With the fall meet approaching very fast, the Safety committee is always looking for areas in our club to improve. The recent completion of our stair hand railings is a prime example of safety issues we are addressing. We welcome ideas from other members to make our club safe and enjoyable for all.

Next we will be fabricating a new stair railing by the steaming bays to complete this project.

A big thanks to Andrew Sach for welding the new railings. Also, thanks to Andy B. and Rob S. for all the help on the new retaining wall.

Be safe and have fun!! See you at the fall meet!!
Marty Carapiet
Safety Committee

One of the greatest compliments I get from parties is how “great our place is for parties and the volunteers were so nice”. This would not be possible without our members giving up a few hours on a weekend to help out the club. This year I booked 32 parties from March to September for a total of $5,186. We had something going on almost every weekend.

I would like to thank all 26 members who helped this year. This great source of income would not be possible without your commitment. THANK YOU to Dale, Dean, Kevin, Andrew, Jeff, Peter, Karle, Ed, Butch, Bill, Gordon, Barbara, Heidi, Dennis H., Chris S., Steve, Adam, Keith, Marty, Rob, Dennis G., Phil, Don F., Scott, Chris D., and myself. Thanks Again!

Party coordinator
Andy Berchielli

Bring your engine and enjoy three days of running. For additional fun we will have 2 raffles on Saturday afternoon, one for kids items and then items for the rest of us. We are asking members to donate a raffle item and the club will furnish the grand raffle prize plus several items. But since this is a fund raiser, we need good donated items.

As we did at the previous meets, for parking your train please bring your train cone to reserve a siding during the meet. Select a siding that will fit your train’s length. Hope to see you at the Fall Meet.

For more details see our web site: svlsrm.org/meet-notice.php

Food: Friday sack lunch $6.
Spaghetti dinner Friday night $6.
Breakfast Saturday or Sunday mornings $6.
Lunch on Saturday or Sunday $7.
Saturday big dinner of BBQ Beef or Chicken, with several side dishes is $15. Special meal ticket will be available at a discount for the 6 meals, Friday Spaghetti dinner, Saturday & Sunday servings and 3 drink tickets. The meal ticket provides a $6 savings: adult $40, teens $35, or kid (12 & under) $25.

Buy your meal tickets or Saturday dinners only tickets on-line through PayPal or you may RSVP by calling Clio (916) 645-9154 or E-mail: meet@svlsrm.org

Saturday dinner must be bought or RSVP’d by October 10th.

Tell your friends about the Meet, it is a great time to see many locomotives and the craftsmen who build them. Need an answer on how to build or run your engine? Then ask, as the knowledge is here. As always we will need help for setup & clean up, also we can use donations of goodies for the bake sale. Please let us know if you will help. Thanks! And it will be great to see you at the meet!
SVLSRM Calendar

Oct.  3   Public Ride day - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Oct.  4   Public Ride day - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Oct. 13  Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
         Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
Oct. 16 - 18 Fall meet
Oct. 17  Membership meeting 7 p.m. - nominations

Nov.  10 Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Community Board Room
         Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
Nov. 12 SVLSRM load trains & equipment for Railfair.
Nov. 13 Setup track and equipment at Railfair 9 a.m.
Nov. 14 Run train at Railfair - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Nov. 15 Run train at Railfair - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Nov. 21 November Annual General Membership Meeting
         and elections - 1 p.m.
Nov. 21 Saturday Member work day and run day. Pot luck
         lunch, work in a.m., run your train in afternoon.
Nov. 29 Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree lighting.

Please volunteer to support the club events.  
How will you support SVLSRM this month?

A members only area has been setup on our web server where
we will keep a current version of the roster, and other useful
documents for our members. To gain access, each member (now
including Associates) must be a current paid member to register
and create a user name and password.

Please use the link on the web page in the top menu section
called “Members only.” This is a two step process to register as
the system will send an E-mail to verify that it is you. You will
then use the link sent to complete the process. Please note this
is to register so you can then use your user ID/password to view
the protected area via the link shown on the registration page.

The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.
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The Golden Spike is the published monthly by the Sacramento
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Hagan Community Park, Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA.
Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlsrm.org.
The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.
Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP
by Dean Sheets

SVLSRM new members and their families:

Janet Lee and her son, Dylan, live in Folsom, Janet is also a
member of Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad (PSVRR) a
full size heritage railroad.

Tom and Terri Smith belong to the Truckee Donner Railroad
Society and hail from Truckee.

Richard and Memie Weitzenberg live in Sacramento and have an
affiliation with CSRM Richard is a Civil Engineer.

Ryan and Anna Vellanoweth joined as a family membership
with their 2 young sons, Tyler and Thomas and live in West
Sacramento and also belong to CSRM

As always, if you see any members walking around looking
bewildered go over and introduce yourself and offer any help you
can getting them involved with our great Club.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM
Train Masters Report
By Kevin Sach

I want to thank all that came out and braved the smoke and heat while up at Colfax. During our steamer training day, we had a few members who came out to learn how to operate the steamer and with a few more times out with the steamer, they should be ready to take the test to be allowed to pull the public behind the steamer. One question why have not more members taken the tests to help out with run days, we all need to pitch in and help the club out. The test are available online on the club’s website. We have a few events coming up where we will need the help.

