VICE PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
By Bill Yoder

At the last Membership meeting the members voted to change the July meeting to Sunday the 17th. This will be a member run day along with a pot luck lunch and a meeting at 12:30. So bring your train, or a big show and tell project, or just your smile and join your fellow members for a day of fun.

If this works to everyone’s favor, then we will continue to have a Members run day with a meeting also.

Next month we will have Hot August Run (day/night) and a pot luck dinner on Saturday August 20th.

September is getting here quickly it seems and we will have our Fall meet September 16-17-18.

From the June Board meeting: • Stone cap for memorial wall would cost about $500 so agreed to postpone until Jan. after looking at financials. • Application for AmeriCorps help for next year for 3 weeks is being done by Andy. • The RS3 needs new wheels other items - see report by Ross. • Hydro tester is broken, a new pump will be bought. • Air compressor valve will be ordered and replaced.

Matt Mason gave final report on the Meet. We had 57 engines of which 6 were 1” scale. Raffle went well, Dinner went well, Reverse running after a couple of problems went well. Several improvements are needed: 1. Water in lower yard; 2. New throws for park area to help with reverse running.

I am looking for a couple more members to be on the planning committee. The committee’s task: to approve projects, prioritize them and plan them as needed for long term. If you would like to help - as this is your club - then call Bill Yoder.

We also have several projects that have been stuck due to lack of people power, so if you want to help please call.

Don’t forget Fall meet is just 2 months away.

Any questions or need something to do then call me.

Keep it steaming....

Road Foreman Diesels Report
By Ross Crawford

The Alco RS3 engine is not available for service due to thin wheel flanges on the power trucks (19 years old).

We have investigated the alternatives: new locomotive, new trucks, repair existing trucks and the Board of Directors has decided to repair the existing trucks.

I have ordered new steel wheels from Real Trains in Yucaipa but I am going to need help from the membership with the rest of the project. If you have mechanical or machining skills please call Ross Crawford at (916) 718-4162. I will provide drawings. I will need axles, journal boxes, side frames, equalizers, and assembly of parts.

Now here is an interesting railroad, one with a narrow right of way. Pikes Peak Cog, at 14,110 feet elevation. Yes that is a long drop (a few thousand feet) on the edge of the road bed.
SVLSRM Calendar

July 2-4  Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
July 12  Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
July 15  Member meeting moved to Sunday the 17th.
July 16  Members Work Day
July 17  Member Run Day and Meeting at 12:30 at the track.
          Pot luck Lunch - bring your train and run.

Aug. 6-7  Public run days - Noon to 4 PM
Aug. 9  Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall
Aug. 20  Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday.
          Pot luck dinner.

*Mark your 2011 Calendar*
Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday Aug. 20
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 Tuesday work days, Contact a commit-
tee 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?

Members News

New member:
Duke Klement - Grass Valley
(Sorry but we missed reporting this in May)

Editor request: This is your newsletter. I am sure you would like to see more news and train related information. I welcome any and all articles and news from the members. Please contact me if you have anything to add to the SPIKE. Deadline is 4 days after Membership meeting.

Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell? Then give the editor a call/email and we’ll take pictures for a feature.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM
10 Years ago: General Membership Meeting: • The RS3 will be back at the track Sunday after getting new trucks. Don will run it and check it out Sunday. • Orange and green straddle cars are running, yellow are still out of service. Watch for leaning passengers. • Don and Ed Yungling are working on a depressed center prototype for passenger running. • Board is considering a budget for steel rail. • People need to get trained on the mower. • Membership approved looking into putting the grounds on an automatic watering system.

20 Years ago: Super Scoop: Because SVLS is located in a popular public park, work gangs always attract attention. Usually, before the first tie is dug out, visitors gather and the questions come hot and heavy. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions (along with favorite responses):

1. Do you ever sing “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”? NO, why should we. Everyone else subjects us to their out burst of song. The record, to date is 12 second after the work train stopped moving.

2. Are these trains real? They are authentic scale replicas.

3. Are the trains electric? Usually no, but we do have some that are powered with 12 volt batteries.

4. Why are there 3 rails? We offer two gages, 4 3/4” and 7 1/2”.

5. When do the trains run? Here is a schedule of our run days.

6. Do you charge? We gladly accept donations to help maintain our railroad.

There you have it, a small sample of railroad public relations. Seriously, the time spent teaching young and old alike about railroading is one of the finer aspects of the hobby. We model in miniature scale but people’s enjoyment with our hobby is definitely full-size. Enjoy - Keith Berry, Superintendent

30 Years ago: For the third time in as many months vandals have torn up the 100 feet of track approaching Riverbend. The last time it happened it was relaid by Warren Rose and John Livesay, who worked at it for about eight hours during the height of our heat wave the last weekend in June. It must be very discouraging to a dedicated vandal to see his best effort so consistently and promptly put back into operating condition.

July Members Meeting is Sunday July 17 at the track.
This will be a Members Run day so bring your train. Bring Food for a pot luck Lunch. There will be members meeting at 12:30.

Track Superintendent Report
By Darrell Gomes

In July, The track crew will be working on Midway North Yard. We will be building one more switch, Two switch throws, and completing the rest of the sidings.

The drill track at Cordova Junction will need some shovel work before track is laid. These are the areas that I would like to complete for the Fall Meet.

See You At The Track!

Special run schedule

Please help by volunteering your time. Call Clio to help.

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FOR SALE

Metal working lathe (Harbor freight brand) - $300
Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

Wards (Logan) Power-Kraft Model 25TLC-2136
Back Geared Screw Cutting Lathe with Quick-change Gear Box
10” Swing - 1-1/2”-8 #3 MT Spindle Bore
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Safety Rules Review

104. No engineer is obligated to haul any passengers on his train.

204. All engines must be run at reduced speeds in congested areas and in areas with close clearance, such as yards, stations, etc.

301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the organization.

418. Cars used to haul passengers that do not have built-in seats shall NOT have seats improvised with boards and objects laid across the sides of the car, except for the last seat which shall be reserved for the conductor. Passengers may sit on the floor of the car, to keep the center of gravity as low as possible.

Come to the track for a Fun Time Train Run and Pot Luck Dinner.
Join us during the day and run your trains into the night for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming SVLS style. Come early and bring the kids. Bring engine and some rolling stock and your favorite dish. The barbecue will be hot and the lights will be on for ya. So hang FRED on the last car and COME ON DOWN!

Your editor is looking for pictures or movies of SVLS activities so we can make a copy and add to our Historical collection. If you have some please notify the editor.

Thanks - Bill

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