

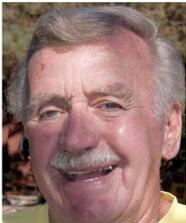
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Vice President's Report

By Dennis Gramith

We have found the electric gate standing open three times in the last three weeks. If you are the last one out that gate, please stop outside and wait for the gate to fully close and then wait an additional 10 seconds or so, to be sure it does not reverse and reopen after hitting a rock or other obstruction. On Tuesday 8/22, the mower shed door was found standing open. The lock was found inside in the standard location, so a break-in was not indicated, rather it was left open Saturday night.

We have received the go-ahead from the City to install our new shipping container. It is scheduled for delivery on Wednesday 8/23. We will be putting out the call for help to all hands to assist with relocating and installing all three containers in the near future. Please pitch in and help.

Peter Welch, Trainmaster, is working on completing the three steel riding cars started and donated by Ed Yungling. The tentative plan is to give them the appearance of streamlined passenger cars rather than more bulkhead flats.



Party & Events Chairperson

By Andy Berchielli

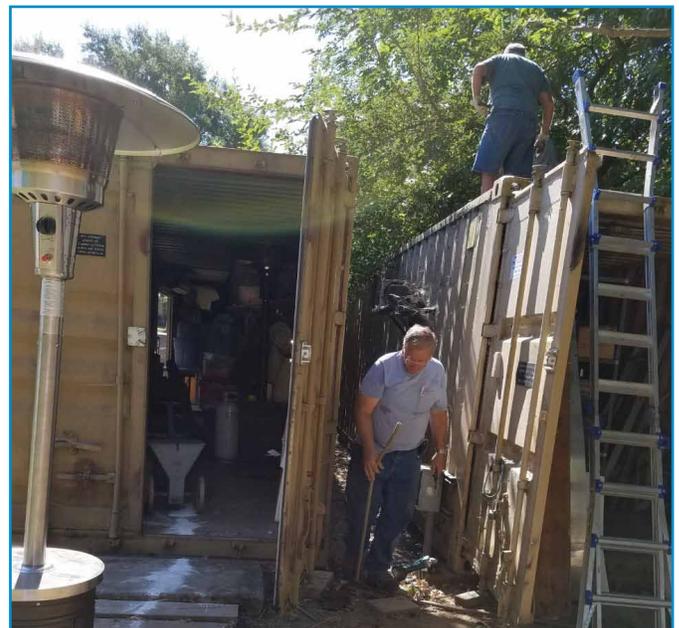
So far through August we have hosted 18 parties with 24 members helping out. I appreciate all the members that have stepped up to support the club with this valuable income. It also promotes our club. I can't tell you how many of the party guests have never heard about us. Thanks to our friendly volunteers we get these families to come back out and enjoy our public runs and special events. With that being said, I have 8 more parties scheduled so far for the rest of our run season. So let me know if you would like to help out.



New container arriving at SVLSRM. Final placement after new footings are made for all three containers.



The Red Barn by our Station is having a fund raiser On September 30. We plan to run one public train that day and will make a donation to the Red Barn Fund from our donations. We will be running from 11-2. There is also a large party (2 trains) from 11:30-2:30 that day so we will be needing crews to handle both events.



Cleanup work being done so containers 1 & 2 can be moved. New footings to be done so all three containers are moved back along the back fence.

SVLSRM Calendar

Sept. 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Sept. 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Sept. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Sept. 16 Members Work & Run Day.
 Sept. 30 Special Public Run for Red Barn - 11 AM - 2 PM

Oct. 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Oct. 8 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Oct. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Oct. 20, 21, & 22 Fall Meet

Dates to reserve on your 2017 calendar:
 Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 16th.

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

**BEFORE
 YOU
 COMPLAIN...**

**...HAVE YOU
 VOLUNTEERED
 YET?**

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.

Donors may deduct contributions to The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. to the fullest extent allowed by law as provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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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.

SALE



Have something to sell, send photos, & description to SVLSRM editor. (editor@svlsrm.org)



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

August Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- SP Caboose yard has been designed, needs to be put into an FCR for approval.
- Nominating committee formed for upcoming elections. Positions to be filled are President, Secretary, Trainmaster, and Director #2.
- Review of public run: high number of riders, low number of train crew.
- Fall Meet planning commenced, motorhome parking will be addressed.
- Measure H fund request has been resubmitted to finish irrigation project.
- Hometown Hero Grant: ran into zoning snag, but Dennis G. pursued support through proper channels. The city and park have both approved new container.
- Club will be purchasing trucks from Ed Youngling. Ed has also donated three riding cars to the club that still need some finish work.
- Rolling gate has been left open several times, looking into possible mechanical issue.
- Decomposed granite will be purchased for the station and memorial areas.
- Peter is purchasing a rolling tool box and set of tools for the club steamers.
- Board addressed disciplinary issue with a member.



