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There are also 3 Birthday parties scheduled. I just need someone who can Engineer the train and a helper as Conductor. These are all diesel runs. I know that there are more than 3 or 4 people out there that can do these jobs and it would be nice to have some new faces. It is really easy, just show up and get the engine out with cars, check the track, and give rides for 2 hours. Most parties are for little kids and can be a lot of fun. Why not give it a try?

Give me a call if you can help. Gordon and Barbara will be gone for a few weeks in July so I am short-handed for helpers.

Clio Geyer - ph: 916-645-9154

The Train Mountain south bound Ramble will be here July 10th. This Southbound Ramble is a bit different this year as it does venture North for a few days with the Northbound Ramble then heads South to eventually end up in Joshua Tree. It is a pretty intense schedule.

The member run days (3rd Saturday) of each month have varied in attendance — those that do come out are having a great day of running either their engine or the club’s engines. If you have not learned how to run the Diesels or the Steamer, then please make an effort to be at the next members run day. We will have our Annual August run on the 18th with BBQ and night run.

Our Fall meet is Sept. 21, 22, & 23 so mark your calendar.

The Track crew has been busy this month building track panels that will be used for our Winter track projects (when mainline is out of service). Andy and helpers are keeping the grounds green and adding automated sprinklers to reduce people needed. Special thanks goes to those helping with public and special event train rides. If you have time we have many projects that can be worked on, please give me a call.

Keep it steaming.

We offer our condolences to Paul Skidmore in the loss of his wife Tia, who passed away on June 21. Our thoughts and prayers go with Paul and his family.
SVLSRM Calendar

See Special run schedule on page 3 and please come help.

July 3 & 4    Public rides for 4th celebrations,
              Trains run 4 to 8 PM. Food available.
July 7       Public run day Noon to 4 PM
July 8       Public run day Noon to 4 PM
July 10      The Train Mountain south bound Ramble visit.
              Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room
              Rancho Cordova City Hall.
July 21      Members run day at our track, run all day
Aug. 4       Public run day Noon to 4 PM
Aug. 5       Public run day Noon to 4 PM
Aug. 14      Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room
              Rancho Cordova City Hall.
Aug. 18      Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday.
              Pot luck dinner.
*Mark your 2012 Calendar*
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Don’t forget about work days. Contact a board member for
information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Welcome New Members

Michael and Janna Wolohan, Elk Grove.

Did you know we have the SPIKE news letters
available from 2003 on the SVLSRM web site?

Older news letters can be scanned if there is an
interest to have them on-line. Comments?

Save SVLSRM some money and read the newsletters on-line.
Tell us that you don’t need the mailed copy, we will notify you
by E-mail so you can read it on-line.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM
### Special run schedule

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### YARD MASTERS REPORT

**By Andy Berchielli**

The memorial water project is now hooked up to the timer. That makes five stations on the timer now. It’s nice to see the irrigation finally taken shape. The rest of the facility is still watered by our hoses and sprinkler assemblies. I would like to thank Wayne Harmer, Adam & Sabastion Kessler, and Lee for helping with the watering needs. It would not be possible without their help to keep the park green and healthy. Thank you guys!

Speaking of healthy, we now have two new fawns in our area. One is about a month old and the other is about two weeks old. We also have three does, a pheasant, a turkey with several babies, and the peacock. It’s nice to see that these animals feel safe on our grounds. Enjoy the 4th of July events!

### Train Masters Report

**By Kevin Sach**

The 4th of July is upon us, the park will be busy with people celebrating Independence Day on the 3rd and 4th and to watch the Fireworks that will grace the sky at nighttime. This year we have been asked to run at a later time which is 5-8 pm to avoid the heat. With the later run time and more people in the park, I would like to try and run with two conductors on the trains. One conductor will be placed in the back of the train while the second conductor will be sitting behind the engineer facing backwards to help keep an eye on the passengers. If you are in town and are willing to help out I encourage you to come out and help, please contact Lois for gate pass. I know several members will just be returning exhausted from the Triennial up at Train Mountain.

I have noticed several new members at the track lately who are just getting into the hobby. I have also over heard people saying that we don’t build anything anymore. Who would be interested in trying to build flat cars as a group project this upcoming winter? If interested drop me an e-mail soon, so I can try and get prices together and work out a schedule. I would like to keep the group small to allow maximum work time for each person.

