THANKS to all the people shown and maybe a few more. A lot of work has been done over the last two months to get the Track relocation project to where it is today, as seen by these pictures.

A BIG THANKS TO PETE ARNEY AND DARRELL GOMES who have gone far beyond the call of duty to build our new right-of-way, installed new ties and steel rail. They have spent extremely long hours and many many days on this project, virtually every possible day in January and February. The help of others has also been much appreciated. The track is not only good looking but also has a very smooth ride on the new rail. Our thanks for an OUTSTANDING EFFORT!

Jack and Paul doing their “Gandy dance” on the repositioned yard approach track.
**CALENDAR**

Note: Board meetings for 2007 have changed

Mar  16 General members meeting  
Mar  17 Work day  
Mar  18 Public run day Noon to 4 PM  
Mar  27 Board meeting 6:30 (location Raley's event center 4840 San Juan Ave., Fair Oaks, CA)  
Mar  30 News letter deadline.

Apr  7  Public run day Noon to 4 PM  
Apr 15  Public run day Noon to 4 PM  
Apr 20  General members meeting  
Apr 21  Work day  
Apr 24  Board meeting 6:30 (location TBD)  
Apr 27  News letter deadline.

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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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

We have three more special runs in March, two in April (so far) and May. These are School events and Birthday parties.

If there are any of you out there that would be willing to give a couple of hours occasionally to help, please let me know. I am looking for those who can engineer as well as conductor for me. I have a small handful of engineers for the steam engine and more for the diesels, but it would be nice to have others so that I’m not calling on the same people all the time to help out.

Call - Clio Geyer at 916-645-9156.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

by Amy lutrel

Hello again! things are looking good as far as membership goes. Remember if you know someone bring them out and talk with them about joining. We’d love to have new members.

The Feb. T.A.P. (Train Auxiliary Program) Meeting went good. We had Richard Lutrel talk to us about signals. We will be having our next meeting on March 24th from 12pm - 2pm. If you are or know of a youth 12 years or older please come.

Please check the mailing label for your current year that your dues are paid through. If not current then please fill out your renewal form then send back with your dues. Starting in 2008 members dues not paid by Feb 1 will not be included in the roster or mailings (newsletter).

**** Please pay now to be included in the Roster. Thanks

Don’t forget to volunteer to help on public run days. Train engineers, Conductors, Station master, and other helpers are needed to provide rides for the public. The more the better to make a great day for all to enjoy. See you in March.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM
2007 GRAND OPENING
Saturday, March 3, 2007 saw our first Run Day for the current year. Quite a few members attended the Opening Day and participated by running trains, doing conductor duties, providing food, fixing equipment, and enjoying the new track into the station. Pete Arney, track construction coordinator, said that thirty two people came together at different times to work on the various parts of this construction and the three tracks are all in. A switch activator needs to be finished but 95% of the work is finished. Let me add my thanks to all who helped. Your efforts are appreciated and the outcome of “Class A” track is available for all and a rewarding experience for us to remember.

CAT HOUSES
As agreed several months ago, the SVLSRM agreed to build two cat feeding stations to help to relocate the feral cats away from our picnic area. If you have checked the projects web page, you have seen them under construction. I built them following Pete’s conceptual plans. As I write this message to you all, they await paint and roofing to be added when the paint job is finished. Several folks have suggested a nameplate on each unit calling them “Cat Houses.” Whether we add red lights or not, remains to be seen.

OUR NEXT PROJECTS
Now that the track is finished, or mostly so, our next projects to complete are the installation of the donated container, and the riding cars. One container footing has been poured and finished and one more remains. When done, the unit, now in storage, will be delivered. The riding cars have been started and side frames have been welded. If you can help on these projects, come out on Tuesday and/or Saturday workdays. Remember, the more you put in to the group, the more you get out of it.

AT OUR NEXT MEETING
Several things will be discussed with the membership at our next meeting. We want to involve members when decisions are made so we solicit your input. First,
we will appoint a Chairperson for the Spring Meet so if you are interested, come to the meeting and put your name on the list for consideration. Next we will announce our new plan for meeting times Days and time will be changed to allow more to attend. It seems some find Friday nights hard to fit in to their schedule due to traffic at the end of the week, other things with family, distance to travel, etc. Our initial change is changing the April meeting to Saturday, April 21st. This is a planned work day so more will be available. We want to have the meeting and then go on with the projects for the day. Remember, work days include a free lunch for workers too.

