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President's Report

By Steve Milward

Greetings everyone,

Thanks to all for your participation in our Spring Meet! Plenty of trains, great weather and time spent with friends. A big "Thank You" to those members who answered the call and helped organize and make

this event a success!

On behalf of SVLS, I'd like to recognize and thank Dave McClain for his generous financial donation. This come on the heels of his donation of a Railroad Warehouse Mikado, a fuel car and many additional parts last year. Dave's support will help insure the future of our organization.

Many of our members are heading north to the Train Mountain Triennial. For those making the journey – be safe and have a good time!

Dues – Remember, as of May 31st, any member who is not current with 2025 dues is considered delinquent, and membership privileges are suspended until dues are paid.

Looking ahead – Public run days, plus the special runs on July 3rd and 4th. The July runs are a great opportunity to view the Rancho Cordova fireworks up close, yet away from the crowds.

Until next time, we hope to see you at the park and on the rails.



June 7 Public run day

June 8 Public run day

July 3 & 4 Rancho Cordova July 4th event.

Rides 6 PM to 8:30 PM All Public attendees will have to purchase tickets for park access



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

SWelcome June and summer!

On tap the National Garden Railway Convention is going to be in town with their 40th Annual Convention June 17 – 22, 2025. Our Board has agreed to be open at the park on Wednesday, June 18th from 2-5 PM

We need G scale members to come out and run trains on our track for the attendees to enjoy. Please let me know if you can attend and what equipment you might bring. Phil 510-599-1200. Attendees come from all over the US. They will be touring other layouts on that day and end at SVLSRM. We plan to give rides on the 7 ½ gauge. Sacramento Garden Railway will provide appetizers, and we will sell sodas and water. This is a social event not to be missed!

Come out and support our club and the train hobby, look forward to seeing a great turnout!

As I have mentioned in the past, first weekends are the public run events. Tuesday's and sometimes Wednesday's several members are out having a train day. Put the 3rd and 4th of July on your calendars and come join the club members entertaining the park guests along with a great fireworks show both evenings. One important note, the main park entrance will be closed, you will need to enter the park from the Ambassador gate. Great fun for all! With the great weather, bring out your significant other and folding chairs and relax under the shade of the canopy trees.

See you about!



SVLSRM Calendar

Please check on-line about Public activity.

Train tickets days may be purchased on-line. t

June 7 Public run day

June 8 Public run day

June 9 Board meeting

June 21 Club Work day

July 3 Rancho Cordova July4th event. Rides 6 PM to 8:30 PM All Public attendees will have to purchase tickets for park access

July 4 Rancho Cordova July4th event. Rides 6 PM to 8:30 PM All Public attendees will have to purchase tickets for park access

July 5 NO public rides

July 6 NO public rides

July 11 Board meeting

July 19 Club Work day

July 20 Member run day

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



See www.svlsrcm.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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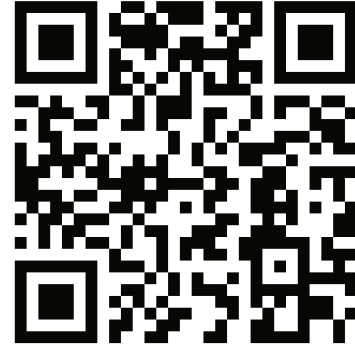
Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlsrcm.org.

The news letter deadline is 24th of each month. Member articles wanted.

RENEW membership on-line:

<https://www.svlsrcm.org/membership>.

Or use the Q code:



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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Track Department by Jeff Burke

Hello members,

Thanks to everyone that came out to share in the camaraderie of the live steam hobby at our Spring Meet. It was great seeing so many familiar faces and a few new.

An enormous thank you to everyone that volunteered on the Meeting days and everyone that volunteered in the weeks and months leading up to it. Without your help, we would not be able to host these events. If you didn't volunteer during the Spring Meet, please consider signing up for a position during the Fall Meet later in the year.