Cindy & Les Wilmunder



Dillon Post pulling members



Evan Guinta with his Grandpa Mike Keiser



Hot August Run potluck dinner

Hot August Run

- Kevin & Andrew Sach
- Alison Berry
- Colton Snell
- Paul & Erich Quiring
- Evan Guinta
- Mike Keiser
- Marshall Goodloe
- Steve & Vickie Milward
- Matt, Wyatt, Abby Thomas
- Gordon & Barbara Moser
- Cindy & Les Wilmunder
- Bill & Butch Floyd
- Richard, Amy, Sarah, Brianna Lutrel
- Andy Berchielli
- Dennis Gramith
- Hao, Anna, Kyle, Kaden Chen
- Marshall & Dillon Post
- Janet Lee
- Chris, Evelyn, Paul, Eli Donhost
- Paul & Kirstie Moser
- Rob, Tammy, Alexis, Cody Sharratt
- John, Allee, Jade, Stella, Manley
- Peter Welch



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

Crew list for August Public Run Days & Guests.

Frank Bartholomew - Mariposa, Andy Berchielli, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Dennis, Heidi, & Ryan Bowie, Harry Voss, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Robert Forren, Dennis Gramith, Bill & Butch Floyd, Dale Dennis, Alison Berry, Paul Skidmore & friend, Steve Milward, Richard Weitzenberg, Colton Snell, Don Yungling, Keith Berry, Jaimie Thorley & friend Troy, Ashley Thorley (Milons great granddaughter)



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.02.14 Property of SVLSRM Material and Equipment

All SVLSRM owned material and equipment is for use of members and guests at the SVLSRM facility ONLY, and shall not be removed from the facility without specific

permission from the Board of Directors. This includes treated or distilled water, fuel, cars, locomotive, tools, material, etc.

3.11 Boiler Inspection

All steam boilers operated at the SVLSRM facility shall carry a current boiler inspection tag, or permit. This tag or permit shall state the hydrostatic test pressure, the maximum operating pressure and the safety valve settings. The SVLSRM will accept valid current boiler inspection tag or permit issued by recognized Live Steam Clubs for operation of steam locomotives and equipment on the SVLSRM facilities.

4.09 Separation of Trains

Any engine following another train must keep at least seventy-five (75) feet behind the train ahead. When entering mainline, yielded to mainline traffic.

5.01.07 Passenger Train equipment

Each public passenger train shall be equipped with proper documentation materials i.e.; clip board, Conductor report, incident/accident forms, operable writing pen, whistle, two way radio, red flag, and current rules book.

 October 7 & 8 are our last two public run days this year Please come out and help. Also don't forget to volunteer at the Fall Meet as we need many members helping.



Frank Bartholomew



Jaimie Thorley & friend Troy
Ashley Thorley (Milons) great grand daughter



Paul, Eli Donhost with Colton Snell checking oil in the UP



10 Years ago: In keeping with member approved by-laws and approved new name, our logo has been modified to add the words "Railroad Museum" within the oval we have used for many years. Consideration was given to a design adding the words outside the oval, but the design submitted by Bill Yoder to simply add the two words inside the oval at the bottom was approved. You will notice little difference but we now have a

correct logo.

20 Years ago: from the 8/15/97 general membership meeting This was our Hot August Nights meeting. We had a lot of members show up for the pot luck/meeting. Keith gave an update on the club steam engine. He asked that John Haines be allowed to continue with the repairs, which are quite extensive. Those present voted for the arrangement. We were going to do some night running after the meeting and dinner, but the weather turned on us. The wind started blowing quite hard and was quite chilly. Consequently everybody headed for home and heat early. It turned out not to be HOT after all.

Thanks to the visit from Mountain Car Company, the RS3 Engineers car now has new trucks and brakes. The old trucks have been returned to Mountain Car. New gearing and chain has been put on the 649 UP engine. Sure does run better.

