As you read this Spring Meet Registration is available on our website. Register for RV spots; steaming bays and track assignments. If you can’t do the internet please call Bill Yoder at 9166527113.

This year’s Spring Meet we will not be serving breakfast and no catered dinner for Saturday night. Instead we will be serving pizza for Saturday dinner. Price for meals have gone up but will include a drink. We will also have a small charge for RVs. RVs and meals can be prepaid during registration. Their will also be a tent setup for merchandise and drinks. Currently AccuCraft is the only vendor.

The club has received some great donations this year. Last month was the 1” scale cab forward. This month we also got a diorama of the City of San Francisco snowbound 1952. It’s 11’ long and displayed in the SP Caboose library.

It came from the estate of Bill Eversul, Tthe same place the cab forward was acquired.

Another donation received this month was a railroad supply GP38 in Santa Fe colors. It was donated by the Brooke Gomez, the granddaughter of David Quaschnick David lived in the Loomis area and ran a track around his property. This engine is in better shape than our current UP engine. Also with this donation were several hundred feet of track. Ya New Yard ideas!! We are officially out of storage space. So with this acquisition the club has decided to part ways with the UP. See sales ad.

Birthday season is picking up. Contact me if you wish to help with parties.

Yardmaster Report
By Richard Lutrel

1st off I would like to thank everyone who continues to help with yard-work at OUR club! It is a never ending task. I don’t have everyone's name but THANK YOU!

Second I would like to ask that everyone STOP driving on the grass except the RV area. The grass is worn and now looks like road all the way to the G scale track. It is not much further to park in the RV area and carry your stuff over. If it is, ask for help. NOT just the G scale people EVERYONE. Please let’s give the grass more time to grow back. I can understand once in awhile when you have something heavy to unload into the container or boxcar but every single week is too much.

Register for our Spring Meet on-line. Reserve Train space, RV space and Reserve Saturday dinner by May 10th. Please pay online for meals and RV/ Camper spots using PayPal. - THANKS

Remember this CLUB is YOURS please help to maintain the track and grounds if you can find time to play, I am sure you can find time to help with a task.
SVLSRM Calendar

Club future activity will depend on VIRUS GUIDELINES. Please check on-line about Public activity.

May 1 Public run day - check on-line
May 2 Public run day - check on-line
May 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
May 14 Spring Meet.
May 15 Spring Meet.
May 16 Spring Meet.

Jun. 5 Public run day - check on-line
Jun. 6 Public run day - check on-line
Jun. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via Zoom
Jun. 19 Work day.
Jun. 20 Member RUN day.

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

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.

See 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.

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

MEMBERSHIP
by Stacy Reese

I would like to welcome all of our new members to our fabulous club! I hope to see everyone at the Spring Meet for a great weekend filled with lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues.

We still have a few that need to pay and hopefully by the meet we will have everyone paid. Stephanie and I have got the Roster cleaned up and hopefully correct. If you spot any errors, please let me know.

I would also like to remind everyone that the Train Crews must update their testing every two years. Tests will be available at the meet.

If you have any question about membership just shoot me an email or give me a call, all my contact information is on the website. See you at the meet!

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM
Spring is here, and in a few short weeks, the club will be hosting this year’s Spring Meet. While there will be a few details that make this meet a little different from year’s past, I think everyone can agree that we are looking forward to being out and operating our equipment as well as showcasing what projects have been in the works for the past year. We strongly encourage everyone to register on the club’s website, make your reservations, and review what will be offered at this year’s meet.

The organization is always looking to improve what we can offer to its visitors. Sometimes, these improvements aren’t always the first things to be noticed and certainly not always “train” related, but they still take planning and financing to see that it gets done properly. So that we can continue to improve the property and the amenities that can be offered, we will be charging a flat rate of $20 to RVs for the meet weekend.

When registering, please note that this year, the club will not be offering breakfast. A $40 meal ticket can be purchased during online and in-person registration which will include Friday’s lunch, Friday’s dinner, Saturday’s lunch, Saturday’s dinner, and Sunday’s lunch.

Thanks to Stephanie Huntingdale, the club has some new shirts, hats, and other pieces of Merchandise that will be available for sale. We will also be offering a silent auction rather than our normal raffle.

