ELECTION MEETING

I would like to thank all of you folks who voted for me as I was reelected President for the next two years. Also elected was Keith Berry, again as Secretary, and Dave Mattox as Trainmaster. The Board Members continuing their terms are VP Pete Arney, Treasurer Lois Clifton, Track Superintendent Les Wilmunder, and Yardmaster Vern Geyer. All of us desire to do the best job possible. Be sure to speak with us if you have suggestions for things to improve or things to implement for the betterment of the organization.

You might like to know that the newly implemented voting procedure resulted in the most voters in the history of SVLS(RM). In this way we were able to have an outcome that represents the thinking of the majority of voting members. Thank you for getting on board and sending in your ballots. In addition, the business meeting (our annual corporate meeting) was the best attended in some time. I may have missed a couple, but I counted thirty-eight attendees. Refreshments were provided by Clio and Vern Geyer and were enjoyed by all (Thanks Clio & Vern). Several items were reviewed during the show-and-tell session, one of which was some SVLS historical information brought in by Red Hadler from the collection of the late respected member, Al Shelley.

DECEMBER MEETING

During the November Meeting, the upcoming December Pot-Luck Meeting was announced. It will be held on Friday, December 16th at 6:30 PM. (Notice the Rail Fair in Roseville. Many people enjoyed seeing our trains and taking a ride. We had great weather and a great turnout.

Several items were on display thanks to Ross. He had his engine a Pennsylvania B6 (0-4-0) and the SVLS Box car for our visitors to look at and understand what this hobby is all about. - Thanks Ross.

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CALENDAR

Dec  2 Board meeting
Dec  3 Santa Train - Noon to 4 PM
Call Lois Clifton (916) 722-8514
Dec  4 Santa Train - Noon to 4 PM
Dec 16 Annual POT LUCK  7 PM  Park building
Dec 17 Work Day
Dec 19 News letter deadline

Jan  1 New Year’s day run 10 AM and pot luck lunch
Bring your train and have a fun day.
Jan  6 Board meeting  7:00 PM
Jan 20 General Meeting - Park building  7:30 PM
Jan 21 Work day
Jan 23 News letter deadline

2006 public run day calendar available on-line.

Don’t forget about work days, every Tuesday and Saturday after meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLS web site (www.svls.org). There are always things to be done to support SVLS.

How will you support SVLS this month?

Please check the SVLS web site www.svls.org for current information on SVLS activities. Also visit Matt’s on-line diesel discussion group. www.groups.yahoo.com.

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Membership
Amy lutrel
It is time to renew your membership - Please fill out the membership form, attach money and mail - THANKS

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.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM
Thanks

From special events

Vern and Cleo,

Thank you for the fun train ride and our gifts. We all had a great time.

Sincerely,

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Cordova Meadows Elementary

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Eureka Admission Day Weekend

October 11, 2005

Mr. Joel Corbin
Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum
4400 Plantation Drive
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Dear Joel:

The Eureka Admission Day Weekend festival was a huge success in part because of you and the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum's participation. Simply put, we could not have done it without you!

You raised a lot of awareness about the Steamers and its activities. Please extend our thanks and appreciation to Pete Arney and all the others, who helped to set up the track and railroad equipment, as well as to staff your booth. It proved to be one of the most popular at the festival.

Visitors found the festival exciting, fun-filled, as well as educational because of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamer's participation. You helped us to link the past with the present for the official public opening of the Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park.

Thank you again for your contributions to the event's success.

Best regards,

Mary A. Heinrich
Interpretive Programs Manager
California State Parks
GETTING READY FOR SANTA
by Clio Geyer

With the Santa Run fast approaching, we were able to obtain the talents of a professional local artist to paint the canvas backdrop for the Santa area. Hopefully John has been given enough time to finish before the run date.

Pictures of work in progress below.

A very special THANK YOU!!!! goes to the following people that made Railfair 2005 possible.

Pete Arney                     Keith Berry
Lois CLifton                    Joel Corbin
Ross Crawford                Dale Dennis
Marilyn Drewes               Butch Floyd
Bill Floyd                        Lee Frechette
Jack Friedman                Clio Geyer
Vern Geyer                     Gail Gomes
Darrell Gomes                 Bill Yoder
Richard Lutrel                 Amy Lutrel
Red Hadler                      Milon Thorley
Kevin Sacks                    Ann Sacks
Les Wilmunder                Casey Wilmunder
Frank Presley                  Jason Van Horn & Friend

If I have missed anyone please excuse me. Thank you again for a great 2005 Rail Fair.

Paul Clifton
Rail Fair Chairperson

Got a web enabled cell phone?

