RAIL FAIR VOLUNTEERS – by Clio Geyer

The following people came out to help set up the track at Roseville Rail Fair in November 13-15th.

Friday Setup: Butch Floyd, Lee Frechette, Dennis Gramith, Ben Klienwachter, Andy Berchielli, Augie Berchielli, Gerald Thomas, Andrew Sach, Kevin Sach, and Tiphani Sach.

We were presented with a major problem in that a number of travel trailers were parked in some of the area that we usually use and so had to shorten the amount of track we could use for rides.


It was a good weekend. The weather cooperated and gave us 80 degree days to play in.

NEW YEARS DAY 2011 - by Clio Geyer

Well here it is the end of another busy year. Now is the time to celebrate (after a night of cheer?) and bring out your equipment and an item for a potluck for all to share.

We will be doing a “Members Only” play date and potluck Sunday January 1, 2011 at the organization caboose and track. Pack up your equipment and come on out and play.

We should all start showing up around 10am and having lunch around 1pm. Then do some more rounds on the track to settle all that good food we just ate.

See you there.
### SVLSRM Calendar

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*Mark your 2011 Calendar*

Run days for 2011 have been changed to the first weekend of Saturday & Sunday for the months of March through September Noon to 4 PM.

Spring meet is May 20,21,22.
July 2,3,4 will be Public run days.
Fall meet is September 16,17,18.
Santa run December 3-4 & 10-11

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

### DUES are due - PLEASE PAY by JAN 1, 2011

Check the date above your address on the envelope that is the year you are paid through.

If you have not paid 2011 then you should update a membership form and send with your dues.

Send to: SVLSRM P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

Thanks

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

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**VICE PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

*By Bill Yoder*

In last months article of the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society’s 2010 Convention visit to SVLSRM I was missing several others that brought equipment and made the day a success. These include Keith Jackman who brought his highly detailed GP-9 & C-30 caboose, Karl Mahler who brought his SP mogul (under construction), Victor Owens who brought his GS-4 (under construction), and Chris Donhost brought his SP cow & calf as well as his SP mogul. Also in attendance was John Bailie who brought his non-SP locomotive and hauled many passengers early in the day.

Thanks to Chris Donhost for these added details of the SP groups visit to SVLSRM in Oct. Chris also play a role in helping this event happen. - Again Thanks to all of you.

One of my goals for 2011 is to steam up the Master planning committee to finish our plan, if you would like to contribute please call Bill.

I hope everyone has enjoyable holidays. See you on the Jan. 1 for a fun run day. Lets make 2011 a great year for the railroad, bring your train and lets play railroad. Maybe we should make every 3rd Saturday our Member run day.

Any questions or need something to do then call me - Bill Yoder. Keep it steaming....

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**YARD MASTERS REPORT**

*By Andy Berchielli*

The landscaping at the park has come a long way. I would like to thank all those who has helped me plant the many plants I brought out there this year and help with the mulching as well. With these improvements there is less grass to take care of and makes the grounds look beautiful and inviting. Now that the winter season is upon us, we direct our attention to picking up leaves. If you want to burn calories after those holiday meals, come rake leaves with us. I would also like to get the memorial garden started to be finished in time for the spring meet.

We will also be receiving the Americorps teams this off-season. We have three weeks scheduled already from January 25 to February 12. They will be here Tuesday to Saturday from 8 to 4pm. Make plans on coming out one or more of those days to help give the teams direction and to work at the facility. Their main task is to replace track. Some irrigation work may get done at the same time to eliminate watering by hoses. I look forward to more improvements for 2011. Contact any board member to get involved. Happy Holidays!

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**Track Superintendent**

*By Darrell Gomes*

The Holidays are Here and it is time to plan for the track replacement project to start in January. Plastic Tie material has been ordered out of the profit from the Halloween run and gravel will be delivered the first of the year. The track will be closed to thru traffic from January 2, 20011, thru the first of March. The track crew has done a GREAT job in Maintaining the right of way thru this last year. Special Thanks to Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedman, Ben Klienwatcher, Carson Wentz, Dick Patton, And Terry Willes for ALL of their Help. Gail and I want to Wish You All a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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SVLSRM volunteers have been know to work themselves to the bone.

How many SVLSRM volunteers does it take to load a trailer? Simple answer Many - Thanks to all that helped at RailFair.

