SVLSRM participated in the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce 2008 Annual Dinner on Thursday, January 24th. The dinner was chaired by outgoing chamber president Shelly Blanchard, editor of the Rancho Cordova Grapevine newspaper. The theme of the dinner decorations was the Parker Brother’s game Monopoly and was the dinner was attended by the many businesses that serve the Rancho Cordova area.

We, of course, were one of two railroads as represented in the board game. Regional Transit was the other. Lee Frechette put together the display booth using pictures supplied by Bill Yoder, Lee Frechette, and myself. The Central Vermont Pacific locomotive was the center piece of the display. Handouts of our trifolds and 2008 schedule were provided as well. Our participation is part of our 2008 strategy to make ourselves more visible in the community and the Greater Sacramento area.

Bill Yoder has reworked our trifold brochure and updated the brochure with the 2008 schedule. This year we are going to print 2000 copies (last year we did 1000) so we can widely distribute and provide information about who we are and what we do.

Our standing committees are going ahead with plans for the new year. The chairpersons have all agreed to continue in their capacity for 2008. The committees (and chairs) are: Newsletter/Web Master (Bill Yoder), Master Planning (Bill Yoder), Safety (JJ Carbin), Membership (Amy Lutrel), TAP (Amy Lutrel), Caboose (Lois Clifton), Marketing (Open), Insurance (Joel Corbin), and Halloween (Lee Frechette).

**QUESTION?** What is a “stork mark”? What did it mean to the boss man? See page 5 for the answer.

Pete Arney, Richard Lutrel, and Bob Lovell during the operations meet at Maricopa Live Steamers in January 2008. The Master planning committee is reviewing the current list of projects and would like members to help with ideas that would benefit the railroad. We are adjusting projects to fit our resources. See page 3 for more info.
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CALENDAR

Feb. 12 Board Meeting 6:30
Feb. 15 Membership meeting 7:30 in Park building 1
Feb. 16 Saturday work day - Please come and help.

March 1 Public run day Noon to 4 PM.
March 11 Board Meeting 6:30
March 16 Public run day Noon to 4 PM.
March 21 Membership meeting 7:30 in Park building 1
March 22 Saturday work day - Please come and help.

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 website (www.svls.org).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

MEMBERSHIP

by Amy Lutrel

DUES WERE DUE JAN. 1, 2008

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THEN PLEASE DO. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVE A RENEWAL FORM TO VERIFY AND SEND BACK WITH YOUR DUES.

Check the mailing label for year your dues are paid through.

THANKS

Remember Feb. 1 is the cut off date for roster and newsletter mailings.

SVLSRM clothing sales:

The clothing supplies of shirts, hats, and other items for sale are now being maintained by Lois Clifton, so please call her if you would like to order a shirt, hat or anything else we provide.

Your editor is always wanting pictures for our news letter and our archives. If you have pictures of our activities that you would share please contact the editor.

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A new look after some repairs to our club steamer. Thanks to Karle Mahler for the hard work and great results.

First the head lamp wiring was move and given its own conduit so the hand rail could be redone allowing it to loop the front of the engine.

New cab piping has also been install.
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Our special committee chairpersons will be appointed for these events: Spring Meet, Fall Meet, July 4th, Rail fair, Nominating, and Santa Run. Special events such as the Ione Rail Fair will need volunteers to assist. We always need volunteers to serve on the committees. Anyone who would like to become involved in the operation of our organization, serving on one of our committees, attending membership and board meetings will be welcomed.

The SVLSRM web project page is again activated. Workdays will be listed as well. There has been a lot of storm damage over the last month or so, including the downing of some large trees in the park area near Sugar Pine loop. The trees have been cut up and removed, primarily by the Cordova Recreation and Park District, but a lot of limbs and debris remain. Other repairs need to be made to our chain link fencing pulled down by vandals, our sprinkler system risers that were broken, and two newly planted redwood trees cut down, apparently for use as Christmas trees.

Maricopa Live Steamers (Adobe Western RR) in Phoenix held their second annual operations meet in mid-January. Several SVLSRM members attended, including Lee Frechette, Richard Lutrel, Milon Thorley, and myself. Operations meets are the kind of event that lends depth to our railroading and an alternative to burning circles. In the coming year, we can start planning to use our location for at least limited operations events and bidirectional running.

Some interesting things noted at Maricopa: they have finished constructing a new meeting building with restrooms, added many containers for storage over the past two years, and extended their powered lift/transfer table to run further between the double rows of containers used by members as storage for rolling stock. The storage containers are outfitted with facades that emulate an old west town. Werner station is an elaborate recreation of a station around a single storage container. Other plots of land at Maricopa are assigned to members to develop for personal storage containers and yard tracks, each uniquely outfitted as oil refineries, grain silos, warehousing, etc. Located nearby is the home of Arizona Model Railroading Society (inside N/HO scale) and the Arizona Garden Railway Society (outside G scale). MLS is a great place to visit at least once if for no other reason than to get some good ideas. They do pretty much shut down over the summer weeks.

See you at the track. Keep on steaming!
10 Years ago: FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, it is February already----it seems that just yesterday was November and our last run day of the season. Before we know it, it will be Sunday, March 1 and our first run day of the 1998 season. And the Spring Meet coming close behind. Are you and your equipment ready? Have you been putting off those small repairs on your locomotive and/or rolling stock? I challenge you to put on the work clothes and get those repairs done so you and your equipment will be ready to run and you will have no reason that you cannot come out and run your equipment and enjoy the beautiful property we have. I am looking forward to meeting you, if I have not already. All ABOARD for run, fun and fellowship!

TONY ROHRS - PRESIDENT

20 Years ago: “Making Steam” Since your last Golden spike, there has been a lot of activity at the track. On Saturday, January 9, track repairs were hot and heavy in three area. The first location was Ed Yungling’s machine shop, where the steel Bars were cut to length, holes drilled and canton joiners welded on, as well as channel iron ties being cut and drilled for anchor bolts. These materials were then transported to the second work area in the steaming bays where they were assembled and welded into 20’ lengths of dual gauge track. The third work area was located along the back straight-of-way where the actual theft of the track had taken place. In this area approximately 100’ of track immediately north of the stolen track, had to be removed from the roadbed and re-laid on new ties. Before this track was re-laid the roadbed was scraped clean to match the area where the steel track would replace the stolen aluminum track. The entire work force consisted of: Amadus Drewes, Henery Stefani, Darrel McWhirk, Dick Esselback, Dick Quiring, Ed Spall, Milton Thorley, John Bailie, Bob Lovell, Warren and Robbie Sharratt, Rodney Spurr, Ed Yungling, Don Yungling, Vince Barto and friend Quinter, Stan Hindsley, Don Juergenson, and Dennis and Judy Gramith.

30 Years ago: “Puffs of smoke” Museum news - at the last general meeting, Barry Garland gave us a run down, complete with sketches, on the general plan for the interior of the museum (California Rail Museum). A turn-table with six radiating bays will house engines and old cars. There will also be an elevated display and getting the engine up there is going to be quite a challenge. Ken Yoe reports that progress on the restoration of three old passenger cars is coming along beautifully. Ground breaking ceremonies for the new 90,000 sq. ft. Museum History building are scheduled for late March, possibly on a Friday. There’s a possibility that the 105 year old Genoa (Jupiter) will be steamed up the day after the ceremony. We sill keep you informed as the information is released.
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