

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

Hi everyone! I'm excited to take over leadership for the club. As many of you know, I like to take on a project and finish it as soon as possible. With that being said, the club has many projects to get done before March. Work days are planned every weekend (Saturday & Sunday) starting at 9ish. We have 16 days (if it doesn't rain) to accomplish these tasks. Hopefully every member can make at least one of those days.

First up is to set railroad ties around SP Caboose as a retaining wall so construction of a new yard can begin. The plan is to add three sidings along the caboose with plug ins for electric. At the same time we will be replacing the mainline between the two Oasis switches and the mainline curve by quarry to accommodate the new yard.

Another task needed for these work days is to rake up leaves. The sheriff work crew is coming on January 7 to get most of this done for us but we will need to pick up what they don't get to.

We will also be organizing the SP Caboose library and the sea containers. The plan for the containers is to move the tractor, trencher and Gator into container #3. Container #1+2 will get new shelves for better organization. And container #4 will eventually store the work train and tools needed for such task.

There is always a need for help. Pay attention to your e-mail. Alex Wilde will send out Sign up Genius for volunteer help. Signing up will give us a good idea who is coming out that weekend. As for me, I'll be there on Sundays. If you need to reach me I'm the easiest person to get a hold of. Text, e-mail or just call.



Train Masters Report

By Peter Welch

The lubricator for the 1973 is being rebuilt with all new check valves so we can stop the problem of it back-feeding water.

The GP38 trucks have been rebuilt and are going to be installed soon.

Please make sure when you put the diesels away, the engineer's car is shut and the locomotive is plugged in.

NEW YEARS DAY 2018



Let's start the New Year with a lot of steam, or smelly diesel and bring out your locomotive, rolling stock and enjoy a members run day on **January 1, 2018.**

Bring food to share (potluck) for lunch.



Mark your calendar for Monday January 1. Running starts at 10 AM and lunch about 1 PM. Ring in the New Year's Day behind your equipment and with fellow railroad members.



I would like to thank all the SVLS members who helped me, Barbara Moser in the caboose, and everyone who donated cookies for the Santa Train. Because of your donated cookies, our Santa Train was a big success.

A special **Thank You** to Lisa Moser and her friends Jael Rivera and Jessica Bouchey for volunteering and processing the photos taken with Santa.



To the volunteers whom made the Santa event a great success, by proving your time, setting up everything, running your engine and club engines, being conductors, engineers, and helping where help was needed. THANKS!

SVLSRM Calendar

Jan. 1 New Years annual Members run day & potluck lunch.
Please bring food to share and enjoy the day.

Jan. 6-7 Members Work days

Jan. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.

Jan. 13 - 14 Members Work days

Jan. 20 - 21 Members Work days

Jan. 27 - 28 Members Work days

Feb. 3 - 4 Members Work day

Feb. 10 - 11 Members Work day

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

Feb. 17 - 18 Members Work day

Feb. 24 - 25 Members Work day

Dates to reserve on your calendar:
Pacific Regional Meet May 18, 19, & 20
Fall meet Oct. 19, 20, & 21
Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. (tbd)

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.

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs



DUES ARE DUE JAN 1, 2018

Please complete your membership form. You can download forms at svlsrm.org. Send check or pay on-line at:

www.svlsrm.org/membership.php

Send forms & check to: SVLSRM P.O. Box 273
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

THANKS



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

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

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



2017 Santa Train Event volunteers, Thanks all!







10 Years ago: New Year's Day brought us together for our annual run day of steam and diesel trains and a great pot luck lunch. Weather was good and all had a good time.

A number of board and general members are traveling to Maricopa Live Steamers for their 2008 Winterfest Card Order meet January 16th through the 20th.



Terry & Ken Willes were enjoying the New Years day.

20 Years ago: Another New Year is upon us and we have a new crew at the helm. (At least a partial new crew.) They deserve all the help they can get from the membership to lead this mixed consist down the track. This past year we accomplished much for the good of the organization. Much of it done with few hands. Helping hands were a bit sparse this past year, but we survived. Your board cannot do it alone. They need your help. So come on out on workdays and let's make this a banner year!
MILON THORLEY - VICEPRESIDENT