This is always an exciting time of year that many look forward to, and especially this year, safety is a concern that is on the mind of many. There is no shortage of tasks to do, and work that needs to be done for everyone to be able to enjoy themselves. Please take the time to see how you can help! Between setting up, registration, serving meals, cleaning up, and taking down, if you see something that needs to be done, please do so.
SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

2.12 Boiler Inspection
All steam boilers operated at the SVLSRM facility shall carry a current boiler inspection tag, or card. This tag or card shall state the hydrostatic test pressure, the maximum operating pressure and the safety valve settings. The SVLSRM will accept valid current boiler inspection tag or card issued by recognized Live Steam Clubs for operation of steam locomotives and equipment on the SVLSRM facilities.

3.04 Unloading/loading
Locomotives and equipment shall be unloaded and loaded only at the facilities provided at the steaming bays. All vehicles shall be removed from the loading area as soon as possible after loading and unloading. Small equipment may be unloaded/loaded at any siding.

4.02 Requirement of Conductor
All trains hauling passengers shall have at least one qualified Conductor on the last car of the train, or facing backward on the rear seat of the Engineer car. It shall be their responsibility to protect the rear of the train and to assist the Engineer in the operation of the train. Each Conductor on duty shall have a whistle (police type) and a red flag or light on the train.
Tucker Smith, The Challenger – Those who love steam engines are no doubt familiar with the Challenger, the fastest freight locomotive of the Union Pacific fleet in the 1940s and 1950s. Artist Tucker Smith set the painting at the top of Sherman Hill between Cheyenne and Laramie, Wyoming, at an elevation of about 8000 feet. In the background are the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. At the left of the painting, the yellow scheme the Union Pacific used for its passenger cars during the 1950s can be seen. “There’s something almost alive about a steam engine. It Breathes steam and you can watch all the moving parts on the outside of the engine—even the steam pipes, valves and pumps. That’s what is magical to me about a steam engine. It seems to have a life all its own. As I was working on it,” Smith says, “I was thinking ‘speed’ and ‘movement.’ I wasn’t trying to think of it as a photograph. I was trying to put myself there. I was wondering how it would feel if you actually stood there as the train went by. That was more important to me than getting every detail. You can see every nut and bolt only when the locomotive is motionless, not when it’s racing by you.” Signed and numbered limited edition print. 1266 of 1300, framed. Value: $800. Bidding starts at $300, Buy It Now price, $500. Must take delivery at the Meet or arrange for pick-up.

Ted Benson, The Sierra Railroad. “The following four photographs have been selected from several hundred for their technical qualities and variety of expression. They are among the best, but certainly not the last, of the photographer’s impressions of the Sierra Railroad in steam.” Quote from famed photojournalist, Ted Benson who specializes in black and white photography. This portfolio, number 132 of 500, compiled and signed by Ted Benson in 1981. Bidding starts at $100. Buy it now price, $200. Must take delivery at the meet or arrange for pick-up.

SEE enlarged Plate 1 photo on next page.

Not able to attend the meet, You can submit a bid or purchase the items at the Buy It Now price by emailing Secretary@svlsrm.org
With help from Richard Lutrel, Steve Milward, Craig Griffen, Phil Huntingdale and myself we spent Sunday April 18 picking up the Santa Fe engine and pulling up track from David Quaschnick’s property. When we arrived at the park Peter Welch, Dennis Bowie and Vic were there to help unload everything.

We spent the rest of the day cleaning the engine and changing fluids and gas lines. By the end of the day we had it running after 14 years in storage. Not bad for a days work.

Ted Benson, The Sierra Railroad. Plate 1 photo

1 of 4 photos in the portfolio, by Ted Benson
There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.
FOR SALE

Santa Fe California Poppy railroad China from California State Railroad Museum. 40 pieces total. 8 place settings. Brand new. **$500 or best offer.**

Doug Boudakian 559-392-4246

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The club is parting ways with the UP GP38 Railroad Supply engine. We are selling it as is. Engine only. No riding car. Currently it is not running. The electrical wiring will need to be redone. We have a wiring schematic that goes with it. Also the carburetor will need to be replaced. The trucks have been rebuilt last year including new bearings. Priced at $5000. Contact Andy Berchielli at **916-752-6697**

The RGS Story (Rio Grande Southern) Complete set Vols I-XII $1500.

Full Size Railroad Crossing lights & bracket (2 light) $275.

Full Size single Crossing light $100.

Full size Adlake Switch Stand light $175.

Full size Railroad Adlake switch light has only one lens $100.

Adlake Lantern, one lens missing $350.

Turntable for Model - dual track 7.25 & 7.5 gauge $150.

Various Boxcar/Caboose grab irons - Make offer

Contact Jeri Juergenson at 530 269-0443 (leave a message)