That time of year is here again. Santa needs help he is coming to visit SVLSRM on Saturday and Sunday December 2 & 3. We will setup at the station and at Santa’s village, on Friday starting about 10:00 a.m. rain or shine. Bring your ideas, we have some decorations but if you like you can bring some of yours.

We will need lots of goodies (candy canes for Santa to give out to the children) cookies and etc. We will be serving hot chocolate, hot apple cider along with the cookies. Kevin and Anne Sach will be taking pictures with Santa. We will be charging $7.00 a picture. Clio and I will have our printers there so we can print the pictures. The pictures are 4X6 and will come with a little card holder.

Lunch will be served on Friday for everyone who comes out to help. Saturday morning we will have a brunch with waffles, eggs, bacon, etc. Donated by the Santa and Lois. We will have our Santa Raffle, $1.00 a ticket. We will pick the winner at 4:00 on Sunday and you don’t need to be present. The prize is a large blowup Santa that is driving the train and he is pulling a car that has a merry-go-round.

As you receive this newsletter, on the first weekend in December, we will have our annual Santa run. Kids will ride the train to see Santa, have a photo made with him, get refreshments, and then ride the train back to the start. This is our fourth time for this event which is enjoyed by all. Lois Clifton is the coordinator and is organizing the helpers. A lawn decoration is being raffled off too!

Election

The votes have been tabulated and the unopposed candidates were elected. Elected were Pete Arney as Vice President, Lois Clifton as Treasurer, Darrell Gomes as Track Superintendent, and Richard Lutrel as Yardmaster. They will join other Directors, Secretary Keith Berry and President Joel Corbin. Since Richard Lutrel was Trainmaster (Appointed to fill Dave Mattox’s remaining term), this position is vacant as of January 1, 2007. We had our first Trainmen Auxiliary Meeting Nov. 18th and it was a big hit. I’d Like to thank Joel Corbin for taking the kids around the track and teaching them a lot about our railroad. I’d also like to thank Jason Van Horn for bring some of his steam train parts and sharing. The kids really enjoyed it and are looking forward to the next meeting on Dec. 16th @ 12pm, not to mention they have already learned a lot. If you have a youth that loves trains please bring them out, we would love to have them! Lets not let all the knowledge go to waste, if you would like to help out please contact me.

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DUES ARE DUE JAN 1, 2007

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THEN YOU SHOULD FINE A RENEWAL FORM ENCLOSED TO VERIFY AND SEND BACK WITH YOUR DUES.

THANKS
CALENDAR

Dec 1 Board meeting - 7:00 PM Park building
Dec 2 & 3 Santa Train - Photo with Santa
Dec 15 Christmas pot luck - at park building 6:30

Note: Board meetings for 2007 have changed

Jan 1 New Years Day - Members run
Jan 3 Board meeting - 6:30 PM Park building ** new date **
Jan 19 General members meeting
Jan 20 Work day
Jan 30 (Feb.) Board meeting - 6:30 PM Park building

Feb 16 Membership Meeting 7:30 park building

Public run day calendar available on-line.

Don’t forget about work days, Every Tuesday also Saturday after members meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site (www.svls.org).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

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For some time, members have talked about additional space to store our rolling stock, particularly our new riding cars in progress. In early November, Richard Lutrel came across a lead for obtaining a container through his contact at Pacer Stacktrain near Lathrop.

Pacer operates an intermodal rail yard just south of Stockton. The UP furnishes rail service for the large operation and on the average moves over 2000 container cars a week. Steve Marziano, manager of rail operations at Lathrop, was contacted. Steve said he had a 48 foot container available now at no charge. Upon onsite inspection by Joel and Pete, it was discovered that there was some damage to the skin but determined that it could be repaired. Steve Marziano offered to transport the container to their facilities in West Sacramento so that our expense in transporting it to Rancho Cordova would be minimized. Steve said he would hold the container in West Sacramento until we are ready to place it at the track.

Joel sent an FYI email to the board members as a heads up due to the short interval of time we had to respond. At the November SVLSRM membership meeting, the issue was presented and the members voted to accept the container and locate it between the upper box car yard and the lower Oasis yard. While the container was free, some expenses will be incurred to transport it from West Sacramento to Rancho Cordova, for repairs and paint, for concrete pads at each end to support the container, and for a small retaining wall.

On Tuesday, November 21, excavation began between the two yards. The container will be moved by Pacer to West Sacramento by Friday, November 24. We will be able to pick up and place it anytime after that.

Special thanks go to Richard Lutrel for the lead and to Steve Marziano of Pacer Stacktrain for his important contribution to our organization. At this point on, we will need willing volunteers to complete the installation. Watch our Projects web page http://www.svls.org/projects.php for the tasks, status, and schedule of this container and other winter projects.

Above: Richard, Amy and Sarah work on digging to make space for container.
Below: Andrew and Jacob work on moving the dirt.

Thanks all.
and will be filled by appointment shortly. Several candidates are under consideration.

Speaking for the membership, I would like to thank Yardmaster Vern Geyer and Track Superintendent Les Wilmunder for their many efforts during their terms in office.

The November Membership Meeting was well attended and the election had a large number of in person and absentee votes. Following the voting, very nice refreshments were provided by Clio Geyer and Milon Thorley presented photos of his eastern trip to several other live steam railroads.

New Years Day

Several of us plan to brave the cold and run our engines on January 1st. How about joining us for this members only event? Six of us did this last year and we thought more would have added to the fun. Prove us right and come out. January 1, 2007, 9:00 AM until???

Bring your own lunch.

Trainmen Auxiliary Program

The first meeting for juniors (age 13 to 17) was held on Saturday, November 18. The program started by Amy Lutrel will prepare young people for membership at age 18 with a full speed ahead start. The program will include track work, safety study, nomenclature of the track, facility, and locomotives, work programs, testing on station work, etc. The first meeting was conducted by Jason van Horn and me. We are off to a good start. Please support Amy if she comes to you with a request for help.

Other Things

Many thanks to all who helped at International Railfair in Roseville. Folks who don’t come out too often were there and their efforts were appreciated. Many visitors helped make the event successful for us also.

Thanks to Clio and Vern Geyer for scheduling and running the many school events and birthday parties. The last one was on December 18th and the next ones will be next year.

Our public operations are now on hiatus until March. Work days will continue but we have a partial respite. My thanks go out to all who made this a special and successful year. You live steamers are the greatest!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year….

Joel Corbin
2007 schedule

Board Meetings will be on the last Tuesday of each month with a couple of exceptions due to holidays and calendar issues. All meetings start at 6:30 PM to accommodate retired folks and those still working.

BOD Dates:
- Wed., January 3
- Tue., Jan. 30
- Tue., Feb. 27
- Tue., Mar. 27
- Mon., April 30
- Tues., May 29
- Tues., June 26
- Tues., July 31
- Tues., Aug. 28
- Tues., Sept. 25
- Tues., Oct. 30
- Tues., Nov. 27 (Last 2007 Board meeting.)

January 2008 date to be decided by the new Board.

Membership Meetings are on the third Friday all year, starting at 7:30 PM.

New Year’s Day member only run day on Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, starting 9:00 AM.

Spring Meet is for the third weekend in May.

Independence Day celebration is for Wednesday, July 4th plus additional days desired by park staff and organizers of the park event. (This could lead to activities for several days.) We will participate in the parade on the 4th again, with a float.

Fall meet third weekend in Oct.

Haunted House on Oct. 31 plus additional days.

Santa Run on December 1 & 2, the first weekend.

2007 public run schedule

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