

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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President's Report

By Heidi Bowie



Mother Nature gave us pretty awesome gift for Fall Meet...one day of beautiful weather! It was a small crowd that gathered together for our Spaghetti Dinner on Friday night. On/Off rain made for some challenges; but Saturday brought out the trains and the people. Never underestimate the willingness of a train enthusiast to haul out of their gear for just one day of running! And when that window of opportunity was done, it really was gone in a big way. Saturday night found us having our BBQ dinner under the Oasis canopy with the rain coming down. By late Sunday morning, it was more like a deluge and only a few hardy (insane?) souls braved the rails at that point. "Lakes" were springing up everywhere...like the middle of the Registration tent!

As it always seems to be, there was a core group of people that put in a lot of time and effort to make sure that everything was ready for the Fall Meet, got done during the Meet, and found its way back into the various containers after everything was done (in some cases, days after because of the need to dry things out). My thanks goes out to the Board for all their hard work and to the extended group of SVLS members that always lend a hand when needed. It takes such a lot people to make this event happen... from the food, to the facility, to the cleaning, to the stocking up of extra supplies, to the delivery of the porta-potty...many hands have to come together to make it all work. Thank you all!

And now we turn our attention to the final months of the year, the holidays, and what's coming for the New Year. Don't forget our last work day/play day out at the club (Sat, Nov 19th). That will also be Election day for us (without all the insanity of the national one!). A few important events are still coming up on the calendar (Rancho Cordova tree lighting, Santa Train weekends, and the annual Christmas Party) and we hope to see many of you. New Year's Day marks the end of our "running" season and then comes the fun of major facility projects. Check the website for upcoming information on how you can be involved, because lots of help is always needed at any of these events.



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlsrcm.org for current information. If you have not looked for awhile then you will have missed news or for sale items that are not in the newsletter.

Special Thanks to Run Day Helpers:

October 1st: Bill and Butch Floyd, Alison Berry, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Colton Snell, Harry Voss, Andrew and Kevin Sach, Chris, Eli, and Paul Donhost, Dennis Bowie, Dennis Gramith, Steve Milward, Paul Skidmore, Dean Sheets, Rob Sharratt, Ross Crawford

October 2: Bill and Butch Floyd, Andy Berchielli, Alison Berry, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Colton Snell, Kevin and Andrew Sach, Harry Voss, Dennis Bowie



The following people were a big help to me this Fall Meet Weekend in the caboose:

A special Thank you to my husband Gordon Moser and daughter Lisa Moser for helping me get the shopping done.

My breakfast crew who showed up at 6:00AM both Saturday and Sunday morning. Christine Gramith for the delicious baked beans and Dennis Gramith for hauling them to the park.

Liz Crawford, Stephanie Huntingdale, Chris Donhost, Eli and Paul, Cindy Wilmunder, Rob, Tami, Alexas Sharratt, Gordon Moser, Lisa Moser, Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie, & Jamie, Steve Milward, Alison Berry, Christine Gramith, Kevin, Andrew, Anne Sach

Barbara Moser, Caboose Chairperson.



Oct. 1 public run day.

SVLSRM Calendar

Nov. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.

Nov. 19 Members Election Meeting at 1:30 PM at Oasis.

Nov. 27 Rancho Cordova Christmas tree lighting, SVLS
giving rides with our Train & Track (Helpers needed
for setup, running, & take down)

Dec. 3 - 4 Santa Train Experience - have your picture taken
with Santa. 11 AM to 3 PM

Dec. 10 - 11 Santa Train Experience - have your picture taken
with Santa. 11 AM to 3 PM

Dec. 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.

Dec. 17 Members Annual Christmas Dinner.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

A **members only area** has been set up 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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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

Welcome New Members:

*Bruce & Carol Runner, Roseville CA
Mike & Sue Piscatella, Grass Valley, CA
Vern & Jeanette Gumbert, Portland, OR
Jim & Susan Moore, Cottonwood, CA*



DUES ARE DUE BY JAN 1, 2017

Please complete your membership form noting changes. You can download forms at svlsrm.org. Send check or pay on-line at: www.svlsrm.org/membership.php
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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Safety Chairman Report

by Marty Carapiet

Considering the rain we had this year at the Fall Meet we had a pretty good turn out on Saturday with no safety issues to report. The new check out system for the club equipment was a success and seemed to work well. Thank you Steve Perry and Peter Welch for helping out.



I would to thank the greeters: Dick Patton, Ron King, Jim Welch, Keith Berry, and Butch Floyd for all the help, we appreciate you members stepping up!

Safety for the month:

3.04 Safety Chains

All trains running are required to have steel safety chains or cable (1/8" minimum thickness) connecting the locomotive and any car behind the engine, whether occupied or not. Draw bars are acceptable in place of chains or cables.



Treasurer & Librarian

By Alison Berry

Now that Andy Berchielli has custom built bookcases in (Milon's) caboose, we are getting ready to organize and categorize the boxes of books that have been donated over

the years. I will lead this project and will start after the first of the year. There is still a lot to be done in the caboose before we are ready to shelve books including adding electricity for lights and hopefully a unit to heat and cool. The tentative completion date is the 2017 Spring Meet. Looks for updates each month in the newsletter.