Those with Web enabled phones now can check our web to view the Calendar, News, and Track status.

Set your phone browser or your provider’s web interface to the URL:
http://webphone.svls.org/

Have fun.

KGO weatherman Lloyd Lindsay Young and Marilyn Drewes’ niece Jennifer, which was taken at the meet. She is a college professor from Idaho. She saw Lloyd on TV in Idaho Falls when in Jr. High school and was excited to meet him many years later.
Long-time member Darrel McWhirk had a stroke several weeks ago. He is improving each day. He is currently doing rehab in a convalescent hospital and should be coming home in December and continue recovery. Please keep both Darrel and Anita in your prayers for his speedy recovery.

Everyone should know Darrel’s name, as he was the one who started the SVLS steam program with the no-strings attached donation of his ten wheeler to the club. Now SVLS 1973, the club steamer has always been a semi-“club engine.” When still painted as Rutland 70, Darrel would let many members run his engine to share the live steam experience. Kids were especially famous on his engine, as he would ride behind or on the tank car and let them run the 1800’ loop on passenger trains.

-- from Matthew Mason
time change). Since we will be in the middle of the holiday season, we will just have a party for members and their families. Bring a dish (salad, dessert, casserole, etc.), and the SVLSRM will provide a ham. No business will be conducted except for a couple of announcements. We would like you to do one additional thing, however, so we have a SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Bring a special show-and-tell item. This could be a part you are working on, an unusual tool (homemade or otherwise), pictures you shot of a railroad activity, a quilt you made, a family cookie recipe, a historical item with a story you can tell, etc. Anything you want to show to the members, and if you are shy, have someone tell the story for you. We have done this in the past with much interest and fun and hope we can do it again. The most important thing is to have you there, so come even if you can’t find a thing to bring.

NEW YEAR’S DAY MEMBER ONLY RUN

Once again we will try to have a special day for members, their families and invited guests. We will try to show up January 1, 2006 at 10:00 AM and run our trains as long as we want. No public rides, this is our way to ring in the New Year. So, if you have recovered from the night before, come out to the track with your trains and fellowship with other members who will do the same thing. Bring your own lunch since we have no idea how many will come and cannot plan food. Check the weather reports, it is often cold.

RAILFAIR SUMMARY

The International Railfair at the Roseville Fairgrounds went off with great success. A good group of members came to install our snap track, operate the railroad for the weekend and to remove the equipment at the end of the day Sunday. I will say thanks to Paul and Lois Clifton for coordinating the event and getting the crew together, and to everyone else. You know who you are and so do I. We rely on you and you came through again.

ONGOING PROJECTS

On Saturday, following the November meeting, I went to the track and reviewed the progress of things and what is needed. First, Vern Geyer is doing a fine job of seeing to it that the place is watered so grass, trees and plants will grow. Also, he has, for most of the year, worked with the Sheriff’s officer that comes to the park with a group of offenders. They mow our lawns, rake the facility, and do miscellaneous jobs for us. These guys even helped prepare for the Halloween Terror Train event. A special thing being done by one of the guys, working off his traffic penalty, is a mural being painted on a large backdrop canvas as his contribution to our Santa Run. Several members are preparing for the Santa Run as I write this message. Thanks to Lois Clifton, Clio Geyer, Marilyn Drewes and others for their efforts to get ready for this activity.

Secondly, Keith Berry has painted the restroom and at this writing is close to being done. I was there when the primer was being applied and our “Cat Lady” friend Diane said she thought the building was too visible since she did not notice the redwood color restroom, but with gray primer it was too obvious to her. BUT, the final color is Southern Pacific Railroad station yellow with brown trim. This color was researched in detail and was computer matched to the original. The first coat of yellow is on the restroom now and I am wondering if it has scared away Diane and the cats since reflections from the building illuminate the entire neighborhood. If anyone asks for the location of the restroom now, it will be easy to send them to the yellow building. Keith has done a great job with power washing, linseed oil, two primer coats, two yellow coats (so far), and finishing to come. Be sure to thank him for his efforts.

Following the November meeting, we were advised that a section of track near Oasis was torn up, possibly by someone driving over it. I was still at the track when Pete Arney showed up Saturday to inspect the damage. I offered to help, but, …he spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, unloaded some new ties; then turned with a jerk, and removing some worn track, everyone knows, and installed a new section not stopping to doze. Then he sprang to his loco and to his train gave a whistle, and went to the barn like a guided missile. But I heard him exclaim as he rolled out of sight, ….

“HAPPY CHRISTMAS RUNNING TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.”

….My wishes for you exactly.