During the Meet we had a few issues with turnouts, including a bent connecting plate on the heel side of a switch point that caused the point to roll over and derail a few of the heavier engines and a derailment that tore out a few ties and bent a switch point. The latter happened Friday afternoon and Steve Milward, Richard Lutrel and myself were able to replace the ties, replace a few rusted bolts, bend the point straight and re-tamp the switch with little disruption to our guests.

The other turnout, which is located right after Twin Bridges heading North, will need to be evaluated and fixed before the next Public Run day.

Speaking of Public Run, remember that it will be June 7th & 8th.

At some point before for the Fall Meet, we will finish the west end of Lower Yard so please be on the lookout for workday email notices. There are also smaller nagging issues around the track that we will be addressing through the year.

As always, thanks for all the help and we hope to see you out at the club for future events and work days.



Trainmaster Report by Craig Griffin



Gday Everyone,

To all that came to the Spring meet, I hope you had fun. To those that missed it, you missed a great time had by all, great weather, great food and lots of fun playing trains.

Many thanks to all the members who helped make the Spring meet run smoothly. We couldn't do it with out you!!

We had Levi out both Saturday & Sunday, with lots of people getting to run Levi for the first time and others getting to enjoy Levi again. She ran great and the new Johnson Bar extension, made by Don Yungling, worked perfectly.

Remember, Levi is a club engine and all members are welcome to learn how to run Levi.

Levi will be out again during Hot August Nights run. So if you want a chance to run live steam, make sure to be there.

Hopefully we will see you out helping at the next public run day in June.



Photos courtesy of Robert Forren - Spring Meet 2025





10 Years ago: Another installment of looking down the track... Well greeting and salutations to one and all. There was a little track work done in the month of June. Most of this was done on the public run day;

The points were repaired on the switch that leads on to the Sugar Pine spur. Also with the help of Steve Milward and Andrew Sach, we adjusted the grade from the level crossing at the Memorial to the Memorial girder bridge. As you can see in the picture, we were in the Hawaiian spirit.



2015 Regional Spring Meet, Great fun!



40 Years ago:

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Charter Member, Howard Bull, is preparing an article for a future addition of this newsletter. This article will be composed completely of his own thoughts with no outside help. I guess we will have to call it "PURE BULL"! Dennis Gramith's "Butterfly Creek" consolidation is in the back shop for conversion from coal to oil. It seems that the copious quantities of hot cinders were not popular with the passengers. Glenn Strawn explains the name "Achkanbach Railroad" on his SD-45 with a short question, "Have you tried to life it?" Warren Sharratt found a new way to aerate the soil along the road-bed. Unfortunately the siderod seems to lose when used in this fashion. Howard Bull mentioned a "three-pronged attack" on the construction of his locomotive. Ask him about it!

20 Years ago: History and technology day for Boy Scout Troop 804

On Sunday, May 15th some 30 members and Scout leaders visited SVLS from Boy ARCHIVE Scout Troop 804 of Roseville, California. Trainmaster Ross Crawford afforded them a formal greeting, followed by a 15 minute introductory train ride on two trains, one internal combustion and the other, a steam powered one. This was followed by a 20-minute history presentation given by SVLS member and active Union Pacific Locomotive Engineer Dale Fowlar. Topics included Roseville history, early railroad history in Northern California, and railroad motive power past and present.

30 Years ago: The Spring Meet and the Western Live Steam Ramble (June 6th) were both a resounding success. We had 17 engines plus spectators from all parts of the country on June 6th. Lots of new friends were made and old friendships renewed.

50Years ago: Our passenger loading station is off the drawing board and is to be built soon. President Barry Garland announces that the Rancho Cordova Jaycees will supply the materials and the labor for us. This station will be a real asset to our club and we are grateful for the consideration of Dennis Hippert and the Jaycees on the project.



The Golden SPIKE editor requests ideas for articles., I am also looking for members who would like to spot light their projects - in progress or finished. Please call or E-mail the editor. - Thanks.



