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Photos: Member run day (Fathers day), June Public run days.



Fathers Day!



Run Day track work - always.

4TH OF JULY



INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS

As you know, Independence Day falls on Saturday and we will be running trains for the public on the July 3rd from 4 PM to 8 PM and on the 4th from 4 PM to 8 PM - a car pass is required to enter Hagan park going to SVLSRM via the back road gate at Ambassador Drive. The park will have Fireworks display, that will appear when it gets dark on both days.

We will continue the weekend with our normal public run on Sunday 11 AM to 3 PM. The park will be open as usual so no pass is needed to come to SVLSRM.

Crew help is needed, Please come and support your club.
Contact: Dale Fowler



Run Day busy passengers station.



Member run day for July is on Saturday the 18th and we are having a pizza potluck, so please bring your favorite pizza to share at lunch. Thanks to Barbara Moser for this idea.

SVLSRM Calendar



- July 3 4th celebration Hagan Park - 4 PM - 8 PM
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- July 5 Public Ride day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- July 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- July 18 Member day. Work in AM, **Pot luck Pizza lunch**,
bring your favorite Pizza to share, then run your train.

- Aug. 1 Public Ride day - 11 AM - 4 PM
- Aug. 2 Public Ride day - 11 AM - 4 PM
- Aug. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Aug 15** Members run day and Night, bring your train and
have fun. This is our annual Hot-August-Nights run.
Potluck Dinner so please bring something to share.

Dates to reserve on your calendar:
Fall meet Oct. 16, 17, & 18
Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 19th.

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

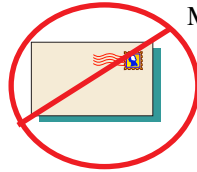
A **members only area** has been setup on our web server where we will keep a current version of the roster, and other useful documents for our members. To gain access, each *member (now including Associates)* must be a current paid member to register and create a user name and password.

Please use the link on the web page in the top menu section called "Members only." This is a two step process to register as the system will send an E-mail to verify that it is you. You will then use the link sent to complete the process. Please note this is to register so you can then use your user ID/password to view the protected area via the link shown on the registration page.

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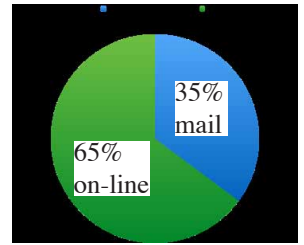
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Members are making progress in converting from the printed newsletter to reading on-line. This helps save SVLSRM money each month for printing & mailing. Let's spend the club money on building more railroad, not paper piles.

We are making progress, as 65% are using the E-mail notice but I would like to see more members opt to be notified by E-mail, then you can read on-line and download if you want to print it. *Thanks*



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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Safety Chairman Report

by Marty Carapiet

All is well on the Safety Committee. We continue to make improvements to all areas of our club. We recently installed “keep off” signs on our caboose for use during birthday parties or private events. We felt

this safety precaution was needed to insure a safe and fun place for all. When the caboose isn't in use, we ask all members to keep the signs in place.



We also started the new retainer wall by the WP boxcar. After the wall is finished, we will install guard and hand rails on the stairs. Anyone willing to assist in this project please contact me for the scheduled days.



The spring meet was fantastic!!, the Safety committee can report an incident-free event. This shows us with a little planning and preparations all can go well. All members should have received their new rules book, please take time to review and familiarize yourself with the new format and rules.

A big thanks to all the greeters who help during the meet: Kerry Wilson, Phil Huntingdale, Darrell and Gail Gomes, Peter Welch, and Butch and Bill Floyd. All of your efforts are much appreciated.

As we enter the summer months, please continue to be safe and enjoy our wonderful hobby!!

Safety Rule for the month:

4.12 Approaching Stopped Trains An engine approaching a stopped train on the same track must come to a complete stop no less than fifty (50) feet from the stopped train. The stopped train may then be approached slowly with caution.



