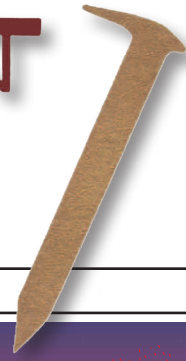


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Come to the track for a Fun Time Train Run and Pot Luck Dinner.

Join us during the day and run your trains into the night for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming SVLS style.

This has been an annual event for many years and has provided hours of running trains and visiting with your fellow members. It is a great opportunity for new members to come out and get acquainted with the old members and likewise us with the new members.

Come early and bring the kids. Bring an engine and some rolling stock and your favorite food dish for dinner to share. The barbecue will be hot and the lights will be on for ya. So hang a FRED on the last car and **come on down!**

President's Report

By Bill Yoder

First and foremost, thanks go to the City of Rancho Cordova for their generous donation of \$250. We appreciate the support of the city council and Mayor Dan Skoglund.

The Summer is moving faster than a speeding locomotive and it must be a steam loco at that, as it been hot.

Let not that get in the way of running trains; after all, the old trains did not have air-conditioning and our scale we are cooled with natural air flow as we move around the track. Our public run day is this weekend, Aug. 2 & 3 with an earlier time of 11 AM to 3 PM to take advantage of the cooler part of the day.

We will be taking our portable track to Colfax for their celebration of Railroad Days in September 12th for setup and running our trains on the 13th & 14th. We will also be having

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Special thanks goes to Ken Willes who has donated his 0-4-0 steam engine to the club. This engine has made many trips around the track. Ken used the engine in the early days to do switching in the yard, and pulled many passenger trains over the many years. He was always willing to give his time for pulling passenger trains to laying track or just about anything.

Ken became a member of this club May 1976, he continues being a member today and is a great supporter of our club. Because of his dedication Ken is a Life member of SVLSRM.

Ken had started to rebuild his engine several years ago and it still needs some work and the board thinks that it will provide great opportunity for members to learn and get some experience working on steam engines. Once completed it will make a great second steamer for the club to use and teach how steam engines run.



Thanks Ken for you support of SVLSRM! Bill Yoder - President

SVLSRM Calendar

- Aug. 2 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 PM
- Aug. 3 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 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.
- Sept. 6 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 PM
- Sept. 7 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 PM
- Sept. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Sept. 12-14 We are running at Colfax for their Railroad Day
celebration, Setup Friday, Run Saturday and Sunday.
Also static engine display at Depot.
- Sept. 21 Members run day (Sunday), bring your train.
Potluck Dinner please bring something to share.
- Dec. 20 Annual Christmas dinner potluck - Reserve date.

Please volunteer to support the club events.
How will you support SVLSRM this month?



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



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MEMBERSHIP

by Dennis Bowie

Current membership levels – 188 total members (44 regular, 62 family, 75 associates, 5 Life, 2 Honorary) and 16 members still with dues pending.



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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

President column continued

a static display at the Depot to promote our hobby and help advertise that we are giving rides at the Community Center. We want to display a steam engine at least or maybe show a work in progress in building an engine. This also means we will need a few more volunteers, as we need running crews and people to be at the display. Please call me if you can volunteer, either as crew or staff for the display.

I want to thank Tom Nance who has volunteered to be our treasure. He will finish the current term that Lois had and I hope volunteer to run for the next term. Thanks Tom.

Speaking of Board positions, I will appoint an election committee chairperson at the next board meeting and they will be looking for members who are waiting for the chance to help their club by being on the board. Positions for elections are: Vice-President, Treasure, Track Superintendent, Yard Master, and Board member at large. Their recommendations and additional nominations are made at the October meeting and elections at the November meeting. Now is the time to see what you can do to support your club by being on the Board.

Our Fall meet is just a little more than two months away and now is the time to start our planning. Our meets are drawing a good crowd as we see our steaming bays full. This is great and we would like to make it even better by getting water and air to the rest of the bays east of the transfer table. Part of the plumbing is already done but connections to each bay is needed and connection to the roundhouse. If you would like to help then call me to volunteer, I don't have a date for the project yet but will be planning it after our August member run day - "Hot August Night run". Here is another opportunity to support the operation of your club.

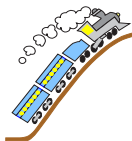
We will also be needing several people to coordinate activities at the Fall Meet, such as setup, track maintenance, greeters / helpers at unloading/ loading lifts, sales (T-shirts, soda, etc.), registration, trash can service, and the everlasting need to finally put everything away. This is where members need to stick around and help, not just come midday and leave the work for the last to leave, we should all be the last to leave and TOGETHER.

While I am asking for more help on things, I also want to thank the current board and committee chairs for their hard work. While I am not listing names, if you are a club member and a regular volunteer, and you know why it take many to make this work.

If you need a great getaway, then head to Oregon and visit Pacific Northwest Live Steamers & Grand Island Railroad, see invite on next page.

Please contact me for questions or concerns.

Keep it steaming!



Planning committee:

I would like to say thank you for Dale Dennis, Matt Hall, Dennis Bowie, and John Guinta for stepping forward to join the planning committee. I am still hoping for a couple more to step forward. My goal is to set up a one year, two year, five year, and a ten year plan. Speaking of plans, I would like to hear what members would like to have at the club. I don't care how little of an item or if it something somewhat of a selfish desire to have at the club (I know mine would be to have a waterfall next to the tracks). Please let me know what you want. Although not all items might be possible we will try and incorporate most items. Looking forward to hearing what ideas you would like to have down at the track.