30 Years ago: On Wednesday morning, Dec. 30, 1987, a major theft was discovered by Vince Barto who came out to work on the track along the back stretch. Vince had planned to continue his project of replacing ties along the back stright-a-way. To his great shock and dismay, Vince discovered that a stretch of track 300' long was missing. It had apparently been removed with the aid of a chain or cable attached to a four-wheel drive small pickup. The ties were all that remained. In addition to the 300' of duel gauge track, approximately 90' of one rail was missing from the north end with another 80' of one rail pulled out of the south end of the damaged area. The low-lifes also removed brand new rail from four newly constructed track sections stored in the steaming bay area. All together approximately 1,200' of rail was stolen. The Sheriff's office was notified as well as places that might buy scrap aluminum which once was our track. A decision was made to appeal to the media for publicity in an attempt to help prevent any additional thefts. The response was great. The two Sacramento papers both ran articles the next morning. At least four radio stations picked up the article. The three major T.V. channels all mentioned it on the morning news, with Channel 3 showing Ed Yungling's Cab-Forward from old file tapes. All three channels had film of the damage on the evening news. As of this writing we have received several donations from people in the area who want to help get us back in operation, as well as from some of our members.

40 Years ago: New Year's Day Fun Run - The day was overcast but spirits were high and a god time was had by all. It was cool enough to show up every jet of steam and surround the engines with all the romance of those great steam days of yore. Happily we can live them again at SVLS. Dick Finn was first on the track as usual, with his 1" 4-8-4 and was soon joined by Al Shelley and his new 0-4-0 B&O switcher, unfinished, but running great and for the very first time out. No doubt about who owned it, for his name and address were sprawled the length of the unlagged boiler. The track became busy with Ed Yungling's cab forward, sporting new prototype trucks under the tender, Don Yungling's new industrial gas-electric, Darrell McWhirk's Pacific, Ken Spicer's Mike and Milon Thorley's American. Quite a few other members came, went or stayed the day and it was getting rather dark before we closed up shop, just beating the rain. There was trouble loading the Mallet when the hoist motor burned out and Ed Yungling and Son, Dave, had to turn the pump with a rope to lift the engine up. Many of the gang retired to the Esselbach's for dips and drinks and conversation and thus ended another fine New Year's run.. Wish everyone could have enjoyed it with us. So onward to an even better time next year.



I cannot forget to pay my dues. Life may be busy but supporting SVLSRM is needed, both monetary and with labor, many projects to be done this year.

Please send your 2018 dues **now!**
Send check or pay on-line at svlsrm.org.
Send forms to SVLSRM P.O. Box 273,
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

December Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- Alison is preparing to close out the books for 2017- send in all receipts
- Tie material has arrived in Minden, Steve Milward offered to pickup
- Huge thanks to Jim Greco who has been helping with tractor issues
- Debrief of the RC tree lighting and Santa Train events was conducted
- Santa Train committee meeting planned for March 25th (time & location TBD)
- Old Hydraulic hoist continues to be an issue: motion passed to spend up to \$350 to put the correct motor on the lift. Further diagnosis can be conducted thereafter.
- Dennis G. requested Ed Yungling for delivery of new trucks by end of February 2018
- Motion passed to extend Deanna's honorary membership one year
- Motion passed to spend up to \$700 for the purchase of shelving racks for container #2
- Motion passed to spend up to \$1000 for supplies to complete the electrical project taking power out to the SP Caboose.

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 to: steamboatbill@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



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



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.02.13 Proximity to Tracks

No one shall stand or walk within five (5) feet of any track, unless their duties require him to do so. It shall be the duty of any and all SVLSRM members to help keep the public at a safe distance from the tracks. Responsible photographers and persons with recording equipment may obtain permission to get closer to the moving trains under certain conditions.

3.02.01 Night Time Operations

All trains operating after sunset shall be equipped in the following manner:

1. Working headlight.
2. Lighted cab on steam engines.
3. Marker light or lantern on the rear of the last car.
4. Conductor/Brakemen shall have a lighted lantern or flashlight suitable for making hand signals.

4.16 SVLSRM owned Equipment

Any member wishing to use any SVLSRM owned rail equipment at the facility must make this request to the Trainmaster (Article IV, Section 11 of By-Laws). The member must report to the Trainmaster any damage or operational problems that occurred while in their care at the time of the equipment return. The member must return the equipment to the location from where it was issued.

5.01.03 Qualifications of Crew

Trains hauling General Public must be operated by qualified Engineers and Conductors who are members of SVLSRM.

All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession or on the train. (See Section 5.01.09)

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



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/E-mail and we'll take pictures for a feature. Bill Yoder - Editor



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