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Well June has been a busy month. Starting off with the public run days we decided to change things up a little and had some fun. We decided to go with a Hawaiian theme, some of us were in Hawaiian shirts and hats with everybody wearing leis. The public enjoyed us having a little fun.



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Huntingdale.

The second weekend, Dale Dennis, Dennis Bowie, and I took some time and started assembling the clubs 0-4-0 switcher. We were able to get the chassis built up and running on air. The tender has had the tank removed and has been primed waiting to be painted. Also that weekend the old battery in the GP-40 finely died, so it was replaced only to have the following day the roll pin on the drive line fail. The drive line has been fixed with a key way and a new roll pin. The SW 1500 was over filled with oil and sucked some oil into the carburetor. In the process of cleaning the excess oil out a parts a bolt fell down behind the fly wheel and now in the process of retrieving the bolt.

The member run day on Fathers day was very lightly attended, I figured people had other plans or had already left for the Triennial. We did have some fellow Live steamers from Switzerland drop by who were on their way up to the Triennial, they were Markus & Dominik Salvisberg, Rudolf Sdai, and Rolf Zehnder.

See you on the rails.



The club need more members to be active with our public ride days, and our special events (Parties) as we are short of people to provide this service. **These events provide our main source of income so please come out and help.**

If you need to qualify you may download the test from the club web site. Do the test at home then bring it to the track to finish your qualification.

Be a volunteer and enjoy the fun of sharing the hobby.



A blast from the past, see page 5 for more of who we were.



Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

Another installment of looking down the track... Well greeting and salutations to one and all. There was a little track work done in the month of June. Most of this was done on the public run day; the points were repaired on the switch that leads on to the Sugar Pine spur. Also with the help of Steve Milward and Andrew Sach, we adjusted the grade from the level crossing at the Memorial to the Memorial girder bridge. As you can see in the picture, we were in the Hawaiian spirit.



We still have projects that will need to be addressed; the finishing of Reverso, the new SP caboose sidings, and adjust the track from MP19 to MP21. I know it's hard to get motivated with the summer months but I'm sure we can all find the time in the cool of the morning.

So look for my email or phone call (please don't delete my email or screen my call).



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 food dish to share. The barbecue will be hot and the lights will be on for ya. So hang FRED on the last car and *come on down!*

SLVSRM June Board Meeting Summary

Current/Future Projects Around the Facility

- Continuing track maintenance and sidings are being planned.
- WP Caboose (Gordon) – Upgrades scheduled for August and September.
- Continuing work on the donated 0-4-0 (Steamer #2)!
- Planning started for remote electrical signals coming into Oasis.
- Work started on the completion of the boxcar retaining wall (Marty)
- Planning has started for improvements to the facility's gate system.
- Purchase of a new sprayer for weed suppression

Current Issues before the Board

- Need more members to be Train Crew certified...look for a "Training day" in the near future!
- Grant funds from the City of Rancho Cordova – Applying for funding to complete irrigation around the facility.
- Looking to have the Park District approve additional SVLS signage throughout Hagan Park.
- Continuing discussions regarding a Kids' Activity area within the facility.
- Approval for two additional Engineer/Conductor cars (Dennis G.)
- Review of the Spring Meet – The good and the stuff that needs to be improved!
- Special Event policy clarification – Track available to club members during a private event (i.e. birthday party), but not Oasis Station. No access to WP Caboose during a private event unless club member makes arrangements with a Board member.
- Guest behavior during Special Events (i.e. birthday parties) – Train Crews will be providing additional instructions to guests regarding safety around the facility.

W.P. Caboose schedule for new floor installation.

W.P. caboose will be closed from August 17th thru September 4th if everything works out according to plan.

Note: One of the bathrooms will be closed for the duration of the work, due to storage of appliances, etc.

August 17th thru August 21st --- Gradual removal of Supplies from caboose to Containers for storage.

August 22nd --- Big Day (Manpower needed.) Remove shelves, cabinets, stove, refrigerators, etc. Disconnect and move ice machine. Start on electrical project and removal of the sub-floor.

August 23rd --- Put down sub-floor.