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

-Kevin Sach



Train Masters Report

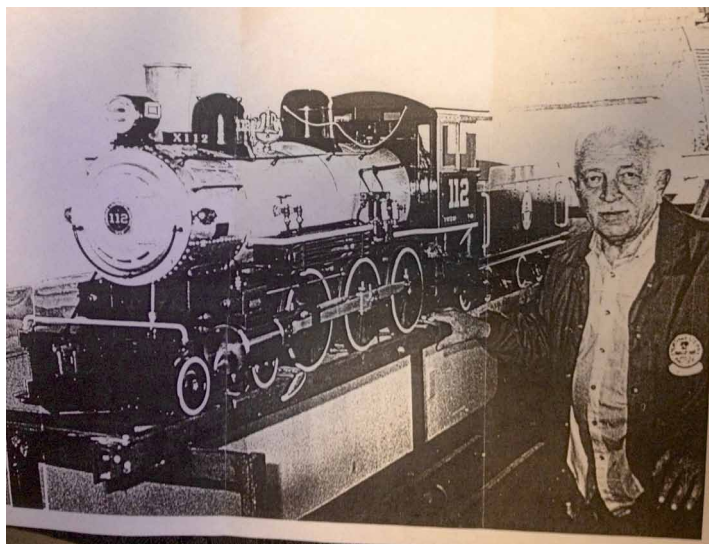
By Kevin Sach

Well, we have gained another steam locomotive thanks to Ken Willes who donated his 0-4-0 switcher. Now the process begins of finishing putting it back together. I will keep you up to date on its progress. The board has decided to change run times during public runs days. We will now be running from 11-3 to try and avoid some of the heat.

The riding cars are built, they just need to be painted. I was hoping to have them ready by the August run day but getting all the little details done for them took longer then anticipated. See you on the rails.



Have you seen this engine.



We have a request for information on whereabouts of this Mogul: TW N WP 112. If you know of it let me (Bill Yoder) know and I will forward the info. Thanks.

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 Aug. 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.



10 Years ago:

Les and Casey Wilmunder sitting on the float they put together for the Rancho Cordova 4th of July parade to advertise the SVLS organization.

Thanks again for your dedicated efforts to help the SVLS organization.



20 Years ago: Track "1" Passenger loading station is now re-laid with new rail and ties. If you have been around it lately, repair work was needed and a must do job! Thanks to John Bailie, Bob Lovel and Don Yungling for making panels and to Amadus Drewes, George Altstatt, and Steve Arnold for dropping panels. Thursday we finished by flashlight for a total of 50 feet of track. To add insult to injury, the ballast was cemented together from time and had to be picked loose over the whole length.

30 Years ago: - missing August issue for 1984.

40 Years ago: The membership meeting for August will be held at Milon Thorley's Eldorado and Southern Railroad. A photo show is planned.

The Board of Directors will present the first reading of the proposed by-laws which will bring us in conformance with State corporation laws.



One day, there was an important job to be done.

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

SLVSRM July Board Meeting Summary

Current/Future Projects Around the Facility

- Injector on steam engine has been replaced and new one is working well.
- 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!
- New Engineer/Conductor cars - Dennis G. work continues.

Current Issues before the Board

- Board recommended Tom Nance to fill in Treasurer position.
- 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). A steel cabinet will be used to store propane for BBQ and other needed items.
- The board is looking for club members to fill the following position - Train Crew Coordinator.
- Public run day hours changed to 11 AM to 3 PM.
- Board agreed to participate at the 2014 Colfax Railroad days (Sept. 13-14) with a static display at Depot and event covers our extra insurance cost.
- Suggested that each club passenger train has a re-railer plate since new riding cars are longer and heavier.
- Development of a Member-Only section of the SVLS website continues.
- Pedestrian grade crossings are needed for path to public depot. A wooden style planking is to be installed at the next member work day.
- Board recommended Tom Nance to fill in Treasurer position.
- Board is looking for funding for three different projects: 1. WP caboose interior update, SP caboose restore and security, & fencing around Cordova Station.
- Liability form will be printed on back side of membership renewal forms and signed each year starting in 2015.



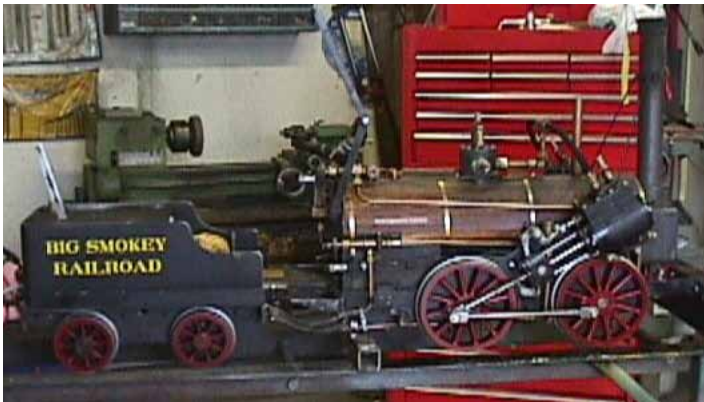
SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

215. When visibility is limited and after sunset, all trains shall have a lighted headlight (white) showing to the front on the engine and a marker on the last car showing red to the rear. Trainmen shall have a lighted lantern suitable for giving hand signals. Such lights shall be visible for a distance of at least one-hundred fifty (150) feet.

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

417. All equipment shall be built to clear all track side clearances as shown in these rules and standards. Any equipment on which the engineer, trainmen, or passengers ride with their feet outside the equipment shall have foot boards or bars to hold the feet of all riders in a position to clear all track side objects such as: switchstands, signals, mileposts, etc.

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 Kevin Sack



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