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I'd like to give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of the following people who helped out in the caboose during this Spring Meet. Gordon Moser (Shopping) Lisa Moser and her friend Jessica Bouchey who came in at 6:00AM to help start breakfast and stayed through lunch time.

Toy Yungling who chopped up all the condiments. Dennis & Heidi Bowie (Breakfast & Lunch Sat & Sun); Steve Milward (Helped cook & serve Breakfast, Lunch); Sarah & Breanna Lutrel (Friday sack lunches, punching tickets & bake sale); Alison Berry for baked beans; Kevin, Andrew Sach and Matt Hall (barbecuing); Christie Hall, Jeff & Beth Hickman and Julie Unruh (dishwashers); Paul & Kirstie Moser for helping Heidi serve dinner Saturday night. There is no way we could of pulled all of this off without you.

Barbara Moser, Caboose Chairperson.



June 3rd & 4th are public run days. Engineers, Conductors and Station Attendants will be needed so please come and help. Not qualified? Then come out get qualified or help with other activities.

Vice President's Report

By Dennis Gramith



This was by far the largest meet I have ever attended, even surpassing the 40th anniversary meet. While the official locomotive count is dubious, due to not enough helpers to make sure all locomotives were logged and tagged

at the unloading ramps, it appears that we had close to 80 locos on site. Over 170 members and guests registered. There were approximately 30 R.V.s, a couple of which had to park outside of the fence. All steaming bays and sidings were filled. There was a bit of excitement on Sunday when a large volume of smoke was discovered billowing out of the roundhouse door and roof vent. On closer approach, the squealing of slipping air compressor belts provided the answer. At first, we feared the compressor had frozen up, but quickly found it to be free, and only the belts were burned thru due to not being tight enough. Many thanks to Don Yungling and Craig Craddock who went to Emigh Hardware and acquired the largest B belts they had in stock. Even though the belts were 6" shorter than the crispy originals, Don and Craig were able to reposition the motor and install the belts averting the potential crises. Luckily, at the time of the air system problem, almost all of the steamers were already steamed up and out on the track. Over all, I feel the meet was a roaring success. Many people came forward with high praise for the track, the facility, and our club as a whole. While there was a shortage of volunteers willing to work, those few that did the jobs, went far beyond expectations to make the meet the success that it was.

Train Masters Report

By Peter Welch



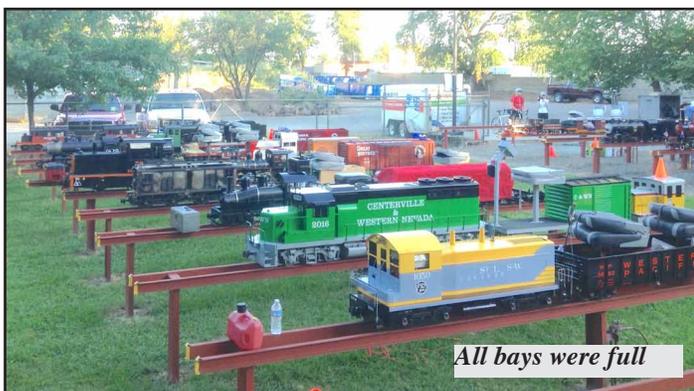
The 1973 steamed up for the first time this year and is running a lot better. It still needs a little bit of work good.

Special thank to Donald Yungling for making us some valve gear parts and Dennis Gramith for letting me use his machining equipment.

Everyone previously certified to run the club steamers needs to be rechecked on the club steamer. Please contact me so we can set up recertification class for firing and running the 1973.



Steve Milward and Kevin Sach working the BBQ



All bays were full

SVLSRM Calendar

- June 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 June 4 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 June 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 June 18 Fathers day (Sunday) to run his train - Members run
 day, Pot luck lunch, run your train all day.
 June 24,25 Portola Valley invite. Contact Andy Berchielli.
- July 3 4th celebration Hagan Park - Rides 4 PM to 8 PM
 July 4 4th celebration Hagan Park - Rides 4 PM to 8 PM
 July 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 July 15 Members work & run day - Pot luck lunch, work in
 AM, run your train in afternoon. ** reverse running

Dates to reserve on your 2017 calendar:

Fall meet Oct. 20, 21, & 22

Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 16th.

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 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.

Have a neighbor or a friend who has an interest in Live Steam / Trains? Bring them out, show them our fun, give them a ride and invite them to join.

The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. is organized and operated exclusively for public benefit charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

Welcome to New Members

James Hughes

River, Andrew

Brian Parry

Amy Diab, Lily

Hawley Maclean

Jill Severy, Harris, Will

David Wakefiled

Trudy, Emma, Rees, Clare

Erin Lytle

Robbie Virden



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlsrm.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.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



President's Report

By Heidi Bowie

I've heard that Spring Meet 2017 surpassed the 40th anniversary event in terms of attendance. The steaming bays, sidings, parking lot, and RV spaces were bursting at the seams. Even though the heat was

blistering, people kept their cool and the trains kept on running. The absolute truth is that the meets would never happen without the dedicated people on the board, elected and appointed, all volunteers spending a lot of time planning, preparing, and prepping...even before the event gets started. So thank you to my entire board for putting together an impressive Spring Meet. Since we are all volunteers, and things just don't get done by themselves, it's incredibly important that not every moment is spent playing trains. The rest of my "thank yous" is a list of awesome people that I watched put in their time and effort to get things done. No names, because I know I'll miss someone, but I'm sure you will recognize yourself and I hope that you'll feel appreciated.

