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4TH OF JULY



INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS

As you know, the actual Independence Day falls on Friday and we will be running trains for the public on the **third** from 4 PM to 8 PM and on **fourth** from 1 PM to 8 PM - car pass are required to enter Hagan park to SVLSRM via the back road gate at Ambassador Dr. The park will have Fireworks, that will appear when it gets dark on both days.

We will continue the weekend with our normal public runs on Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 PM. The park will be open as usual so no pass is needed to come to SLVSRM.



Speaking of events, please remember our Member work and run day is Saturday July 19th. Come in the morning to help then pot-luck lunch, then run your train.

Planning committee:

The SVLS is in need of some volunteers. We are looking for individuals who are willing to communicate with each other and come up with ideas and to help with the planning of projects to improve the facilities. I have heard several people saying they would love to help out more but (insert reason/excuse here). I would like to start it out as an E-mail exchange with ideas and proposals, since I know most of us have lives outside of the SVLS and cannot always make it down to the track. Although I would like to try and meet up down there a few times together as a group.

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please let me know via an E-mail: chicopacific9@yahoo.com
-Kevin Sach



Come to the track for a Fun Time Train Run and Pot Luck Dinner.

Join us during the day and run your trains into the night for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming SVLS style. Come early and bring the kids. Bring engine and some rolling stock and your favorite dish. The barbecue will be hot and the lights will be on for ya. So hang FRED on the last car and *come on down!*



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Well, I have finally gotten around to changing the rings out on the club steamer. I decide to measure the rings on the piston to compare the old rings with the new rings and found that the old ones were worn down by at least .020 in. which is a noticeable amount. With new rings in the exhaust is a lot more noticeable as well as the pulling power.

The riding cars are still coming along. The building of the boxes is a slow process as each one has to be made to fit each individual car. They should hopefully be ready for paint soon. I am going to try and have them ready for the August run day if everything goes well.

See you on the rails.



Train Mountain Operational meet was last week; several SVLSRM members were there enjoying all the activity. Some members took their engines/trains and other went to crew. Many hours and miles were done moving freight and riding the rails. Great Fun was had.

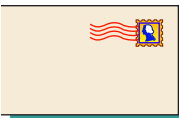
SVLSRM Calendar

- crews needed if you were not called by Dale and want to help please coordinate with Dale. - Thanks.

- July 3 Celebrate the 4th ride our train.. Rides 4 PM to 8 PM
Members welcome to come and play then watch
Rancho Cordova fire works - Car pass REQUIRED.
- July 4 Celebrate the 4th ride our train.. Rides 1 PM to 8 PM
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Rancho Cordova fire works Car pass REQUIRED.
- July 5 Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM
- July 6 Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM
- July 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- July 19 Member work day / run day, Pot luck lunch
Please bring food to share
- Aug. 2 Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM
- Aug. 3 Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM
- Aug. 7 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Aug. 16 Members run day and Night, bring your train and
have fun. This is our annual Hot-August-Nights run.
Potluck Dinner please bring something to share.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



Postage is now 48 ¢ to mail our news letter.
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 you can read on-line. *Thanks*



Please check the SVLS web site:
www.svlsrcm.org for current informa-
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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Dennis Bowie

Did someone say it was July? Well they would be right and this year is half way over. I for one can't believe it. At the end of June we had a work day and Marty Carapiet and I went around with the 1500 and checked track level, found some places that needed some TLC. I made the call to Darrell Gomes who was on his way to Train Mountain, and he asked if I would take care of it and I said no problem. So this past Saturday Gordon, Dale, Jeff, Rob and Myself worked on leveling track. My son Ryan was there as the gang boss. This was not hard work but it was work, I look back and think how much better it is when we have more members step up and help. I know that I didn't put out a call for more help, but this was my first time and I had my eyes opened. So if you are biting at the bit and want to get your hands dirty in this club all you have to do is say what you want me to do. Believe me there is always something.

I would like to welcome our new member

John Guinta from Riverbank, Ca.

His son Evan is building a CliShay

So for now watch your pressure and your water and full steam ahead.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Pacific Northwest Live Steamers & Grand Island Railroad Summer Meet 2014 Celebration

YOU'RE INVITED

We would like to invite Sacramento Live Steamers to a summer meet and dedication of PNLs's new roundhouse and turntable facility August 9th & 10th. Pacific Northwest Live steamers is Oregon's oldest live steam railroad club nestled in the foothills of the

Oregon Cascade mountains, it is on a tributary of the Molalla River offering beautiful water features, bridges and a class 1 railroad.

Also on the grounds are a very nice G scale railroad, top rate loading lift, steaming bays & a first class snack stand available for snacks and refreshments through the weekend. The railroad offers large radius curves that will accommodate the largest articulated locomotives easily; there are ample storage tracks available for all your rolling stock. About 3900 feet of track is available to run on.

We will also be offering free camping on the grounds with some electric/water sites available (First come first serve), we will make room for all to stay and celebrate.

There will be a club dinner available on the night of Saturday the 9th. With the Roundhouse dedication just before dinner.

Also on Friday the 8th Grand Island Railroad in cooperation with PNLs will be hosting an open to all meet at Oregon Youngest Live Steam Railroad. GIRR is a very different railroad being in the open farmland & wine country of the Willamette Valley. We offer about 3000 feet of track with 47-foot radius curves. We have a 12-foot unloading lift & two yards for storage. We have a steaming bay with water and electricity available.

GIRR is a unique private/public railroad owned by Heiser Farms & operates only in October. The railroad is through an organic raspberry patch & a peach orchard. There is free camping available with some water/electricity available (first come first serve). You may come and hang out early before the meet if you wish. We are only a few miles from Evergreen Aviation's first class air museum, home of the Spruce Goose. We will be offering a BBQ on Friday night the 8th; both clubs have no "Guest" or "User fees for the meet.