Another item for discussion at the meeting will be the dates for the Independence Day activities. We all know July 4th and the float, the run day, the fireworks, etc., but there may be more. The result of the annual audit is another item that will be presented at our next meeting. For some time, we have been discussing a suitable memorial for our members who have gone on to their reward. We will go over options for this as well. Remember, the meeting is Friday, March 16, 2007.

RUN DAYS
Remember our next Run Day, Sunday, March 18, 2007, then again on Saturday, April 7, 2007, starting early, following the park “Easter Egg Hunt.”
That’s “30” for now. Joel

March 3rd run day. - trains using new rail through the station.

There is still more work to be done on this project and other projects. Please do your part and volunteer.
10 Years ago: FROM THE CAB
I am pleased to report that the year is off to a great start, regardless of the heavy rains and short days. Early January seemed to predict a wet winter with the possibility of flooding. Thankfully, this did not occur, in fact, no damage was incurred to our facilities and track. During the past six weeks, a number of projects were prioritized for attention before the Spring Meet. These projects were deemed to be safety related, operationally important, or required to initiate other projects. The progress toward these projects has been most impressive! The assigned Board Members have organized well in attacking the important projects while dodging raindrops. Track projects are underway on both mainline and a new yard at Oasis, the Twin Bridges have been upgraded, the trees have been trimmed, and the “vast prairie” new area, mowed and re-mowed. Locomotives have been serviced; a major annual on the UP engine, and parts ordered to replace the missing details. Considering the date is early March, the activity at the park is way ahead of schedule. The property is beautifully, the days are longer, and this Spring promises to be a delightful time to run trains. 1997 looks great, we hope that each member and family will consider joining those already coming out; you are all very welcome, don’t miss out on this special time of the year!

SEE YOU AT THE TRACK! Keith Berry - President

20 Years ago: BOD report We had three guests appear at the last board meeting. Ed Spall, Dennis Gramith, and Dick Esselbach. Ed gave the board an update on his progress with the transfer table work. Dennis had an update on the rest room facility and location. Dick Esselbach had an update on the expansion track plan etc. A preliminary copy of this is included in this “Spike” for your reference.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
The attached track plan has been drawn up by Dick Esselbach for the Expansion Planning committee. We would like to have each of you look it over and evaluate it. If you think it has merit, or that it can be improved, please submit your comments and/or proposed changes, in writing to the Committee no later than the April General Meeting. You may had your plans to a Committee member or mail.

If you wish to suggest any changes, please consider the 70’ minimum radius and also the topography of the area. Now is your chance to have your ideas seen. Please observe the final date for submitting your proposal. Thank you, Dennis Gramith - Expansion Planning Committee.

30 Years ago: GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER! Calling all you amateur photographers to bring your movies and/or slides to share your adventures in railroading. It’s your night and you will have a captive audience. We will have available a 16mm projector with sound, double 8mm - no sound, and a 35mm slide projector. Each person should plan on a 10 to 20 minute show, depending on how many participate. The subject should have a relation ship to railroading. Opportunity is knocking and if the program is successful we will have more like it. Don’t forget your Show & Tell items.

Joel Corbin announced at the Board meeting that he would be resign his position as Vice president - Treasurer as of March general meeting. Joel joined the club about the early part of 1974 and his first position with the club was to publish a newsletter and the Golden Spike was an outgrowth. He was the editor from July of 1974 to July of 1975 and relinquished it due to the heavy work load of being Vice President - Treasurer from December of 1974. We are going to miss Joel and want to express our thanks for a job well done.