Thanks you Terry Willes for your dedication all year long.
President’s Report

By Lee Frechette

By the time you are reading this it is more than likely that the
turkey hangover has passed and you are well on your way to
Christmas. Thanksgiving blessings for me this year include all
the great help and support the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers
have received from both members and the greater community
during the past year. We are truly fortunate to be an organization
that both gives to and receives from our neighbors and friends as
we pursue our passion for railroading.

The list of things and people for which I am thankful is long.
Beginning with the Haunted Halloween adventure, heartfelt
thanks to each and every member who helped make this our most
successful fund-raising event in our history. Whether you took
tickets, engineered, dressed in spooky costume or helped out in
the ticket booth, your contribution will be long-remembered.

Special thanks go to Pete Arney and wife Betty who went
above and beyond the call of duty as leaders of this event. Pete
and Betty worked for weeks at the yard, dreaming up spooky
attractions then magically making them come to life – or
death, as the case may be. Pete and Betty have always been
great supporters of all we do at the Live Steamers, but I am
sure you would agree that they exceeded their own remarkable
accomplishments by the show they helped us put on. Thank you!

Meanwhile, our new acquisition of a caboose is nearly a reality.
You will recall that this magnificent artifact was acquired from
the estate of our great friend, the late Milon Thorley. In the next
week or so, our Caboose Relocation Team will complete their
hard work and the caboose will be in place at the Live Steamers
yard. Thank you to all who are making that exciting transition
happen.

As our newsletter goes to press, we are following up a fun
weekend at Roseville’s Rail Fair with a holiday visit to Village
Green Park in Rancho Cordova for the annual Christmas Tree
Lighting Festival on Nov. 28. Our temporary track will encircle
the 40-foot tree and we once again become part of growing up in
Rancho Cordova and an enduring holiday tradition.

As we move into December, please plan to stop by the first two
weekends of the month for the annual Santa Train run. Trains
run from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5 and
11-12. This has become a part of local holiday tradition in the
community and we are already getting phone calls about it from
our enthusiastic fans. Come on out and share the fun and a cup
of hot chocolate or coffee as we usher in Christmas and wind up
a great year.

Mark your calendar for Dec. 17 for our annual Christmas Potluck.
We will be gathering at the Community Center Building at the
Cordova Recreation and Park District for great food, fellowship
and the White Elephant Gift Exchange. I am personally hoping
to top the great gift I went home with last year: that obnoxious
musical doorbell I managed to snag. You could be as lucky! See
you Dec. 17.

Our friends at the Cordova Community Council are urging their
many contacts to log on to www.upexcursion.com and vote for
Rancho Cordova to be a stop on the Union Pacific’s Steam Train
Adventure which will tour the United States next year. It’s easy
to vote and you can vote once a day every day until the deadline
on Dec. 6. For more information on this effort, log on. Follow
the prompts and vote for Rancho Cordova!

Finally, congratulations to our board members who were re-
elected during our annual meeting. Our winning team remains
intact for another year. This vote of confidence on the part of
our membership ensures stability and reflects satisfaction with
what is happening at the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers
Railroad. I could not be more proud.

Please accept my sincere thanks for all you do all year ‘round
in support of the Live Steamers. It’s been a successful year,
with more great hours of railroading ahead in 2011. Merry
Christmas!

LEE FRECHETTE

Safety Rules Review

113. No one shall stand nor walk within five (5)
feet of any track, unless his duties require him to
do so. It shall be the duty of any and all SVLSRM
members to help keep the public at a safe distance
from the tracks. Responsible photographers and persons with
recording equipment may obtain permission to get closer to the
moving trains under certain conditions.

226. Any train consist with more than seven (7) cars
available for passengers shall have at least one half of the cars
equipped with operable brakes, such brakes to be operated by the
engineer from the locomotive.

310. The Board of Directors may restrict or suspend from
duty any operating personnel who consistently violates safety
rules.

411. Steam boilers burning solid fuel shall have an ash pan
constructed and installed to prevent dropping burning ashes of
fuel along the right-of-way while the locomotive is in operation.
Halloween Thank You To Helpers by Clio Geyer

Well Halloween is over (all 14 days!) and there were a lot of people who came out to help with running passengers, setting up the station and all the other little things that come up that need to be done.

The following is the list of all those who helped at the Station and with crowd control as needed:


These are JUST those who came out to help keep the trains on the track, passengers seated properly. Marilyn Drewes dressed as the “Grim Reaper” EVERY! Night and gave her famous “Toe Truck” jokes with the rules, to receive proper laughs.

The trackside events were the work of Pete Arney, Betty Arney, Andy Berchielli and any number of other folks. They were great!

