exclusive of the caboose or other riding car for the conductor.

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.

418. Cars used to haul passengers that do not have built-in seats shall NOT have seats improvised with boards and objects laid across the sides of the car, except for the last seat which shall be reserved for the conductor. Passengers may sit on the floor of the car, to keep the center of gravity as low as possible.



10 Years ago: *President Dale Fowlar* reports: Work continues on renovation of the UP diesel. Kevin Sach of Chico Pacific Locomotive Painting has completed a beautiful repainting of the body shell. Ross Crawford has discovered that each of the journals is made up of two pieces. One casting is for visual detail, and the other is the actual journal. Ross has determined that he can save the Club a bit of cash by machining the journals out of stock instead of having to purchase castings.

Our March 22nd workday was very productive. A large number of community volunteers helped us plant about 130 new trees at the track. Yardmaster Lee Frechette lead the effort and Lois Clifton organized lunch for the troops.

20 Years ago: - no archive news as we are missing newsletters for March through June of 1993. Please look and see if you have those so we can get a copy. Thanks. Editor.

30 Years ago: The "Golden Spike" ceremony is our chance to celebrate the first 10 years of operation by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers. The ceremony is scheduled to start shortly after 12:00 noon and should be finished by approximately 12:30 P.M. Our pot luck late lunch/early dinner, as well as plentiful desserts will be available following the ceremony and on into the afternoon. Coming Soon Spring Meet 1983.

40 Years ago:

20 SVLS members 1972/73

In the spring of 1972, after much scrounging and scraping for money, materials and space, construction was started in the Cordova Community Park. The blistered hands and aching backs were soon forgotten on May 20th, 1973 when all hands cheered as a solid gold spike sank into a polished walnut tie and a big 2-8-2 touched pilots with a diamond stacked American.



FOR SALE

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



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



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.

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

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SVLS needs a bandsaw. If you have one that you would donate it would be very much appreciated.