People came from far and near to attend our 45th Spring Meet. The weather was great and we had almost every siding full. A special thanks to the SageBrush group who showed up on Wednesday and were ready to help. Many branches were pruned to make way for the RVs. Then on Thursday I got a group of about 10 from the Sagebrush group to help finish a drill track and siding for the new Quarry yard. A much needed addition to the RR. Thank you to all that helped pitch in to make this meet a success.

The reservation system for RV, steaming bay and siding seems to work well. I will make improvement for the next meet to make things easier to understand. However I believe we will stick with this reservation system to create less confusion on the RR. It works if everyone sticks to the plan. If you attended the meet you would have noticed the new falls under Twin Bridges. This project was spearheaded by the Welch family. This new feature was most enjoyed by all. Thank you for your time and effort.

Our tractor just became more efficient with a set of pallet forks. We can now move heavy things with ease. A special thanks to Reno Farinelli for donating the forks and to Peter Welch for fabricating the bracket. Being President, people come to me with many ideas. One that I believe we will start to do right away is to identify major projects that need funding and create a fundraiser for said project. I had many people willing to donate if they knew it was going to a certain project. One of the first steps to do is to create a Master Plan, which is already underway. Then we need to set a time frame and approximate value to the project. From there we can move forward. Again thank you to everyone who contributed their time to make this RR what it is today.
**SVLSRM Calendar**

June 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM  
June 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM  
June 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.  
June 16 Member WORK day - please help on club projects.  
June 17 Fathers Day - Member RUN day - bring your train to run all day.  

July 3 Fourth of July special run day - 4 PM to 8 PM  
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Dates to reserve on your calendar:  
Fall meet Oct. 19, 20, & 21

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

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**MEMBERSHIP**

by Barbara Rohrs

**Welcome Our New Members**

David & Karen Cladianos, Sacramento - Regular  
Gordon & Peggy Dunham, Sacramento - Regular  
Bernard & Elaine New, Carmel Valley - Associate  
Ralph & Paula Orlandella, Elk Grove - Regular  
Tim & Debbie Willard, Bakersfield - Associate

**Thanks to all the members who renewed their memberships at the recent spring meet.**

Please check the SVLSRM web site  
[www.svlsrm.org](http://www.svlsrm.org)  
for current information. If you have not looked for a while, 
then you will have missed news or for sale items that are not in the newsletter.

Be a volunteer and enjoy the fun of sharing the hobby.

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**Reminder** - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

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A members only area has been set up 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 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.

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*The newsletter deadline is 24th of each month. Member articles wanted.*
The club needed a newer tractor - one that will run and be easy to use and do the work we need done. We bought one but are short $2000 dollars. Therefore we are still asking for donations to complete our purchase. Please donate at:
http://www.svlsrm.org/donation-tractor.php
Thanks!

May 5, 2018
Dennis Bowie, Peter Welch, Marty Carapiet, Harry Voss, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Bill Floyd, David Arrow, Dennis Gramith, Alison Berry, Dale Dennis, Steve Milward, Paul Skidmore, Andy Berchielli, Rob Sharratt, Bill Yoder, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Andrew Maret, Colton Snell.

May 6, 2018
Cliff Gertz - Visitor from American Flyer Club
Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Bill & Butch Floyd
Aaron, Lisa, Cora, & Will Hoerner, Harry Voss
Barbara Rhrs, Barbara & Gordon Moser.

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New:
• Steel rail to be bought now as Andy can provide transportation. $1500. to purchased rail.
• New engine - Still waiting, Andy had discussion and set a final date for delivery of June 15th.

The club needs more members to be active with our public ride days, and our special events like Parties, Santa Run, and special events. These events provide our main source of income so please come out and help.

Please volunteer by being added to the crew call list for hauling public to e-mail: secretary@svlsrm.org.

Help us save money.

Save SVLSRM some money and read the news letters on-line. Tell Membership 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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10 Years ago: Donations. Thanks to weather, the 2008 Spring Meet will be remembered as a HOT ONE. The days before the meet had temperatures in the 90’s and I would like to thank members Terry Willes, Bob Silva, Bill Noyer, Carl & Linda Kitzmiller, Bill Yoder, Jacob Stealman, Leonard Houpt, Gail Gomes, Paul & Tia Skidmore, Pete Arney and all who helped get the facility ready for the meet. The Tuesday track crew will be building two switches for the new yard at Midway. I would like to thank Bob Silva for volunteering and building the entry switch for the new yard.

4-6-2 Missouri Pacific - Jim Carroll
1500 Switcher - Bob Watkins, Consolidation - Dick Quiring
SW1500 - David Arrol, Shay - Ken Schroeder
4-4-0 #116 American - David & Geraldine August
CP 173 - Robert & Kim Beard, SP-PID - Joe & Tiny Yetter
Mich-Cal Shay - Don Juergenson, Falk #1 Shay - Henry Stefani
Electric - Karl Reichhold, 2-8-2 Sierra Pacific - Rick Zobelein
Baldwin/Westinghouse Electric - Herb Reichhold
Allen Mogul - Ralph & Mary Hutchens
Box Cab Elect. - Bill Quick, Lil Gasser - Robert Bergmans
SP AG - Charles Hunter, 3/4 Northern - Victor & Anita Owens
Baldwin Gas - Paul Garin III, GS-4 - Craig Craddock
Pacific - Dick Bartel, Coal Fired Pacific - Dale & Lorra Fowlar
GE Switcher - Bud Rogers & Chantel Wilkison

These are all those who registered their equipment with us. There were others there that did not register. The next meet you attend please be sure to drop by and register with us so we know you were there. Of those that registered, Thank you for coming by and hope you all had a good time ‘playing’ at our track.

30 Years ago: (I don’t know what happened then, because we are missing news letters. - Editor is needing old news letters.)

40 Years ago: Sunday June 18th “See Father run. See Father having fun.” This is Father’s Day and it is also Run Day on the SVLS and what better way to please him. Bring a picnic lunch, let the kids go swimming or fishing and let Dad do his thing. We will be planning out some new additions to the SVLS to be started in the near future.

Joe and Jody Passentina have donated a new parachute to the SVLS and after the heat on Saturday at the spring meet and the welcome shade of our old parachute, we sure appreciate their gift. We’ll put it to good use at the ever hot Fall Meet.

SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.08 Mode of seating
Passengers must remain seated, straddling seat, and facing forward, on the cars at all times until the train returns to the station. Arms and legs must be kept inside the cars at all times while the train is in motion.

2.02 Daylight Operations
All Locomotives shall be equipped with a whistle, horn, or other sounding device producing audible signals. Such sounding devices shall be powerful enough to be heard distinctly for at least 150 feet. All locomotives shall carry a red flag and whistle to warn traffic of emergencies and for passing on visual and audible signals.

3.07 Separation of Trains
Any engine following another train must keep at least 75 feet behind the train ahead. When entering mainline, yielded to mainline traffic.
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