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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

The SVLS Spring Meet is now history but will live on in our memories. Many folks attended, including some from the GGLS and others from all points. This time, lots of you attendees arrived on Friday, May 18, to get a head start. In fact, on Friday evening, I counted thirty-six locomotives and may have missed a couple who were out on the track running. When Saturday came, there were over fifty pieces of motive power.

As near as I could tell, everyone had a good time and the trip to SVLSRM was worth it. I saw and spoke with many folks and most of you did the same. These Meets not only give us an opportunity to run engines, but to speak with long time friends and acquaintances.

The Meet was a success due to the efforts of many folks. I hesitate to name them since I don't want to forget anyone. On the list were Pete Arney, Lois and Paul Clifton, Clio and Vern Geyer, Richard and Amy Lutrel, Darrell and Gail Gomes, Matt and Kristi Hall, Kevin and Anne Sach, Ross Crawford, Marilyn Drewes, Barbara Moser, Kay Crabbe, Gail Gomes, Linda Nance, Cindy Wilmunder, Karle Mahler, Mary Mahler, Christine Mahler, Ann Bruner-Welch, John Carbino, Bill Quick, Bill Noyer, Mignonne Tinkham, Mary Ann Lewis, Mary Neville, Phil and Ellen Sanchez, Karl Davison, John Haines, Gil Beard, Dale Dennis, Jason Van Horn, Paul Skidmore, and Jack Friedman. Amy will mention the TAP folks in her comments, but thanks to them too.

THE WORK GOES ON

Following the Spring Meet, our normal

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TRACK SUPERINTENDENT

by Darrell Gomes

The spring meet is now behind us and the track performed well with only one delay on the main line. A few repairs were done to switch points and the roadbed during the meet and the removal of rocks between the points. I would like to give a special thanks to Robert Butler, Bill Noyer, Phil Sanchez, and Pete Arney for their help when I need it. Track Maintenance on the main to reduce gaps has started with the installation of new rail joiners fabricated by Paul Skidmore on the main next to the Oasis. Still need Help with the 1" track and other projects. See you soon ?



YARD MASTERS REPORT

by Richard Lutrel

The Spring meet was great!! I was glad to see you all at the meet enjoying SVLSRM. I would like to give a special thanks to Leonard Houpt, Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedman, and Ed Bueltmann for mowing grass and doing yard work and Barbara Moser for weeding and yard work around Midway, and Thank you to Lee Frechette and Pete Arney for helping with the watering. Thanks to anyone else that has helped to keep things looking good at SVLSRM. I would like to also say Thanks to Gail Gomes for Donating flowers for around the flag pole and Amy & Sarah Lutrel and Andrew Ford for planting them and Darrell Gomes for placing a light under the flag at night for all to enjoy! WHAT A SIGHT !! I had a great time at the meet and hope everyone else did as well !

Please keep in mind that Summer is here and in order to keep up with the watering I will need all the help I can get! Please if you have time donate it to SVLSRM! Every little bit will help!



MEMBERSHIP

by Amy lutrel

The Spring meet was a big hit!! It was nice to see everyone there. (side note: if you are waiting for a name badge and was unable to attend the meet I will mail to you shortly) For those who didn't attend the meet I will be mailing you your 2007 roster as well as you new rule books. I would like to give a Special Thanks to Ken Willes For donating an under construction caboose to the T.A.P. program. The Kids are all excited about this and are looking forward to completing it.

Also I am proud to let everyone know that the T.A.P. kids ran a Both up by the station to give out info. on SVLSRM and the T.A.P. program, as well as selling popcorn and water to help out with the T.A.P. program. I would like to thank Andrew Ford, Thomas Nance, Jacob Stealmen, Joshua Skutley, Austin Unruh, Hunter Lohse, Brandan Feickert for working the both as well as a Special Thanks to Jeff Ford, Julie Unruh, Barbara Feickert, Linda Nance, Lohse family, and Kay Crabbe For all your help with the T.A.P. both! We are very excited about this program and are having lots of fun, and we would love to get some new members. If you are interested please contact me for more info.

I would like to Congratulate the following T.A.P. kids for completing there first merit: Andrew Ford, Thomas Nance, Jacob Stealmen, Austin Unruh, Hunter Lohse They received this merit for horn signals! Great Job!