30 Years ago: Cal-Expo 1987 is now a thing of the past! Thanks to the dedication of many, many hard working members, your club has, in the opinion of this month's guest editor accomplished exactly what we set out to do. We have made a tremendous jump ahead in spreading publicity, not only for the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, but for the hobby in general and we earned a "few bucks" for use on club projects.

We had many new visitors at our first run day after our exhibit at the State Fair. We feel very confident that we will probably gain some new members also.

40 Years ago: At the Sacramento Railway Museum Aug. 13th & 14th, SVLS was represented by Ed and David Yungling, Don Sprenger and Dick & Lori Esselbach running (stationary), Milon Thorley's 4-4-0 American and talking to the public. Sunday saw Al & Mary Shelley with their 4-4-2 running stationary and on display was their yet unfinished caboose, Bill & Kay Fisher's logging-fuel supply car and the Esselbachs all talking to the people about the SVLS and railroads in general. This kind of publicity is great for the club and it also serves a need to the sponsoring party.

SVLS GETS a RELIEF STATION!!! The most often heard wish of SVLS members and guest was granted this week-end and we owe our thanks to Tom Anderson, Austin Knoff, Mary Knoff and Don Sprenger who worked so hard to build it. Our new chemical toilet is no doubt one of the most appreciated additions this year.

Fall Meet information:

In preparation for the upcoming Fall 2017 Meet, we are taking reservations for steaming bays, sidings and RV parking. Please contact the club by calling (916) 361-7140 and leaving a voice mail, or sending an email to director_wilde@svlsrm.org

For steaming bay and siding reservations, please include the (1) length of your train/locomotive, (2) gauge, (3) amenities needed (air, power, water, etc.) and (4) if you have a preferred location. Please also include in your request if you need more than one space (steaming bay plus a siding for cars). We will have your bay/siding reserved for the meet so it doesn't accidentally get occupied by another train.

For RV/trailer parking, please include (1) the length of your RV/trailer, (2) amenities needed and (3) if you have a preferred location. We will have all the spaces marked ahead of time. This way you won't have to worry about getting a spot if you are traveling from out of town or can't get off work early.

We hope to get a good system worked out so that when the Spring Meet rolls around next year we are prepared.

Alex Wilde



Editor request: This is your newsletter. I am sure you would like to see more news and train related information. I welcome any and all articles and news from the members. Please contact me if you have anything to add to the SPIKE. Deadline is the 24th of the month.

Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell? Then give the editor a call/email and we'll take pictures for a feature. Bill Yoder - Editor



November elections:

Would you like to serve SVLSRM and be a part of our decision making team? We're looking for Board of Directors nominees for this November's elections. Four of the nine Board positions are up for election this year: President, Secretary, Trainmaster, and Director #2.



The Nominating Committee is looking for dedicated individuals who would like to contribute to our organization in a meaningful way. We would like to have at least two names for every position. This is your opportunity to put into play your ideas and leadership skills for SVLSRM. Contact a board member to offer your talents for our election.

FOR SALE

Little Engines 4-4-0 AMERICAN Train.

Locomotive, 2 flat cars, bobber caboose. Locomotive is the S.V.L.S. Gold Spike Ceremony (both gold spike events) locomotive Built by Milon Thorley while on duty in Republic of South Viet Nam Coal burner, axle pump, tender hand pump, copper boiler, oil burning headlight Great steam project- short project list - ex. 2nd safety reqd. - reseal tender tank- axle pump rod cap missing Big enough for most to operate- small enough for easy transport. \$4900 Keith Berry- 530-642-0742

6" mill vise and swivel

base. It is in relatively good condition with only a couple of small holes drilled into the base. There are some wear marks on the hard jaws from rubbing end mills. There doesn't appear to be a tag as to the origin. I suspect this is a Taiwanese knockoff of the Kurt vise. I haven't used the swivel base in at least 25 years. There are keys in the bottom the vise that gets you within a couple of thousandths of an inch so aligning the vise to the table goes pretty quickly. My biggest complaint with this vise is the ends are not square to the faces on the hard jaws. Replacing the hard jaws might be a good idea for maximum accuracy. There is a hole drilled and tapped 1/2-13 in the top of the fixed jaw. This allowed clamps to help hold down odd shaped parts that the jaws couldn't do by themselves.

Asking \$100.00 Donald Yunling 916-482-6129

Email: tmy1@att.net



Trolley for Sale. Price \$1500 OBO, plus engine stand for sale.
Call: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154

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.
Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

0-4-2 Chloe project. \$5000 or best offer



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