Thank you to the following members who spent one or more of the following Work Days helping with track replacement, cleaning out the containers, working on books for library, working on fence at the station, raking up leaves and picking up fallen branches after the storm, working on and maintaining club engines, snow shed, plus miscellaneous other chores at SVLS facilities. Jan. 28 & 29, Feb. 4 & 5 Feb. 11 & 12, & Feb. 28,19.


When 95 year old Ken Willes showed up at the track to look at his old engine, he got more than he asked for. Why would you come to Sacramento Valley Live Steamers to only look at a steam train when you can fire one up and run it? After a few minutes of boiling water and a quick refresher course on the controls, Ken took his 0-4-0 around the track for the first time in over twenty years. Tears of joy filled his eyes and a smile was seen from ear to ear. Experiencing that moment made all the hours spent rebuilding "Lil Blue" well worth it. It has been Ken’s dream to be able to run his engine again.

Ken became a member of this club in 1973, he continues being a member today and is a great supporter of SVLS. Thanks Ken!
SVLSRM Calendar

Mar. 4  Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
Mar. 5  Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
Mar. 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
       Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
Mar. 18  Member work day and run day. Please help in the AM
        then run your train in the afternoon.

Apr. 1  Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
Apr. 2  Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
Apr. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
        Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
Apr. 15  Member work day and run day. Please help in the AM
        then run your train in the afternoon.

Dates to reserve on your 2017 calendar:
Pacific Regional Meet  May 19, 20, & 21
Fall meet  Oct. 20, 21, & 22
Annual Christmas Dinner  Dec. 16th.

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

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Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlsrm.org.
The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.
Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

Charles (Chuck) Barnes of Modesto, CA passed away
February 20th, 2017 after an illness. Chuck was a SVLSRM
member since 2009.  Our condolences to his family.

The deadline for renewing your membership for
2017 is now! Please renew.

Please complete your membership form noting changes. You can download forms at svlsrm.org.
Send check or pay on-line at: www.svlsrm.org/membership.php
Send forms/check to: SVLSRM  P.O. Box 273
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

Please check the SVLSRM web site
www.svlsrm.org  for current information. If you have not looked for awhile
then you will have missed news or for
sale items that are not in the newsletter.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM
Yard Masters Report
By Rob Sharratt

Hello fellow club members. We have been quite busy at our club installing a fence around the station. I would like to thank Andy Berchielli, Peter Welch, Keith Berry, and Gordon Moser for all the help digging holes and cementing poles in place. I also was able to down a dead pine tree that was getting ready to fall over near the north gate. Thank to Kevin Sach and Andy for assistance making it fall the correct way.

We start running next week, there is always something to do. Train operations, yard work, many other jobs. So get involved, come help your club. Thanks to Dave McFarland and his grandson for the continued help with mowing and leaves.

February Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

• Fence modifications around Cordova Station are progressing, as weather permits.
• SVLS board members attended the induction of the new Cordova Park District manager.
• Discussion continued regarding options concerning the electric-hydraulic hoist.
• Continued weeding out process of obsolete board agenda items.
• Board accepted invitation to attend the Portola Valley invitational with GGLS.
• Dennis G. will be adding paper towel dispensers to roundhouse and boxcar.
• Alison is working on creating special event binders to illustrate what needs to be done to the facility for each event. Binders will include instructions and photos.
• Hometown Hero Grant will be applied for the purpose of purchasing a container for the tractor.
• Funding guidelines clarified regarding the snow shed project.

Party & Events Chairperson
By Andy Berchielli

Our season is beginning. This means not only do we need crews for Public Runs, but I will also be asking for help with the birthday parties. These parties provide a good source of income for the club. I book parties the 2nd, 3rd, + 4th weekends of the month. Minus the member run day. Parties are 2 hours long. Some book an extra hour. Volunteers are asked to show up 45 minutes to an hour before party to prepare trains and usually stay there an half hour after party to lock up. If interested in helping out this year reach out to me via events@svlsrm.org. On our website you can click on parties & events to see what is booked so far. Thanks!

Special Events. For the second year in a row we have been invited to attend a private meet to Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad along with GGLS. This private meet will be held on June 24 + 25. The RR is located in the beautiful hills of Portola Valley above Palo Alto. This hilly railroad is very scenic and they have been undertaking some major projects to extend the RR. Make plans to attend this special weekend. If you wish to attend please contact me so I can add you to the list. It is a guarded entrance and will be checking names. There are a few RV spots available. Thanks!

Treasurer & Librarian
By Alison Berry

We have started cataloging the various donated books. We plan to group the books in the library using the Library of Congress classification system. Libraries in the United States generally use either the Library of Congress Classification System (LC) or the Dewey Decimal Classification System to organize their books. Most academic libraries use LC, and most public libraries and K-12 school libraries use Dewey. The board felt the Library of Congress Classification System will provide a more detail sorting system for our books. Cataloging the books is just the first step. Before the books can be shelved we will need to label the books, add pocket cards to be used for check out, and, to create clear covers for any books with dust covers.

We are still discussing how to handle the check-out process. We want our members to have access as well as check-out privileges. We are also hoping to find someone willing to act as club librarian. That person would be available when the library is open (probably our member work/run day), handle the check-out of books, track what books are checked out, check the books back in and re-shelve the books. If this sounds like something you can do to support the club, please contact Alison Berry as it would be great to make you part of the cataloging process to get familiar with the books.