Please RSVP Patrick Duling at event@pnls.org
Mike Baker at mjbaker.1@juno.com

We look forward to seeing you at both Railroads August 8th, 9th & 10th.

SLVS June Board Meeting Summary

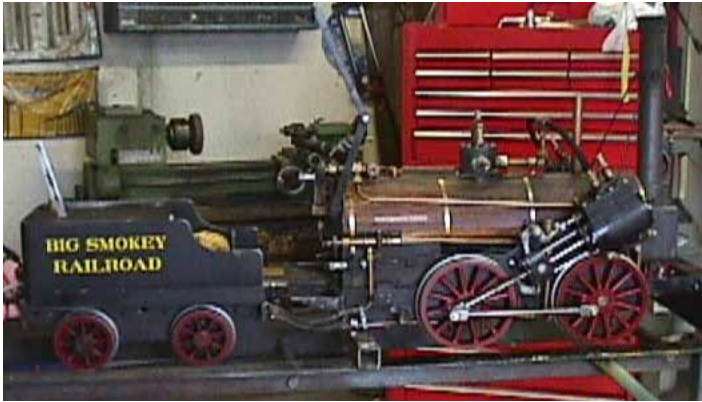
Current/Future Projects Around the Facility

- New riding cars - This project is current and progress is being made!
- Steam bay upgrade - Looking to have this completed before the Fall Meet. Look for a special work day and help out!
- Creation of a planning committee for future track development - Let the board know if you'd like to be involved!
- New Engineer/Conductor cars - Dennis G. is making a prototype and will report next month.
- Working with the Park District to increase our signage within Hagan Park.

Current Issues before the Board

- Member Parties - Members who want to use club equipment during private parties must be qualified by the club (i.e. as a conductor and/or an engineer).
- Thank You from LDS - the board was presented with a thank you gift, a photo album documenting the April 26th Day of Service that greatly benefited the SVLS facility. In return, SVLS offered the LDS group use of the facility (with train rides) at a future date, free of charge.
- The board accepted the donation of a steam engine from long-time club member, Ken Wills.
- The board is looking for club members to fill the following positions - Treasurer and Train Crew Coordinator.
- Rule Book - the board has created a committee to review and submit updates to the board by November.
- Revenue generation - Looking at posting a suggested donation for public run days vs charging a set amount.
- Advertising - In local publications to increase exposure for membership and special event revenue.
- Waiver/Liability forms - Will be renewed with membership at the beginning of each year (starting in 2015). Guests will be required to sign a new form at every visit.
- Development of a Member-Only section of the SVLS website.
- July 3, 4, 5, 6 - Need all qualified members to help out as train crews. Contact Dale Fowler.

FOR SALE



FOR SALE 7.5" gauge, 1.5" scale 0-4-0 INVICTA locomotive, tender and two riding cars. Steel propane fired boiler feeding 1.375" x 2.22" cylinders sleeved down to 1". Direction control is by a slip eccentric set-up. Six inch diameter drivers. Boiler make-up water supplied by an axle pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender. Manual brakes on the first riding car. The tender only holds about one gallon of water so I built a three gallon water tank in the first riding car along with a pump and battery so I can refill the tender on the fly. Complete - Ready to Run. I transport this train on its tie down board in my Prius automobile. Board is included.

Asking \$7,000 - Reasonable cash offers considered.
 Contact Bill Cody - Home (775) 674-6512 or Cell 775-233-1429 for additional information/pictures.



Engine driven Welder Generator. Lincoln Welder 225 amp. With cables.

\$101.00

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 Bill Yoder
 or
 Kevin Sack



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10 Years ago:

I am proud to announce that, as a result of the vote by the Board of Directors, Ed Yungling and Al Shelley have been appointed Life Members of the SVLS. On behalf of the entire organization, I would like to thank both men for their many contributions over the years. Without them and the others who there at the start, we would not have what we have

today and the SVLS would not even exist. *By Joel Corbin*

Dick Esselbach memorial. At the request of his family, and in honor of his love of steam trains, Dick rode with family and friends one more time behind the SVLS steamer. An old Union Pacific Railroad oil can, part of Dick's prized collection of railroad items, was chosen to carry this final remains.



20 Years ago: The Club participation in the C. S. R. M. 1994 Rail Festival was an unqualified success!! I hope many of you were able to come down to Old Sacramento and see the sights. we were the start attraction and were busy the entire run of the rail fair. Lots of riders and lots of flyers were given to people. It was also a great chance to explain our hobby to interested people. A super big thanks to all the people that helped make participate with a special thanks to Milon Thorley for coordinating everything!

The first annual Hot August Night meeting and members only run will be on Friday, August 19th 1994, plan to bring a picnic dinner or BBQ in the Park.

30 Years ago: Making Steam: Craig Craddock would like to know why the Rancho Cordova Fire Protection District allows off-duty Chief Officers to go around starting grass fires with steam locomotives? Even though someone else was running the engine, at the time, Dennis has accepted the responsibility and thus installed a smoke-box screen. Finally we got something on the Pres.

40 Years ago: this is our new Sacramento Valley Live Steamers news letter. A lot of talk, thought and ideas have been tossed around to get this off the ground. Information is from Larry Badger. The "masthead" was designed by Dick Esselbach, who also does the printing. Editor note: I am still using the same masthead format.

A progress report on Ed Youngling's cab-forward is in the July issue of Live steam Magazine. This makes twice in one month Ed has been in the news. Keep up the good work.