2nd switch is in and after this picture was taken four more panels of track have been put in place for the new Midway yard. Special thanks needs to be given to those special members who come out and worked about every week this month (June) such as Paul Skidmore, Jack Freedman, Terry Willes, and fearless leader Darrell Gomes on this project. (While others have helped also, the editor does not have the list of names.) - But Thanks to those that did!!

There has also been several others out doing yard work, mowing, weeding, general clean up, and other chores: Barbara Moser, Bill Yoder, Lee Frechette, Vern and Clio Gyer, Pete Arney, Gail Gomes, Lois Clifton - That I know about... Editor.

There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.

Come and help. Your help is needed. Don’t know what to do then call a board member and ask, then volunteer.

Karle Mahler had made a new burner for our SVLSRM steamer and it will be handy for our July 4th BBQ. See page 3 for burner details.
Calendar

July 4  4th of July Public run day Noon to 4 PM
July 5  Public run day Noon to 4 PM
July 8  Board Meeting 6:30 (RC city hall)
July 18 NO Membership meeting in July
July 19 Work Day - come out and help with the railroad
July 20 Public run day Noon to 4 PM

Aug 2  Public run day Noon to 4 PM.
Aug 12 Board Meeting 6:30 (RC city hall)
Aug 15 Membership Meeting

Hot August Night Run
Aug 16 Work Day - come out and help with the railroad
Aug 17 Public run day Noon to 4 PM

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 (http://www.svlsrm.org).

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Membership

By Amy Lutrel

Rod Danley SVLSRM member from Willows has passed away. Our condolence to his wife Jean.

Chris Donhost and his wife Evelyn are now the proud parents of Elijah and Paul. They were born Tuesday, June 24th

Save us some money and read the newsletters on-line. Tell Membership that you don’t need the mailed copy, you will read it on-line.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

SVLSRM has new emblem pins and they look great.
They cost $5.
See Clio to buy a pin.
(916) 645-9154

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Special Runs/Events

By Clio Geyer

Specials for July (as of press time).

July 13 – 11-1 Birthday Party – Diesel
July 26 – 12-2 Birthday Party – Steam
July 27 - 11-1 Birthday party – Diesel

I want to thank Butch Floyd for being so much help to us so far this year. He has been able to help with almost all of our parties.

Special thanks goes to the following people who came out to help for the Heritage Credit Union picnic on the 8th of June: Lois Clifton and Carl Kitzmiller as engineers with Pete and Betty Arney, Ed Zies, Paul Skidmore and Butch Floyd as conductors as needed.

Tyler B. celebrating his birthday on June 21 - he turns 5 in June. Tyler has a real love of trains. (see June 2008 Spike article).

SVLSRM Steamer repair of the burner.

Got Something for Sale?
Send to editor@svlsrm.org

Please check the SVLS web site www.svls.org for current information on SVLS activities.
10 Years ago:
HE FREEDOM
OF CHOICE
This is the time
of year when
we look back at
the beginning
of our country
and its founding
fathers. We take the time to remember
why our country was formed and be thankful for the insightful
visions and unselfish sacrifices that has made the United States
the greatest country in the world today. The establishment of our
nation afforded our ancestors and ourselves the freedom of choice
- speech, religion, happiness, etc.

Thus, we can choose to be a member of Sacramento Valley Live
Steamers - to build and/or purchase locomotives and rolling stock
- to operate SVLS-owned equipment - to volunteer time and talent
to help maintain and operate this club and its facility - to serve on
the Board of Directors - to operate your equipment at our facility
or another club’s.

At the same time, we have the freedom to choose not to participate
in our club in any way - but then, we are not supporting the purpose
of SVLS which is to promote and stimulate interest in live steam
engines and related equipment as stated in our By-Laws Article
II.

The freedom of choice is yours
TONY ROHRS - PRESIDENT

20 Years ago: We had a very successful Run on July 4th.
We had a rather small turnout of our members and all who were
there worked very, very hard. In spite of that, everyone seem to
have a good time. We gave rids until almost 5:00 P.M. We then
started the coals a’glow’n and set up the most delicious Pot Luck
Table full of good food, thanks to EVERYONE! Everybody re-
fulled and kicked back and rested for a spell, then we started the
home-made ice cream, to enjoy while we watched the beautiful
display of Fireworks.

30 Years ago: If you were out to the park a few weeks before
the 4th of July, you were up to your sweet hippy in weeds in the
steaming bay area. If you returned a week or so later the weeds
were gone and the area was taking on a green grassy look. With
out any invitation or fanfare Dennis, Judy, Colleen and Christine
Gramith cut, chopped and pulled weeds for days. Since the
weeds are gone they have been out there watering on a regular
schedule. If the SVLS gave tributes every year to the people
who contributed the most hours of labor, these four people would
be first in line for all the back breaking, hand blistering hours
they’ve spent this year. They don’t toot their own horn, so let’s
give them four big whistle blasts along with our thanks.

214. Trains hauling passengers must be
operated by qualified engineers and conductor who are members
of SVLSRM.

302. All members share equal privileges and use of the
facilities. All members also have equal responsibility for the
safety and maintenance of the facility, equipment, and the
observance and enforcement of these rules. Every member is
responsible to, and for, every other member. There are no so-
called “privileged” members.

410. Before leaving the steaming area operating steam
locomotives shall have steam pressure brought up to operating
pressure, have safety valves and pressure gauges checked and
operating correctly, have water gauges and try cocks blown
down, have feed-water devices checked and in working order,
have whistle tested and operating properly, and have brakes
checked and operating.
Bill Yoder (your editor) made a trip to Indiana and while there went to visit the Indiana Live Steamers (http://www.indianalivesteamers.org/). They have about 34 acres being still developed. Currently they have about 14,000 feet of track and well spread out. It has some open areas, and lots of forest. I guess habits are hard to break since I spent some time helping them relay some track where it had been washed out a week prior due to all the rain and floods Indiana was having.

Below are two pictures of the water damage one where the track was floated away, the other where the two coverts were not enough to handle the runoff. The construction pictures is where they removed the coverts and are building a trestle.

It is very green on this railroad.

Notice remote switches, and crossover.

They had a good turnout for work day, with several crews working on different sections of the railroad.  
- They were a good hard working group of people.
FOR SALE

1.5” scale Pyle National extended case or flush mount dual GYRALITE.
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The train is set-up on a new two wheel trailer for towing with a car or small pick-up truck. I estimate the weight of the complete train and trailer at about 1000 pounds. The train and trailer are located in Reno, Nevada.

Asking $10,000

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Paul Thomson ph: 925 672 5477

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Photo from 1972 and it is of me and my father Bill (William C Knight 1914-2002) who is the builder of the model steam engines. In about 1977 my father sold the traction engine. I was hoping within the world of live steamers might know the location of the traction engine? Any help you could render would certainly be appreciated Thanks in advance. Brad Knight bknight@rl.tv