The following T.A.P. kids also completed a merit at the meet for working the both: Andrew Ford, Thomas Nance, Jacob Stealmen, Joshua Skutley, Austin Unruh, Hunter Lohse, Brandan Feickert
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

CALENDAR

Note: Board meetings for 2007 have changed

- June 2 Public run day Noon to 4PM
- June 15 General members meeting
- June 16 Work day
- June 17 Public run day Noon to 4PM
- June 26 Board meeting (location TBD)
- June 28 News letter deadline.

- July 1,3,4 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- July 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- July 15 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- July 20 General members meeting at track 10AM
- July 21 Work day
- July 31 Board meeting 6:30 (location TBD)
- July 31 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?

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JUNE, 2007

- June 7 - 11am-12pm School Run
- June 9 - 11am - 1pm Birthday 40 guests
Need to run 2 trains, so need extra Crew.
- June 10 - 1 - 3 pm Birthday 30 guests
- June 26 - 11am - 1pm Gold River School
Need to run 2 trains Extra crew needed, also someone to give Talk about railroad & some history.
Joel has agreed to do some, but more would be nice.
- June 30 - 1pm - 3pm Family Reunion 70-100 people
Family in the park but will be taking rides.
They will be donating as they ride.
Would like to run 2 trains, volunteers needed.



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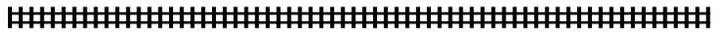
MEMBERSHIP

by Amy lutrel

Welcome

New Members:

- Donald Kepfer of Grass Valley, CA
- George Vincent of Ceres, CA
- Edward Zeis of Rancho Cordova, CA
- Arne Lindstrom of Folsom, CA
- Steve Blannor of Sacramento, CA
- Steve Alley of Gardnerville, NV
- Alvin Dexter of Orville, CA
- Robert Morris Jr. of Brentwood, CA
- Bill Roscoe of Modesto, CA



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.



NOTE::::: Your editor is looking for some pictures from the spring meet. Please contact Bill if you will share. Thanks...

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- Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

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Tuesday work day arrived and the crew was in place as usual. Paul Skidmore was on the mower, Lois was in the kitchen fixing lunch, Clio was scheduling Special Run Days (a call came in and someone drove in!), Vern was on the gator getting rid of trash, Darrell and Jim Colby were fixing heat expanded aluminum rails, and Pete was placing block for the wall next to the new coming container. In fact, it should not be long before the new container shows up. This will provide additional storage, probably for trains, and will free up some of the space in the box car. In addition, park people are meeting as I write this article, and there is a chance the parking area we use will be paved with asphalt soon. The original plan was to pave the area up to the gates to the electrical equipment, but in conversation with Lee Frechette, we have agreed the area should include up to the back corner just outside the fence where the cat feeding stations are located. The final answer is pending. Stay tuned. Also, we could use your help on our work days. Come out every Tuesday and our next Saturday work day is June 16. As indicated above, we have jobs for your talents. Remember, lunch is provided.

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Our next membership meeting will be on Saturday, June 16. We will have an informative meeting on what is going on in the SVLSRM and then will adjourn to lunch.

Remember, the first Saturday of each month is a public run day. This is followed by the third Sunday of each month when we have another public run day. We really need your help in the station and on trains. This is a good time to become qualified as an engineer if you have not already done so. Come out by 11:00 AM when we start running or a little earlier to prepare. We stop running at about 4:00 PM.

OUR EVENTS

We have two meets a year, many work days, monthly run days, special run days for parties, etc., but there must be other ideas out there for more ways to enjoy our organization. If you have those ideas, send them to me by email or letter, or call me. I want to be responsive to the membership. I need your desires to do that. Please respond.

For several years I have been contacting folks, groups, others interested about a special run day for those with special needs. The second Saturday in October is now tentatively planned for the first event of this type. The First Annual Special Needs Run Day will service some young folks participating in a Down Syndrome awareness day. Helping with this group allows us to give back to the community for allowing us to use the park land we occupy. Please put this on your schedule to be sure you are there.

That's all for now. Remember to call or write with suggestions.