Those “always good” donuts at the February meeting were donated by our hosts Ed and Louise Yungling. Barry Garland and Ed Yungling had their picture in Railroad Magazine in the January issue and Ed Yungling and the cab forward were pictured and an article in Live Steam magazine’s February issue. If you don’t subscribe to live Live Steam and try to buy an issue now and then - Good Luck - they go like hot cakes.
Dual Gyra-Light for sale. This light works on 3vdc and comes with wiring instructions and is ready to mount on your GP9 or SD9 in the vertical position or horizontal position on the later locomotives that used them. You only have to drill two #10 holes and another hole for the power cord. This dual gyra-light comes with a 3 vdc power supply to wire into your 12 vdc system. This unit also comes with extra light bulbs, housing door lenses and 0-80 set screw wrench to take lamp housing off the frame to change the light bulbs. There is only one dual gyra-light for sale with free shipping in continental usa. only $250.00

Figure “8” MARS LIGHTS for sale, operates on 3vdc and a power supply is included with wiring Instructions. The units are designed after the ash cans that the SP hood units (SD-9, GP-9, etc.) had carried in the 50’s. Can also be used for all the covered wagons of the same era.
I have one Mars Light left to sell at this time...Future Mars lights will still be available. Available now.......$300.00 ea

Switch stands, point throw mechanism and point plate for attaching the points is included with the switch stand. A complete set-up for $85.00 plus shipping. They may be viewed on my website under photos in the for sale album: http://www.timbercreekrr.zoomshare.com/
The second run of switch stands have sold out. There is a third run of 25 that are ready to go. Contact me by phone or e-mail for questions and quantity discounts.
Gordon Briggs timbercreekr@yahoo.com (530)273-9145

Everyone around the club knows about my 4+4 vertical boiler beam engine. Well, I purchased the prototype for my engine along with its tender and two riding cars from the builder. It was his personal train and because of health issues and his age (84) he has sold it to me. I am currently cleaning and painting the engine and expect to have it available for sale at the Spring meet. I will be asking $12,000 for the train RTR. This engine was new in 2000 and has only been run at Mid-South in Columbia, TN. The engine is propane fired (5 gallon tank) and has air brakes on the tender and the riding cars.
Bill Cody

FOR SALE Rail systems 1.7 sw-1500 16 hp V twin will pull like a pacific! Custom painted & lettered & Mountain car co.
6 ft gondola trucks & couplers custom painted & lettered , NEW cannonball 6ft gondola trucks & couplers I want to sell every thing including eng. storage stand & hauling system set up for pickup truck $9000.00 call Dave 916-315-9574

1926 Hudson No.5200, 4-6-4 SPECIFICATIONS
Length of Engine 84 inches
Length of Tender (we do not have it) 56 inches
Height 22 inches
Weight 900 lbs.
Width 15-1/2 inches
Track Gauge 7-1/2 inches
Bore & Stroke 2 -1/2” X 3 -1/2”
Valves 1-3/8” diameter piston
Fuel Coal,Oil or LPG
Boiler (we do not have it) 10-3/4” diameter
Minimum turning radius 45 feet
We would like to discuss the sale of this locomotive with someone that is interested in completing it and putting it to good use. We are in Eugene, Oregon. If anyone is interested or knows someone who is, please contact me at: lynnv@compuhelpnow.com.

South Bend 9 inch “Junior” model lathe from late 1920s. The “Junior” model predates the more common “Workshop” model which most people find today. The “Junior” is a much heavier.
The machine comes with change gears, 3 jaw chuck, 4 jaw chuck, faceplate, Jacobs tailstock chuck, tailstock wrench, steady rest, tool holders, toolpost, motor, countershaft, belts, and reversing switch. In short, this is most everything you will need to get started. It is a good little machine. Interested buyers are welcome to inspect the machine in Stockton, California and take a cut or two. Price is $650.00. I also have a new (and very nice quality) Bison 6” 3 jaw chuck with reversible jaws for this lathe which I would include for a bit more.
Stathi Pappas: (209) 603-7363 SouPac@aol.com

WANTED:

Ready to run 7.5 inch gauge / 1.5 scale cars, looking for Flat car, Box car, and Tank car.
Contact Les Wilmunder at (916) 372-2423

I am looking for a well built 2-6-0 or 4-6-0, 1 1/2 inch scale, 7 1/2 inch gauge. Preferably Winton or Allen type locos. It must run well, and be a turn key loco. An Allen 4-4-0 would also work. Please call John Bothwell at (949) 294-5719 or write to john.d.bothwell@biola.edu if you have or know of an engine.