to those who are helping improve our railroad.

Jan. 25 work crew:
Carl & Linda Kitzmiller  
(They brought Pizza to share)  
Dick Patton  
Steve Milward  
Dave McClain  
Gil Dominger  
Steve Perry  
Butch Floyd  
Bill Floyd  
Dennis Bowie  
Heidi Bowie  
Maren Bowie  
Ryan Bowie  
Rob Sharratt  
Gary Holmes  
Paul Skidmore  
Les Gregory  
Aaron Edson  
Adeline Edson  
Abe Edson,  
Aidan Edso  
Annie Edson  
Tatiana Edson,  
Dale Fowlar  
Stan Slavin  
Jack Slavin  
Richard Lutrel  
Harry Voss  
Ross Crawford  
Sue Kitzmiller  
Jack Friedman  
Reed Hickman  
Jeff Hickman  
Karle Mahler & Muffin  
Gordon Moser  
Barbara Moser  
Courtney Jordan  
Kevin Sach,  
Andrew Sach  
Darrell Gomes  
Dennis Gramath  
Bill Yoder  

Jan. 18 work crew:
Paul Skidmore  
Bill Floyd,  
Butch Floyd  
Dale Dennis  
August (Auggie) Berchielli  
Andy Berchielli  
Jerry Thomas  
Jack Slavin  
Stan Slavin  
Dennis Slavin  
Heidi Slavin  
Maren Slavin  
Ryan Slavin  
Kevin Sack  
Andrew Sack  
Reed Hickman  
Jeff Hickman  
Dave Bardwell  
Rob Sharratt  
Gordon Moser  
Barbara Moser  
Doug Van Camp  
Adeline Edson  
Abe Edson  
Aaron Edson  
Aidan Edson  
Steve Perry  
Darrell Gomes  
Dale Fowlar  
Ross Crawford  
Dennis Gramith  
Kenneth Vancamp  
Don Yungling  
Bill Yoder  

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Crew adding to the width of the berm along the Drill track.
SVLSRM Calendar

Feb. 1  Work Day, help needed for track work and more.
Feb.  8 Work Day, help needed for track work and more.
Feb. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
Feb. 15 Work Day, help needed for track work and more.
Feb. 22 Work Day, help needed for track work and more.
Mar.  1 Public ride day Noon to 4 PM
Mar.  2 Public ride day Noon to 4 PM
Mar. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
Mar. 15 Member work and run day. Work on projects and run you engine. Pot luck Lunch, enjoy the day at the track.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

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 then read on-line.

Please check the SVLS web site: www.svlsrm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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The newsletter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP
by Dennis Bowie

Welcome New Members:

Tom Nance, Orangevale

Membership update: I would like to thank everyone that has jumped on board our membership train and turned in their renewals! If you have not been one of them, please do so asap so that we can include you in our Yearly Roster.
I don't want to sound like a PBS pledge drive, but our club and facility rely on membership support. We are currently working on several improvement projects to the facility and it can only happen with those memberships being turned in!

I look forward to seeing you at our work days, play days and Meets.

See you on the rails!

Dennis Bowie

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM
Train Masters Report
By Kevin Sach

Well I hope everyone had a good holidays. Now, is the time to get down to the maintenance of the railroad and its equipment.

On the Saturday workdays over the next two months, I will be needing helpers to help me cut metal, grind the cut metal and weld the metal, so we can get the new riding cars built in time for the run days in March. I will be out there on most Saturdays doing some work on the cars. Email me if you can come out and help and we are always looking people who are willing to come and help in any way they can.

I also have planned during the off season is to replace the rings on both the piston and valve spools as of many years of running they are starting to wear down and allowing some blow by. See you in the maintenance area.

Photo to right shows Dennis Bowie welding new car frames. Also thanks to Kevin and Dennis for building a welding platform that folds down when not needed in the work container. Special Thanks to Kevin Sach for the donation of a Mig welder! Great jobs guys & thanks - President Bill

Track Superintendent Report
By Darrell Gomes

Our 2014 Track Replacement Project is off to a great start. Thanks to Dennis Gramith and Dale Folwar, their phone calls to members assembled one of the largest group of members and friends that I have the pleasure of working with.

In January, we were able to remove and dismantle 200’ of track and grade the new roadbed.

In February, we will prepare our road bed, lay track and ballast. I also will want volunteers for tie replacement and throw repair on switch’s. Don’t be shy, we will share and teach all that want to learn.
Snapshots from Jan. 18th & 25th work day, many projects being worked. Track, fence, Gator, irrigation, lunch, leaf pickup, drill track moved, Tractor repair, ballasting. - Thanks All!

Note high performance air cleaner with space age tape.

Reed with his new train get loaded with the help of his Dad.
10 Years ago: Gil Beaird completed his Berkshire locomotive testing at Riverside Live Steamers and will be bringing No. 765 Nickel Plate Road Steamer home and he expects to have it at the club in march.

Inbound and outbound lead tracks from the transfer table along with 4 more bays are planned to be built before the Spring meet.

Thanks are expressed to Dale and Lorra Fowlar for some fine belt buckles presented to those who helped them during Dale’s Presidency. They were made by the Fowlars and sport the SVLS logo.

20 Years ago: From the Board: Bridge plans were presented for the low trestle, Switch project, Roseville Railfair has invited the club to run trains on our portable track at annual November Railfair, and Keith Berry received approval for 2 projects: 1. Renovation of bridge over stream, 2. Conversion of spray car to “Fire Car”.

Gordon Moser, yardmaster stated he is working on getting our lawn mowers in good working order. Also, one or two new mowers are in the works (depends on what kind of deal Vern Geyer and I can get with a supplier).

30 Years ago: The board approved a passing siding in the grass area near the river and recommended that concrete mowing strips be placed on both sides of the track.

Clifford Willes, who lives in Utah, has been here visiting with his son, Ken (the Colonel), they have spent so much time running Ken’s engine, that Ken says that he should have to pay double dues for the double fun they are having.

The Bathroom building fund continues to grow through generous donations from: Bill Fisher, Ben Jennings and Henry Stefani.

40 Years ago: Again the Editor is lacking info on what the club was doing in 1974. They were having monthly meetings at various places and had a spring meet in 1974 based on a mailed bulletin June 1, 1974. Therefore I don’t have any info for the first part of 1974, if you have info as to club activities then I would appreciate a copy so we have it for our archives.

Based on a bulletin sent June 1, 1974 by Larry Badger then President, prior notices of events were postcards. It was July 1974 when “The Golden Spike” was first published as the club newsletter by Joel Corbin with artwork designed by Dick Esselbach which is still used in today’s news letters.

There is a lot of history that we have lost due to lack of archiving our documents. I find the club history very interesting with the amount of work accomplished by just a few. We need to appreciate what we have today and continue their efforts.
An Andy Clarici original one of a kind. Hall Scott car with trailer car 7.5” gauge, roughly 2” scale. Includes 5’ x 10’ trailer with custom cover. Also includes spare engine. Asking $7,500 (or best offer) for all. Contact: Lois Clifton 916-722-8514

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The model is mostly unfinished, only the chassis and front truck have been completed. All parts and drawings included. Below are the specifications of the completed locomotive.

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Save money and arrange to pickup in the Sacramento area.

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Asking $7,000 - Reasonable cash offers considered.
Contact Bill Cody - Home (775) 674-6512 or Cell 775-233-1429 for additional information/pictures.