Safety Committee Report
John 'J.J.' Carbino
Safety Committee Chairperson



The spring meet has just finished. I am happy to report that there were no injuries to report. I am pleased with the new operation and safety guidelines revisions that were just handed out at the meet. There are a few items that will need to be looked at for further clarification in the new book, but over all it looks good.

I understand that new tests are in the work for those who wish to take the engineer (non-steam and steam), conductor/trainperson, and station master tests. Clio and Vern Geyer, I believe, are putting together new test sheets and will present the updated versions to the Board for approval.

A new spread sheet has been established with all the members' names. It will contain the positions and members status in being an engineer, conductor/trainperson, and station master that deal with the public.

For the clarification or changes in the operation and safety rules, the Board and safety committee will work together to present a more clarified wording. I.e.: rule #304 engineers.

I wish to thank Karle Mahler & Company for their time to re-write the old safety and rules guidelines and looking into a better explanation of these rules I.e.: rule # 304.

I have toured most of the museums facility and find it in fairly good condition and when I noticed unsafe areas, I have brought them to the attention of the board. I hope to start looking at all the facilities buildings and cars for unsafe conditions through out the year.

I introduced my self on Saturday at the spring meet and went over some of the safety rules. At the 15-20 minute talk the Board President re-assured all that I am going to ensure that the guidelines are to be adhered too. We have become complacent in following them over the past few years, and I will be looking at these areas that the museum can correct to prevent accidents now and in the future. I have all-ready made a couple of recommendations to members that work in special areas and corrections are in the works. There will be more recommendations coming.

I plan to have a short safety committee meeting at the park on run days I attend. I will notify the safety committee prior to the run days.

Finally, I want to thank the trainmaster for taking on the monumental task of seeing all who brought equipment arrived and operated safely. The station masters again were on top of their game on instructing the public who rode the trains. Last the track superintendent for repairs on the track and utilizing a flag person to direct train traffic through the work area.

Nice work by all the members and
let's keep "SAFETY JOB # 1"



**WELCOMES YOU TO OUR 1ST MINI-MEET & GOLDEN SPIKE
Saturday June 30, 2007 The Golden Spike ceremony will be at 10:00 am**

Tri-tip BBQ at 6:00 pm \$8 per person RSVP

There is limited siding space for those that bring trains
Water & air will be available but we have only one steaming bay,
we will accommodated all that attend.

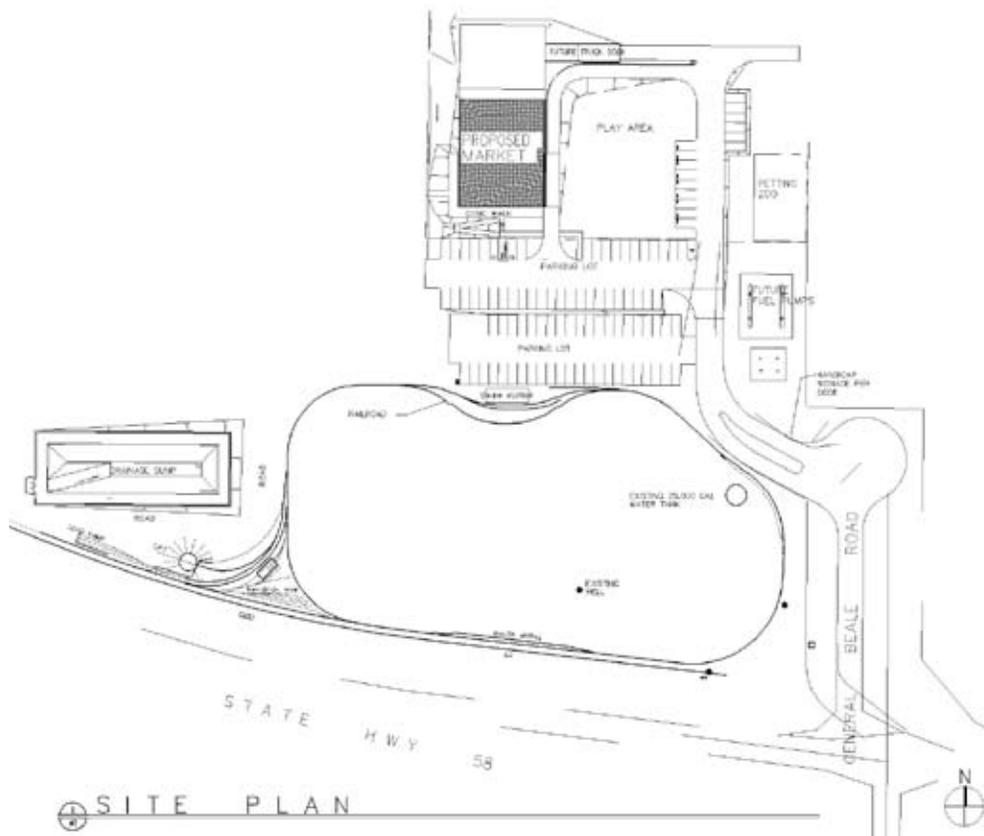
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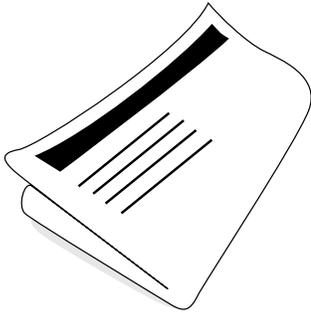
There are hotels available in town (15 miles West).