Installing club roundhouse that was donated by Rod Danley. Edwin Yungling is climbing the roof panel.

photo courtesy of Donald Yungling

Train Masters Report

By Peter Welch



The progress on the 0-4-0 is going good. Dennis G and I have outfitted it with a electronic water pump and a injector to make sure we are getting plenty of water into the boiler. I would like to thank Evan Quinta for his awesome service helping re-tube and reweld the boiler. It's members like him who help keep this club up and running. We look forward to seeing everyone on our last few run days of the year.



October Minutes summaries By Chris Donhost, Secretary

Board Meeting 10/10/2016

- SVLS will not be participating at IRF this year. Several members expressed interest in participating at IRF in 2017 with a static display, if it isn't possible to bring the portable track.
- Andy has completed installation of the library cabinets. Alison Berry offered to lead the committee to organize the library inside the SP caboose.
- Park survey crew met with Dennis Gramith. They will begin shortly, no timeline to completion.
- The Pumpkin Run will be revisited in 2017.
- Dennis G. will explore the possibility of adding another track on the right side of the boxcar.
- Board considering replacement of UP 649, Chris to bring back information in November.
- Motions approved that restrict direction of traffic to single-direction pattern (no crossover use permitted) in normal eastbound direction only during all public and charter (party) runs.
- Motion approved to require notification to membership at least 30 days in advance of a change in operating direction (to Westbound) during a meet, or on a member run day.
- Next board meeting Nov. 14th at Rancho Cordova City Hall at 6:30pm

General Meeting 10/14/2016

- The nominating committee presented the following slate:
 - Vice President- Dennis Gramith
 - Treasurer- Alison Berry
 - Yardmaster- Rob Sharratt
 - Track Superintendent- Dennis Bowie
 - Director at Large #1- Steve Perry
- Nominations were solicited from the floor, none were presented.
- Next general meeting is November 19th at the track at 1:30pm

FOR SALE

Two RRSC 6 wheel pullman commonwealth 1/8 scale trucks - reconditioned. The pair \$2000 or best offer.
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10 Years ago: The 1st Trainmen Auxiliary Meeting will be held on **Nov. 18th**, 2006 at the caboose from 12 pm. to 2 pm. If you have a mature youth that would love to learn some great things about the railroad bring them out. Also I am looking for anyone who would be willing to share some of there knowledge with our trainmen. It can be about anything to do with railroading.

20 Years ago: Everyone seemed to have a good time at the Fall Meet. The dinner went very well. We decorated for Halloween and the public seemed to enjoy seeing the decorations as they rode past. The "cemetery" seemed to be a big success.

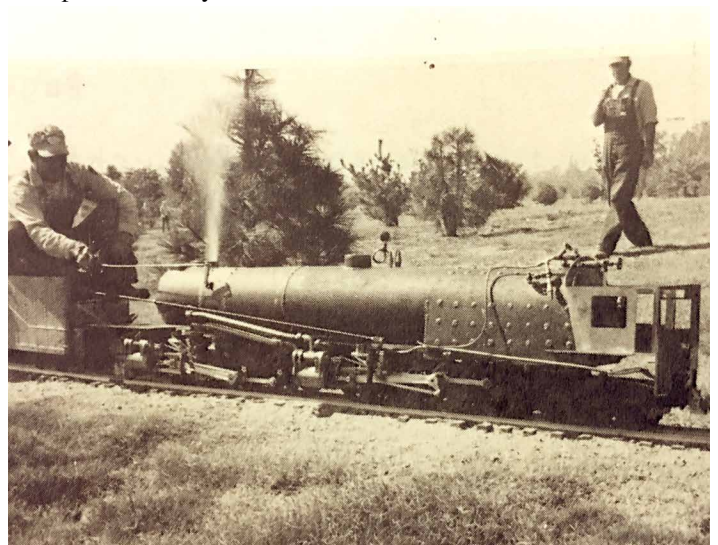
The rain on Friday helped to settle the dust but not dampen the spirits of those in attendance.

There were a lot of good things that were donated by a lot of you on the Raffle Table.

30 Years ago: The door committee, for the new box car, Ed Yungling and Earl McKenzie tell us that they have purchased some steel for the doors and are working up a design for installing them. When this project is completed, we will be able to transfer some car storage and other things to the box car. Remember it all takes time and effort to get it done.

Erich Quiring had a christening for his new diesel engine that he just completed. He obtained the prints from R. R. Supply corp. and then built it from the track up with few commercial parts. For a first time project and effort he did a splendid job.

40 Years ago: Barry Garland has resigned from KCRA, after 11 years, and began his new position with the Old Sacramento Railroad Museum on November 8th. Barry will be in charge of setting up exhibits for the Museum. We wish you success in your new position Barry.



1 st run - Ed Yungling's Cab forward