At this time we cannot take more book donations. Please give us a chance to finish our current inventory.
Track Superintendent Report
By Dennis Bowie

Another installment of looking down the track...

Let me be the first to say what a job. With the hard work of our members and all the time and energy put into this project, the main line is in. This project has seen the removal of almost 300 feet of some steel and aluminum track panels. This was replaced with all steel panels. Also the removal of old road bed and replaced with ¾” crush for the sub road bed then track placed and ½” rock for ballast.

Yes we still need to install the panels for the Placerville siding but this will be aluminum and can be done as a work day project.

I would like to thank all who helped with this project, I know it sounds like a cop out when I say the list is too long to put every one down, but it’s true.

Now if you think “great I missed out on all of the fun”, don’t worry, I have other projects that you can be part of.

Scott Jepsen and Chris Donhost moving real railroad ties for the SP Caboose projects. #1 The ties currently under the caboose are in need of replacement. #2 With the new ties in place, we are looking to build a low retaining wall of some kind to keep the ballast from escaping into the grass and away from the ties. Thanks guys.
FOR SALE

You can be on the rails in steam for only $5000/offer. I am offering my complete, RTR train consisting of a 7.5” gauge INVICTA locomotive, tender, engineer riding car, and tool car. Loco has a propane fired steel boiler with copper tubes, axle driven feed pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender as well as a axle driven mechanical lubricator. Slip eccentrics for forward/reverse. The engine is a twin cylinder double acting with a bore and stroke of 1”x 2.2”. The tender water capacity is limited to 1 gallon so I built a 3 gallon water tank in the engineer’s riding car along with an electric pump and battery to transfer water to the tender on the fly. There are hand operated mechanical brakes on the engineer’s riding car. A 110 VAC blower for firing up is included along with tools to change out the propane tank, lubrication bottles, foot peg bar for tool car and misc fittings.

Contact Bill Cody at 775-674-6512, cell 775-233-1429 or email tosteamboatbill@sbcglobal.net
Engine is located in Reno, Nevada and can be delivered for a fee. To see and hear a video on the engine being fired and run on the bench, click on this Video link

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10 Years ago: Track Relocation Project
A BIG THANKS TO PETE ARNEY AND DARRELL GOMES who have gone far beyond the call of duty to build our new right-of-way, installed new ties and steel rail. They have spent extremely long hours and many many days on this project, virtually every possible day in January and February. The help of others has also been much appreciated. The track is not only good looking but also has a very smooth ride on the new rail. Our thanks for an OUTSTANDING EFFORT!

20 Years ago: I am pleased to report that the year is off to a great start, regardless of the heavy rains and short days. Early January seemed to predict a wet winter with the possibility of flooding. Thankfully, this did not occur, in fact, no damage was incurred to our facilities and track. Track projects are underway on both mainline and a new yard at Oasis, the Twin Bridges have been upgraded, the trees have been trimmed, and the “vast prairie” new area, mowed and re-mowed. Locomotives have been serviced; a major annual on the UP engine, and parts ordered to replace the missing details. The property is beautiful, the days are longer, and this Spring promises to be a delightful time to run trains. SEE YOU AT THE TRACK! Keith Berry - President

30 Years ago: At the last board meeting, we had an update report from Keith Kirsten on the property expansion plan. Things are progressing nicely and a lot of problems are being ironed out. It all takes time. We also had an update report from Milon Thorley on the progress plan of getting the bathroom facility started. Come to the next general meeting and get more update information. Ed Spall was also there and gave a report on the transfer table project. Bob Lovell also reported on the progress of the box car and track an a switch layout for it. These members and all the others who are helping them a big thanks to you.

40 Years ago: Ed Yungling had his Cab Forward picture published in Live Steam,
SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DUES INVOICE
To be filled out upon application for membership and/or membership renewal

☐ NEW  ☐ RENEWAL  DATE: ____________

Type of membership desired:  ☐ regular  ☐ family  ☐ associate

Your Name: _________________________________________________________________  Birthdate: __________

Spouse’s Name: _____________________________________________________________  Birthdate: __________

Family living at home (names and birthdates):
_________________________________    ____________      ______________________________    ____________
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Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________    State: ______________   Zip+4: __________  ______

Home Phone:____________________ Work Phone: ____________________  Cell Phone: ____________________

Email Address:  ________________________________    (Spouse) ______________________________________

List E-mail on web?  ____ (Y/N)        List E-mail on web?  ____ (Y/N)

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Do you have track at home?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Someday  Gauge: ____

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLSRM:
_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Affiliations with other railroads: __________________________________________________________________

We have two classes of membership: Regular or Associate.

REGULAR class of membership (Individual or Family) is $60.00 per year.
New regular membership includes a one-time track fee of $40 and dues are prorated at $5. per month from the month you join. For example: if you join in January, fee is $100, in June $75, or in October $55.
New Membership includes one name badge with additional name badges available for $10 each.
Regular membership is required for those living within a 60 mile radius of the club.

ASSOCIATE membership is optional for those outside the 60 mile radius who do not want the Regular membership.
Associate rate is $30 per year with no track fee. Name badges are available for $10 each.

Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION then send with your dues to:
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Attn: Membership  PO Box 273  Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-0273

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