Please call Roger Frymire @ (661)205-4296 for more info & to RSVP or
Email rsfrymire2@juno.com

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minute away





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Please notify Membership that you would like to receive the e-mail notice of news letter and not receive the mailed copy.

Thanks



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

108. The use of gondola cars will not be permitted for riding the general public.

222. Color signals, lights or flags:

Single head signal:

- A. Red STOP.
- B. Yellow APPROACH - Proceed with caution, prepare to stop at next signal.
- C. Flashing Yellow APPROACH MEDIUM - Proceed to next signal at reduced speed.
- D. Green Proceed

Double head signal

- E. Red over Yellow DIVERGING APPROACH MEDIUM - proceed on diverging route with reduce speed.
- F. Yellow over Yellow APPROACH DIVERGING - Proceed prepared to take diverging route at next signal.

Flag:

- H. Blue Equipment must not be coupled or moved. Workman be in or under the equipment. A blue signal shall never be removed by anyone except the person who put it there.

311. The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling passengers shall ascertain that all passengers are told and understand the passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station, as set forth here:

- A. Remain seated facing forward at all time while the train is in motion.
- B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.
- C. Do not lean out nor reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.
- D. Keep hand and feet inside the car at all times while the train is in motion.
- E. Do not yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.
- F. Anyone disobeying these rules may be asked to leave the facility.

413. All locomotives or engineers' riding cars shall have braking devices that can be activated easily and quickly by the engineer. Such breaking devices shall have the power to slow and stop the entire train within a reasonable distance, depending on the weight and speed of the train.



10 Years ago:

Shortly after the Spring Meet we of SVLS have another event. The annual Rail Festival in Old Sacramento will be held on Father's Day weekend, June 13, 14 & 15. We will need help to operate our portable track railroad during the three days of this event from 10 am - 5 pm. This is one of our big money makers of the year that helps pay the bills for SVLS. If you can join us and help make this a successful endeavor please call me so that I may establish a work schedule.

Hopefully so that no one is over worked.

I also need to know who will be participating in advance so that I can arrange for parking passes and admission badges. Your participation and help would be greatly appreciated.

20 Years ago:

Don't forget the July 4th family day. Come one and all - invite your family and friends bring you picnic - Have a barbeque, Ride the trains - and watch the gerrific fireworks display - a good time is had by all

30 Years ago: "Puffs of Smoke" Our Spring Meet is but a memory now and a very successful meet due to the efforts of many. All the hard work on the hydraulic lift, fence, shelter and grounds (track too) really paid off. We now have a much better facility and with more definate goals in mind we can have a still better facility.

A reat deal of praise has been heard about the terrific job the Sheriffs young Law Enforcement group did for us and we hope they will come and lend a hand again. Thank You.

The fellows that ran the trains deserve our thanks too. It isn't all fun and games when you are dealing with a large crowd of eager, impatient passengers.

Brotherhood: *The quality of being brotherly; fellowship; sharing a common interest.*

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FOR SALE the first 3 sections of my 1 1/2 inch scale 4-4-0 American by Railroad Supply. The 3 sections are the frame, the drivers, and the rigging. I also have a complete set of prints

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

WANTED:

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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.