Thank you to: the group who came in early to get final track and facility projects done; the set up crew who got all the tents, tables, coolers, etc. out and ready; the people who shopped for, prepared, cooked, and served the meals; the people who scrubbed all the dishes and those who made additional runs to the store for necessary items; the people who punched the meal tickets, the G-Scale Live Steamers who set up their table and ran their engines for everyone's enjoyment; the small group of dedicated people who practically lived in the Registration tent, getting everyone checked in and doing the vast majority of money transactions; the people who kept the bathrooms clean, the trash cans from overflowing, and the recycling cans available; the people who fixed the club engines when things stopped working, repaired track and siding issues, and dropped everything to get the compressor back up and running; the people who helped others get their trains unloaded and loaded; the people who covered the snack bar; the people who stepped up at the end of a long weekend to get everything cleaned up and put away; all the younger members who spent some of their time helping wherever they were needed; the people who were still finding ways to help on the Monday following the meet. Since nothing is ever perfect, the June board meeting will have time devoted to the things that went well, the things that could be improved, and the things that need to be completely revamped. I thank my board in advance for what's to come but don't worry, we'll keep it to two hours!



*Memorial Service for Anne Sach
June 17th at 3:30 PM*

*7th Day Adventist Church
914 Cirby Way
Roseville, California*



Party & Events Chairperson

By Andy Berchielli

Special Event: For the second year in a row we have been invited to attend a private meet to Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad along with GGLS. This private meet will be held on June 24 & 25. The RR is located in the beautiful hills of Portola Valley above Palo Alto. This hilly railroad is very scenic and they have been undertaking some major projects to extend the RR. Make plans to attend this special weekend. If you wish to attend please contact me so I can add you to the list. It is a guarded entrance and they will be checking names. There are a few RV spots available. Thanks!



May Run Day Helpers

Barbara & Gordon Moser, Dennis Gramith, Peter Welch, Ed Zeis, Harry Voss, Dale Dennis, Andrew & Kevin Sach, Andrew Meret, Richard, Amy, Sarah, Breanna Lutrel & guests, Don Yungling, John Bailey, Colton Snell, Victor Owens, Bill Floyd, Dick Weitzenberg, Tylor, Ryan & Tommy Vellanoweth, Robert & Wendy Forren with their church youth group.



The Ridgecrest track gang provided SVLS with needed help prior to the start of the meet in removing the lead into the siding at the station. Thanks to Gary Taylor, Louie Fields, Mike Reeves, George Pruitt, and Robert Butler (the Ridgecrest gang). Also thanks to Darrell Gomes for his efforts recruiting the Ridgecrest gang along with Dennis Gramith and Richard Lutrel.

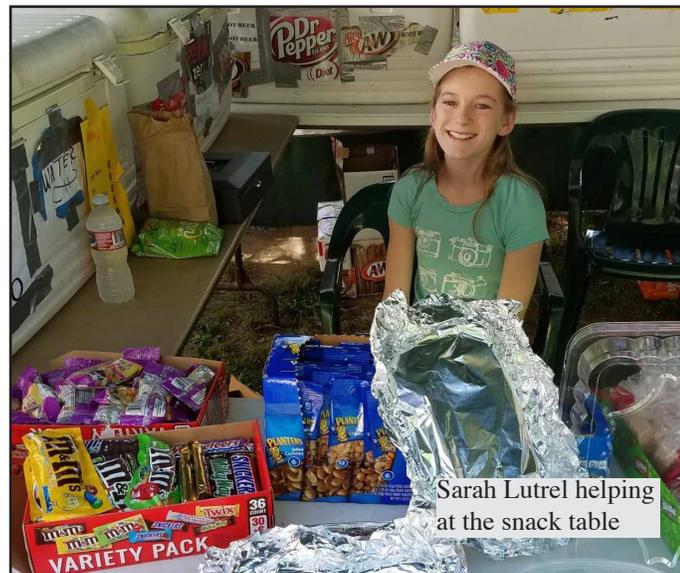




Spring meet photos thanks to Robert Forren, Andy Berchielli, Alison Berry, Barbara Moser, & Bill Yoder. Please see many more photos of Spring meet on our web site: [svlsrcm.org](http://www.svlsrcm.org) and a video of trains along our scenic route.

