Run Day Attendance and Train Crews(*)  March 1, 2014

Dennis*, Heidi*, Maren & Ryan Bowie
Kevin* & Andrew* Sach
Dale Fowlar *, Dennis Gramith*
Ross Crawford - Worked on tractor
Gordon * & Barbara Moser
Rob, & Tami Sharret
Butch Floyd*, Bill Floyd *
Dale Dennis*, Steve Perry*
Garett Garner, Ed Zeis*
Ed Yungling and guests
Richard*, Amy*, Sarah & Breanna Lutrel

March 2, 2014
Gordon* & Barbura Moser, Butch* Floyd, Bill* Floyd
Andy Bercelli*, Tyler & friend Mathew  - clearing brush
Tim Gubbins*, Dale Fowlar*, Gil Dominger, Ed Zeis*

Doug Price  a visitor from San Antonio, Texas spent most of the day with us.

Workday/Play Day 3/15/2014

The Lutrel Family - Richard, Amy, Sarah, & Brianna
The Bowie Family - Dennis, Heidi, Maren, & Ryan
Jeff & Reed Hickman
Gary & Jan Wilson
Greg & Josie Dileonardo
Marty & Debbie Carapiet
Kevin & Andrew Sach
Karle Mahler
Ross Crawford
Dale Fowlar
Gordon & Barbara Moser
Les Gregory
Steve Milward
Chris Donhost and sons Eli & Paul
Paul Skidmore
Dennis Gramith
Dawn & Toby Rowe
Tim & Travis Gubbins
Rob Sharratt
Gil & Janet Dominger

Our Friend Robert (Red) Hadler lost his fight with leukemia last week. There will be a celebration of Red’s life at the CA State Railroad Museum in Sacramento (CSRM) on Friday April 4th at 6 pm. Please RSVP by April 3rd to: Susannah Rominger, at (916) 445-7373 or E-mail: srominger@parks.ca.gov

Red was long-time member of SVLS. He was always willing to help others in the hobby. I received wonderful comments about Red from several people who responded to the request for blood donation.

Red’s 1/8  Scale version of the El Gobernador a 4-10-0 steam locomotive built by Central Pacific Railroad at the railroad’s shops in Sacramento.
SVLSRM Calendar

Apr. 5  *Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM
Apr. 6  *Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM
    * Depends on insurance resolution.
Apr. 8  Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
        Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
Apr. 19 Work Day, Member Run Day, pot luck Lunch.

May 2  Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM
May 3  Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM
May 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
       Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
May 16, 17 & 18  Spring meet

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

MEMBERSHIP

by Dennis Bowie

With the trees and flowers blooming it means two things; pollen
is in the air and it’s time to run our trains. And what better way
to do that than to come out to the club and be a part of the fun.
What’s that you say…I think I forgot to pay my membership
or it’s probably too late to renew? Well I’m here to tell you it’s
never too late!

This club needs you; we need everyone to be a part of it. We
have a wealth of information in all our members and what
someone doesn’t know there are others with the knowledge and
skills.

And before you know it, the Spring Meet (May 16th-18th) will be
here and we will need everyone to chip in. So don’t be the lone
signal man waiting for the next train, jump on board now!

Dennis Bowie
Membership

I would like to welcome aboard our newest members.

Nick Zamora from Antioch Ca.
Gregory and Josie Di Leonardo from Oroville Ca.
Marty and Debbie Carapiet from Roseville Ca.

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

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

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President’s Report
By Bill Yoder

Our club will not be running trains until we can find new insurance as our current policy was canceled by having two claims over the last three years. We have received pricing from $15,000 to over $21,000 which is twice what is in the bank. The board is still contacting several insurance agents, and we are waiting to see if they have a better solution. Please, if you have knowledge of a solution (insurance and money), let us know.

One of the questions asked by the agents is “do we require our members and our guest riders to sign a waiver?” We are looking into this, as it may help get insurance. We also have taken the old articulated riding cars out of service and now we will only use the drop center cars for riders.

I have appointed member Marty Carapiet as our safety chairperson who is looking into these issues and ways to improve our safety program. Please give him your support when needed.

Please call me if you have a suggestion or have questions.

Train Masters Report
By Kevin Sach

We are still chugging along at getting the new riding cars built. We have one of the cars with a full deck and are working on getting the seat built for it. A second one that has just the lower floor on which we put behind a train to give it a test run which was a very solid ride.

I am also still doing maintenance to all the engine as issues arrive. Recently the RS-3 had to have one of its piston rings repositioned as it had slipped, causing the engine burn oil.

See you on the rails.

SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

116. Anyone consuming any alcoholic beverages, including beer, or use of any illegal drugs or narcotics of any kind shall be requested to cease. If they refuse, they will be asked to leave the facility.

203. Any engine about to back up must give the correct signal. All engines backing up shall run at reduced speeds.

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

406. Steam boilers shall have an annual hydrostatic test. Such test shall prove the ability of the boiler to withstand hydrostatic pressures of at least fifty percent (50%) above the normal working pressure of the boiler. Such tests shall further prove the ability of each safety valve to work satisfactorily at its own set pressure. Steam boiler test certification issued by other recognized Live Steam organization within the past twelve (12) months shall be honored by SVLSRM.

10 Years ago: New steps and two lead tracks ready for use, thanks to a hard working group of members.

20 Years ago: The big event for this month will be a visit to Big Thunder Railroad owned by Craig and Linda Craddock. As usual, it promises to be a wonderful weekend. Saturday night will be the BBQ potluck so be sure to pack your favorite pot luck dish.

Track work is progressing steadily and any extra help can and will be appreciated. The outbound track from the passenger loading area now has steel rail on the outside on the curve. That curve had aluminum rail laid in a little more than a year ago and the outer rail has been worn to the web. The original line needs to have ballast added for improved safety and operation.

30 Years ago: On March 24 a small but constructive work party installed two new switches in the meadow near the river. At the last run day our “Anonymous Donor” struck again. There was another $100.00 contribution to the bath room fund in the little caboose at the passenger station, wrapped in the same familiar note. Thanks you, Mr. Anonymous!

A news stamp was issued showing a narrow-gauge caboose used by logging in the Sierra Nevada during the 1890s.

40 Years ago: Again the Editor is lacking info on what the club was doing in 1974.
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
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FOR SALE 7.5” gauge, 1.5” scale 0-4-0 INVICTA locomotive, tender and two riding cars. Steel propane fired boiler feeding 1.375” x 2.22” cylinders sleeved down to 1”. Direction control is by a slip eccentric set-up. Six inch diameter drivers. Boiler make-up water supplied by an axle pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender. Manual brakes on the first riding car. The tender only holds about one gallon of water so I built a three gallon water tank in the first riding car along with a pump and battery so I can refill the tender on the fly. Complete - Ready to Run. I transport this train on its tie down board in my Prius automobile. Board is included.

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

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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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