With the meet coming up shortly, I will be available starting Friday of the meet weekend to give hydro’s to those who need one. Hydro’s are needed to be done annually to make sure that they are safe to run.

Also for the October run day, we plan to be in costumes to have a little “get in the mood” for Halloween which is at the end of the month. -- See you on the rails

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10 Years ago: On September 9, 10 & 11 we, being a railroad interest museum, were invited to attend a weekend long display of local museums and the grand opening of the Stanford Mansion. Historical groups from Sacramento, Folsom, Columbia, and Rancho Cordova (us) were asked to put on a display to coincide with the Stanford Mansion opening. The event was very successful and our new brochure was passed out to many folks who came by our display. On Sunday, September 18, some of those same people came by our regular run day and saw our operation. We are getting more visibility and we hope to get more members through these events.

20 Years ago: “FROM THE FAR SIDE OF THE CAB”
The Fall Meet is not far out which rings out another year of activities. We have accomplished several major tasks: 1 - six new steaming bays, 2- rewire the entire facility, 3- put in sidings, and 4- kept ahead of the weed growth - to name a few. I am surprised, shocked I suppose, at the utter lack of depth on the club - those willing to take on an office. The group of active members is very small. You have all heard this before. It bears repeating, it bears watching, it requires fixing.
Bob Lovell, Vice-President

30 Years ago: “FROM THE CAB”
A BIG Thank You to all those members and visitors and all who pitched in so willing to help get the work done and make the Fall Meet a success. I would also like to thank those of you who have generously contributed to our “Storage Facility Fund”. To date approximately 15 of our 120 members have contributed to the “fund” with donations ranging from $5. to $150. We have received approximately one half of the estimated cost for moving the two cars to our track site, so we still have a long way to go. In addition to the moving costs there will be some expense incurred for ties and ballast to prepare their display site.
Dennis Gramith, President

40 Years ago: Ed Yungling, Doc Harris, Ken Spicer and Larry Edwards were out at the track Labor Day. They did some maintenance work on the track and had three engines running.
Come see the wonderful upgrades to our WP caboose! It now has a new floor, painted walls, better lighting, and other improvements thanks to some dedicated members. Special thanks goes to Chris Rutter (friend of Dennis B.) who installed the new linoleum. Also honorable mention goes to Rob who moved all the appliances both out and back into the Caboose.

A great job done by these volunteers:
- Gordon and Barbara Moser
- Kevin and Andrew Sach
- Rob and Tami Sharratt
- Andy and August Berchielli
- Steve Perry
- Alison Berry
- Sid Madden
- Dennis Gramith
- Dennis, Heidi, Maren, and Ryan Bowie
- Phil and Stephanie Huntingdale
- Bill Floyd, Marty Carapiet, Bill Yoder

The interior is now finished and Barbara is now reorganizing all the items that were removed during this whole process.

We have a real need for more qualified members to run public trains. The last few run days have been short the required crews. Please help by giving a few hours of your time for our public runs. You may take the test online then bring it to the track. This weekend would be a good time as we are having a public run on Oct. 3 & 4. We also need crews for the Railfair in Roseville in November, the Rancho Cordova Christmas tree lighting November 29th and our annual Santa Run the first two weekends in December. So please help support your club.

I want to Thank Andy Berchielli for the great job of coordinating the special events (birthday parties, and events), as he noted these earned us over $5,000 this year. The club has a goal of replacing all main line with steel track & new ties and it costs a lot more now days. The track now costs over $15 per foot. A little simple math tell us that each members dues only buy 2 feet of track at most per year. This is why we need ways to raise money to maintain and improve your railroad. - Please support all club activities.

If you can weld then here is a project that can be done at home. We want to install more signals so I need some signal heads built. The process is to weld the hoods on the signal face. I have the face plates (all ready cutout) and tubing which does need cut into short pieces for the lamp hood. If you would help please give Bill Yoder a call. - It will be appreciated.

We also have need of some new wheels for our gravel cars and if you can make those let me or Kevin know - thanks again.

One more item: elections will be in November with nominations in October. Want to make a real difference? Then be a voice on the board. This year 4 positions are available; President, Secretary, Train Master, & Board member at large. A special members meeting will be at 7 p.m. Friday during the meet for nominations, please attend.

Thanks for reading. Keep it steaming!
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7 1/2” gauge train hauler
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SVLSRM has a large
collection of Halloween
props, electronics, lights,
audio equipment, timers,
motion sensor, fading eyes,
costumes, fog machines,
and other “things”. The
club does not want to use
them anymore. If you are
interested in buying or want more info,
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