http://www.svlsrcm.org/Meet_Photos.php

<http://www.svlsrcm.org/Video.php>



Sarah Lutrel helping at the snack table



Food line, must be good eats



Toy Yungling busy in caboose







10 Years ago: Tuesday work day arrived and the crew was in place as usual. Paul Skidmore was on the mower, Lois was in the kitchen fixing lunch, Clio was scheduling Special Run Days (a call came in and someone drove in!), Vern was on the gator getting rid of trash, Darrell and Jim Colby were fixing heat expanded aluminum rails, and Pete was placing block for the wall next to the new coming container. In fact, it should not be long before the new container shows up. This will provide additional storage, probably for trains, and will free up some of the space in the box car. In addition, park people are meeting as I write this article, and there is a chance the parking area we use will be paved with asphalt soon. The original plan was to pave the area up to the gates to the electrical equipment, but in conversation with Lee Frechette, we have agreed the area should include up to the back corner just outside the fence where the cat feeding stations are located. The final answer is pending. Stay tuned. Also, we could use your help on our work days. Come out every Tuesday and our next Saturday work day is June 16. As indicated above, we have jobs for your talents.

20 Years ago: Shortly after the Spring Meet we of SVLS have another event. The annual Rail Festival in Old Sacramento will be held on Father's Day weekend, June 13, 14 & 15. We will need help to operate our portable track railroad during the three days of this event from 10 am - 5 pm. This is one of our big money makers of the year that helps pay the bills for SVLS. If you can join us and help make this a successful endeavor please call me so that I may establish a work schedule. Hopefully so that no one is over worked. I also need to know who will be participating in advance so that I can arrange for parking passes and admission badges. Your participation and help would be greatly appreciated.

30 Years ago: Don't forget the July 4th family day. Come one and all - invite your family and friends bring your picnic - Have a barbeque, Ride the trains - and watch the terrific fireworks display - a good time is had by all.

40 Years ago: "Puffs of Smoke" Our Spring Meet is but a memory now and a very successful meet due to the efforts of many. All the hard work on the hydraulic lift, fence, shelter and grounds (track too) really paid off. We now have a much better facility and with more definite goals in mind we can have a still better facility.

A real deal of praise has been heard about the terrific job the Sheriffs young Law Enforcement group did for us and we hope they will come and lend a hand again. Thank You.

The fellows that ran the trains deserve our thanks too. It isn't all fun and games when you are dealing with a large crowd of eager, impatient passengers.

FOR SALE

You can be on the rails in steam for only \$5000/offer. I am offering my complete, RTR train consisting of a 7.5" gauge INVICTA locomotive, tender, engineer riding car, and tool car. Loco has a propane fired steel boiler with copper tubes, axle driven feed pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender as well as a axle driven mechanical lubricator. The engine is a twin cylinder double acting with a bore and stroke of 1" x 2.2" There are hand operated mechanical brakes on the engineer's riding car. Tools for firing up and change out the propane tank, lubrication bottles, foot peg bar for tool car and misc. fittings.

Contact Bill Cody at 775-674-6512, cell 775-233-1429 or Email tosteamboatbill@sbcglobal.net
Engine is located in Reno, Nevada and can be delivered for a fee. To see and hear a video on the engine being fired and run on the bench, click on this [Video link](#)

Two RRSC 6 wheel pullman commonwealth 1/8 scale trucks - reconditioned. The pair \$2000 or best offer.
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Call: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154



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



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.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.02.09 Mode of Seating

Passengers must remain seated, straddling seat, and facing forward, on the cars at all times, unless directed to do otherwise, until the train returns to the station. Arms and legs must be kept inside the cars at all times while the train is in motion.

3.07 Water Pumps and Injectors

All steam locomotives shall have at least two devices for transmitting water to the boiler. At least one of these devices shall be operable when the locomotive is not in motion.

4.01.05 Responsibilities of the Engineer

The Engineer is responsible for the safe handling of the train and the cars at all times. They must be in close cooperation with all other operating personnel, observing all rules and signals (whistles, hand, flag or light) given by the conductor and stationmaster. They must run their engine in conformance with SVLSRM safety rules at all times. They must see that any SVLSRM equipment used by them is returned to its proper storage space at the end of their run, unless another engineer takes over the responsibility of such equipment.

May Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- SVLSRM will be moving forward with pumpkin run this year; Heidi & Gordon will be making arrangements to reserve pumpkins to purchase for the event. Event discussion in June.
- Eagle Scout is interested in doing his Eagle Project at SVLSRM. Dennis Bowie to coordinate.
- Ridership donations have significantly increased since the suggested donation sign was posted.
- The old lift is still an issue that has yet to be resolved; functionality at the meet is questionable.
- The old landline in the caboose has been transferred to a cell phone; will be forwarded to Google Voice shortly, and landline will be abandoned.
- Rancho Cordova Rotary's "Hometown Hero Grant" will be awarded to SVLSRM at their meeting on May 16th. Ken Willes, Terry Willes, and Chris Donhost will go to accept the \$3500 check. Chris will also give program to the Rotarians on the latest happenings at SVLSRM.
- SP Caboose was broken into- new security measures were discussed.
- Heidi will pursue an opportunity to get new trees donated by Green Acres Nursery.
- When kids misbehave on the train during a private party, should they be removed from the train per our usual protocol? More discussion to come during the June board meeting, join us at Rancho Cordova City Hall on Monday, June 12th at 6:30 pm.