Shelly Blanchard spent every night in the ticket booth selling tickets. The night of the 30th was VERY busy so I’m sure they were having a hard time keeping up. I know we did trying to get everybody on the trains.

Those that worked doing all the other chores that needed to be done – Running the skeleton train and getting things that were needed, were Bill Yoder, Lee Frechette, Betty Arney, Hunter Lohse, Andrew Sach, Tiphani Sach, Carson Wentz, Travis Gubbins, Wayne Harmer, Monica Clifton, Codi Clifton and Jordan Clifton.

10 Years Ago: Point-Point Run. For the first time in many years SVLS hosted a Point to Point. The turnout was great, and everyone had a really good time. Starting at the typical Railroad time (1 hour late!), the two passenger trains departed in opposing directions. Following them were a total of 7 freight trains. Each train had their orders for the day including General Orders, Track warrants, and schedules w/switch list. A map of the railroad was also included to inform everyone of station names, though this didn’t always help! Confusion reigned for a bit as one car was forgotten by one train and a head on collision was averted! The weather was terrific, and we even had passengers on one of the trains. The dispatcher held it all together and we completed our first Point to Point by scheduling the next one. The highlights of the day were Allison King dispatching, and having her husband, Dale and their train be one of those close to a head on collision. Milon Thorley was kept busy, yet had time out for lunch, and then he shanghaied Jack Rocket for a switchman. Chris Donhost did a wonderful job getting the steamer around on time and still having to make water stops. The best sight was Matt Mason and Lee Frechette on their trains trying to eat lunch, run their locos and talk to the dispatcher all at once. The Tin Man (Dave Mattox) was out with his passenger train and the Taylors, Veronica and Dale, came down to also participate as a passenger train. Paul Moser was on his Mighty Mack and running around everyone, and Gordon Moser came off the extra board to run our last freight. The best was Barb Moser having the caboose open for lunches. It was so terrific to have everyone there and with moral support from Dick Esselbach and John Bailey, we made it. For the future point to point we need more people not necessarily more trains.

20 Years Ago: EDITOR request: I need newsletter copies for the months of: 3, 9, 10, 11, 12 of 1990. If you have these please call Bill. ** Does no one have old copies? **

30 Years Ago: Service Trophy for 1980 went to the De Freitas brothers, who else? They are in a class by themselves.

Big Day Video. Watch channel 10, PM Magazine, Wed 7 Jan. That’s when Diane Damron says they are going to air the seven-minute feature film of SVLS.

April and May are red letter months. SVLS has been asked to run on Sat, Sun 11 and 12 April for the benefit of members of the NMRA, who’ll be arriving by the bus load! About the same time in May comes the opening of the California Railroad Museum, in which the club has been asked to take an active part.

The Club Building - Keith is getting grommets to seal the many screw holes, Wally Ripley is designing a sheet metal mount for an overhead fan.

The Mad Doctor was one of the several trackside events put together by Pete and Betty. The Doc was a real cut-up.
FOR SALE

TWO STEAM Trains for sale. Buy one or both.

1.5” scale, 7.5” gauge Clishay locomotive and riding car. $6,500. Engine is a two cylinder double acting 1 1/4x1 1/2”. Boiler upgraded from the original 8” diameter water tube to a steel 10” diameter propane fired fire tube boiler with 73 1/2” copper fire tubes. Pneumatic FWD/REV shift and brakes on locomotive. Usual Accessories: working headlight, bell, new whistle, two new relief valves, engine driven feed pump and a hand pump. New body and trucks on riding car. Engine and tender set-up on a single axle trailer for transport.

Asking $3,500, RTR. Reasonable offers considered. Contact Bill Cody at (775) 674-6512 or steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net for additional information/pictures. http://www.svlsrm.org/sale_photos/cody-img046.jpg

Cannonball Little Gasser locomotive, 3.5 HP Briggs and Stratton engine, forward/reverse/neutral gearbox with side and rear shifter. Has electric horn, headlight and mechanical bell and lead weight. $1,500.

Also Railroad Supply Company 5 foot Gondola with Karlson mfg. Bettendorf trucks, Cannonball aluminum couplers, removable/sliding/revolving seats and retractable foot pegs. Has full length steel center sill. $600.00 ($500 with loco purchase). View and pick up at Merced California Bob Silva 1232 S. Hwy. 59 Merced, CA. 95341-6943 (209) 722-4681 email: ajax2400@aol.com

Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details. http://www.svlsrm.org/