See you on the rails

### 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/e-mail and we'll take pictures for a feature.
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!

Now here is a sign I had not seen before. Makes you wonder what kind of machine goes on this road. Could it be a steam engine that needs no track?
This is in Wausau, Wisconsin.

- Bill

Photos below from Spring Meet 2012
10 Years ago: For quite a little while Milon Thorley has been expressing an interest in placing a flag pole in the vicinity of Ol’ Gus’ grave. If you were at the Spring meet you know where that is. Well it looks like Milon is going get his flag pole thanks to one donated by Caboose Chairman Paul Clifton, who has been saving this thing for a number of years for “just the right occasion.”

Don Yungling, a long time member of SVLS, recently had an article published in the March/April 2002 issue of Live Steam. It tells the story of the cab-forward and its recent upgrades along with information about Rod Danley’s Western Pacific 257 class 2-8-8-2, which along with the cab-forward was at our 2002 Spring Meet. Don’s story continues the saga of his building his 4-8-4 GS-1, and their construction history. Ed Yungling has also recently been published in a “Down Under” magazine.

20 Years ago: In the last month we have laid approximately 625 feet of new track in the expansion area bringing the total so far this year to nearly 1800 feet. This just about doubles the amount of track we started with in January. We expect to lay about 1000 feet more before the fall meet.

Milon Thorley and Bob Lovel have been working on the two new bridges that will cross the dry creek at the north and south ends of the expansion area. The board has approved a girder deck bridge for the southern crossing and a curved wooden trestle for the northern crossing.

- Doug Fulton, Superintendent

** I am missing Sept. Through Dec. of 1992 news letters. If you have a copy please share with us.

30 Years ago: Father's Day we had a good crowd of our members and their families, having a terrific time railroading, barbecuing, and socializing. Passengers were hauled by Darrel McWhirk’s engine and a very able assist from the “Little club engine that could”. Also on the scene were: the Danley Allegheny, Al Shelley’s fire starter (with a new ash pan), and Bob Bonswor with his newly acquired equipment. July 3 and 4 once again found a bunch of people having a good time eating riding and talking followed by the best seats in the park for a beautiful fireworks display complete with toasting the marshmallows. During the weekend run, passenger traffic was handled by Ed Spall’s “Jolly Green Giant, Warren Wagner’s cow and calf, the Christianson’s “Mighty blue”, Darrel McWhirk’s Rutland 10 wheeler, Ken Willes’ hard working switcher, the club’s engine and on display was Cliff Gnevo’s Mogul which should be in service in the very near future. Hang in there Cliff! Unfortunately, once again we had equipment damaged by intentional acts of vandalism. This time it was the tracks. This is in addition to the damage vandals bestowed on the linkage for the passenger station switch. Maybe we need a Bengal Tiger for a “watch dog”??
Allen Consolidation Steam engine and Tender
Coal burner
$15,000 includes about 500 pounds of coal (in 50 lb. bags)
Call Wayne Thorley 530-295-5518

Freelance 7.5”
Gauge 0-4-0,
7.5” Gauge,
1.5” Scale,
Oil Fired,
2” Winton
Cylinders

FOR SALE
7.5” gauge 4+4 Beam Engine built by Bill Conner in 2000. Propane fired 12” diameter vertical steel boiler with 306 3/8” diameter copper fire tubes. Engine is a 2x2.75” double acting twin driving eight 4.375” diameter wheels through a 20% overdrive. More than enough power to haul a train with 11 preschool children and 11 adults and enough speed to run away and hide. Four chime whistle, lights for night running, pneumatic brakes on engine and tender and a working sander. Carries 13 gallons of water and 12 gallons of propane. Reason for sale - Engine runs fine, I’m running out of steam.

Asking $12,000/reasonable offers considered. Suggest pick-up from Reno, NV area or I can deliver, Western US only, for $1.25/mile, one way, in advance, non refundable.

Contact me at steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net or (775) 674-6512 for additional details.

FOR SALE: 1 ½-inch scale detailed gondola car with Winton’s fully sprung Bettendorf trucks. Over 6-feet long and made from aluminum/steel castings and plate. Perfect for hauling a family around the track or at your home railroad. Car is perfect for mounting a propane tank for propane fired locomotives while seating 1-2 passengers. Gondola may be viewed at GGLS most Sundays-please call to schedule. Asking $1100 - will consider reasonable offers. Michael B. Smith (415) 558-4536

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