August 24th thru 28th ---- Any prep work that can be done before finally flooring goes in. Barb has a paint crew that wants to paint the walls, etc. while the cabinets are removed. Great idea!

August 29th --- THE BIG DAY Install Linoleum Start putting appliances back in place and move Ice Machine back to proper working order. Another big Manpower needed day.

August 30th --- Start replacing everything else.

August 31st thru September 4th --- Restock shelves, cabinets, etc.

The Caboose should be all finished on or before the 4th of September --- Ready for full use on the 5th and 6th run days. Remember, this is all tentative until we get the right key people in place at the right times, to make it all work out properly.

We will need many members to help with moving appliances out and back in. This is planned for the two week-ends of 22/23rd and 29/30th of August please mark your calendar and be here to help.

Contact Gordon Moser for current info and to volunteer your time to help.

Here are some photos from the past, thanks again to Alison Berry. Photos are from the 90's.





40 Years ago: Recently we have been discussing the need for additional fencing and more track at the facility in Rancho Cordova. In order to pay for this, we are asking for pledges from each member. \$5.00 each is requested for this special project account.

The Los Angeles Live Steamers “Engine Booster” announces a live steam “Day at Disneyland” on October 18, 1975. The cost is \$6.50 for all, including unlimited use of the rides. Lunch is \$6.10 additional.

30 Years ago: Thanks to Warren Sharratt and his two teenagers for generously providing security at the track site for all four days and nights of our special July 4th four day run. Warren and son Robby were hard at work early each day before the official start time and again after everyone else had left.

20 Years ago: The RS3 ran great during the Father’s Day Railfair in Old Sacramento.

SVLS was featured in an article in the *Spectrum* and Sunday supplement both published by the *Sacramento Bee*. Several members pictures were published with the article.

10 Years ago: Paul Clifton under the watchful eye of Tom Nance replacing the brake linkage that was broken by the derailment due to rocks on the tracks.



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I feel like the proudest kid on the block; look what I built. Every time we would load up our train to come out to the club and then get home and put everything away, I would say I need to build a stand that I can store my riding cars and engine on.


Before they were sitting on ply wood that was sitting on saw horses. When you put them away that’s where they stayed. So with steel tubing and a lot of welding I came up with a handy dandy train stand. I made it with casters so that I can move it around (easier to line up with the trailer for loading and UN loading). I still have to work out a ramp, but that shouldn’t be too difficult. As you can see in the photos, there is room for the clishay when it is finished. I just wanted to share this major feat of garage organization.



Dennis Bowie



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



July Member run day is on Saturday July 18.
Potluck Pizza Lunch - bring Pizza to share.
Run your train - enjoy a relaxing day of railroading.

While some of our members went to the Train Mountain Triennial we have been keeping an eye on you, envious of your fun.



Photos courtesy of TrainMountain.org used with permission.

FOR SALE

Trolley for Sale.

Price \$2000
with engine stand \$3000.

Call: Clio Geyer
(916) 645-9154

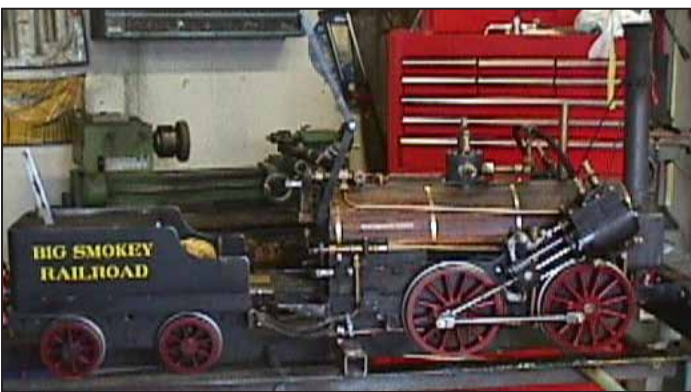


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propane fired,
two ore cars.
\$5000.

Also Pacific boiler & little engines pacific project: \$3600

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