Joel
10 Years ago: (Apr. 1995) “FROM THE CAB”
After a minor set back last month, I am pleased to report that the electrical hookup is complete. We are now operation on our new transformer. We are also operating our own independent air supply. We owe many thanks to Larry Davis for the donation of the compressor.
By the time you read this, we will have only five weeks remaining until the Spring Meet. We have a lot to do in very little time to ensure a successful event. I am therefor soliciting help from as many members as possible at the remaining work parties. Weather permitting, we gather every Tuesday until dark and there are people working most Saturdays. May and June are going to be busy months for us with our May Meet, The Rail Festival at the California State Railroad Museum, and our hosting of the Garden Railway Society at our Track.
If you can help with any of these endeavors, your Board and fellow members will appreciate it. Milon Thorley, President

20 Years ago: (Jan. 1985) “FROM THE CAB”
Now that the New Year is here, and the Holidays behind us it is time to stoke the fires, adjust the Johnson bar, and pull the throttle for the 1985 plans and projects. High on the list of priorities is the acquisition and placement of a Box Car for rolling stock storage. Before we can place the Box Car, we must move the coal pile. Before we move the coal pile, we must move the fence and build the new gates, which will also allow us to build a Maintenance shed for mowers, etc. and the leg bone connects to the ankle bone! The Bathroom project has made a definite step forward with a generous offer by new member, Vernon Guess, To help with the plans and required approvals. It seems that Vernon is a contractor and this is right up his track. While we are on the subject, of getting things moving, may I take this opportunity to remind you one and all that YOUR Club will need YOUR help to achieve even the smallest of goals in 1985. So please plan to lend a hand on some of the work day projects. You and your club will both gain from your attendance at work parties.

SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

115. No one under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or illegal drugs of any kind shall be allowed to ride on any train.

216. Trainmen should use hand signals whenever practical. Several trainmen in the same area using whistles can easily be mistaken for one another. The use of hand signals makes it necessary for the engineer to see the signal intended for him, eliminating possible error and danger of mistaking another trainman’s whistle for that of his own trainman.

Hand signals may be given with the hand, flag or light, as follows:
A. “STOP” . . . swing at arm’s length down from the shoulders across the track; any object waved violently on or near the track.
B. “PROCEED” . . . Raised and lowered vertically
C. “BACK UP” . . . Swung vertically in circles across the track.
D. “REDUCE SPEED” . . . Arms held horizontally with slight motion of hand

30 Years ago:
If you’d like to exchange personal Holiday Greetings with your fellow railroaders there’s no better time than the December meeting, Friday the 19th. Come and enjoy a fine program of sound movies taken by Barry Garland, Ed Yungling and Ken Yeo over a considerable period of time of the 4449. Also another exciting chapter of “Hurricane Express”. You’ll also have a chance to win a fine door prize and partake of refreshments and conversation with our happy group.
New Year’s Day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will find trails of smoke and steam hanging over the tracks; maybe some frosty breath, too, but there’s always a hot boiler to warm you hands over and there’ll be hot coffee and donuts. You’ll have to bring your own lunch. See you there.

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To be filled out upon application for membership and/or membership renewal

☐ NEW      ☐ RENEWAL   DATE: ______________

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: ☐ INDIVIDUAL
                              ☐ FAMILY
                              ☐ ASSOCIATE

Your Name: _________________________________________________________________ Birthdate: __________

Spouse’s Name: _____________________________________________________________ Birthdate: __________

Children living at home (names and birthdate):

__________________________________    ____________      __________________________________    ____________
__________________________________    ____________      __________________________________    ____________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________    State: ______________   Zip+4: _________ ______

Home Phone: __________ Work Phone: __________ Cell Phone: _______________

Email Address:  ____________________________________    (Spouse) ______________________________________________

Occupation: ____________________________

Operable live steam equipment or under construction:

___________________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have track at home? ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Someday  Gauge: _____

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLS:

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Affiliations with other railroads:

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DUES TO:

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Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.

DUES RATE: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (Individual or Family) is $60.00 per year payable due on January 1.

ONE TIME INITIATION FEE: $30.00 (In addition to the regular membership dues)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: $30.00 per year (NO initiation fee) Must live 100 miles or more from track or belong to a recognized live steam club. An associate member who moves into the 100 mile radius must convert to a regular membership by paying the $30.00 initiation fee.

Membership is conditional for a period of six (6) months, at which time acceptance as a regular member will be voted upon by the general members at a regular meeting. In the event of a negative vote, the initiation fee and 1/2 of the yearly dues will be refunded.

Membership use:
Amount Paid: ______ Check ______ Cash ______
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