WORK DAYS VOLUNTEERS

May Volunteers

Keith Berry, Jeff Burke, Leonard Cassieri, Dale Dennis
 Craig Griffin, Phil Huntingdale, Stephanie Huntingdale
 Amy Lutrel, Richard Lutrel, Steve Milward
 Henry Nanjo, Bob Ress, Christopher Sach, Kevin Sach
 Andrew Sach, Barbara Schoellkopf, Rob Sharratt
 Chris Smith, Barbara Schoellkopf
 ,Dave Silvernale C ristopher Smith
 Harry Voss, Bob Walker
 Troy Wilkinsen, Glen Wilson
 Don Yungling, Toy Yungling



Left off the April List

Andy Berchielli
 Bob Jensen



Donald Yungling: Good morning all.

At the SVLSRM Spring Meet, while moving my GS-1 from the #4 steaming bay to the turntable to load into the bed of my pickup, the just disconnected tender started rolling off the end of the bay. A group of us caught it, albeit after the rear truck of the tender cleared the end of the bay. Thankfully enough kind souls were close enough to prevent the tender from fully departing the bay as well as lend the much needed muscle power to place the tender and rear tender truck back onto the steaming bay. So on May 24th I made and then welded on a permanent stop to the end of bay 4. Since the bay is at a downwards angle to the end away from the turntable I made the vertical bar permanent as an added safety feature. Photo 'sloping steaming bay' for reference and inclusion to the club's newsletter.

On the same day I was adding the stop to the end of steaming bay #4, Craig Griffen was cleaning Levi after it was run during the meet. I for one was very happy to see Levi out and about during the meet. I encourage all interested members to participate in the Levi experience. Levi was donated to allow members to enjoy all aspects of the live steam steam locomotive without the actual expense of buying said locomotive. I would like to see more members join Craig in operating, maintaining and cleaning Levi.



Secretary Report

By: Robert Ress

Summary of April 14 Board Meeting

Most of the meeting was taken up with getting ready for the Spring Meet. Other items listed below.

A motion was approved to spend not more than \$500 for additional chargers and conduit in container 4, the MoW container. The club considers the mural project completed. During the summer we will try to paint the west side of container 4.

Craig repaired the waterfall pump. Someone left it on all week and it ran out of water.

The Garden Railway folks will be holding social event at our track on June 18th. The event will be crewed by Garden Railway members who are also SVLSRM members.

Kid's Day - We had very few riders due to the weather and being at the wrong end of the Park. Enough club members turned out that there was a sufficient crew.

A motion was approved to sell Little Blue. The motion will be presented at the Spring Meet General Membership meeting. The Board has approved and presents to the membership a seconded motion to sell Little Blue at a silent auction with a starting bid of \$5,000. There shall be an information sheet about the locomotive prepared which shall include such details as (Make, builder, known condition, etc.) The silent auction to be advertised widely and shall start on or as close to 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025 as possible, and to close on August 1, 2025, if the Board deems the bid amount to be sufficient. If the Board deems the bid to not be sufficient, the Board then will advertise Little Blue on "Discover Live Steam and other sites", at a minimum price in excess of then highest bid amount in the silent auction (amount to be set by vote of a majority of the board). With the amount or best offer, listed in the advertisement.

Such advertising will run until at least September 30, 2025. All bids or questions about the locomotive shall be directed to Chris Smith at schristopher700@yahoo.com.

The Board approved the Treasurer getting a BofA credit card for the Club's use. The card will be paid off each month.

The Club's taxes for 2024 have been filed. Nonprofit taxes are not due until May 15th.

The next Board meeting is June 9th. Contact the secretary for an agenda and how to attend the meeting.

Spring Meet



SAFETY RULES

**1.11 Proximity to Tracks**

No one shall stand or walk within 5 feet of any track, unless their duties require him to do so. It shall be the duty of any and all SVLSRM members

to help keep the public at a safe distance from the tracks.

2.07 Emergency Shutdown

Steam boilers shall have the facility to shut off heat immediately in case of emergency. Oil fired (diesel, heating oil, kerosene, etc.) and LPG (liquidized petroleum gas) gas fired boilers shall have a valve or other means to stop the flow of fuel to the burner. Solid fuel (coal, charcoal, nutshells, fruit pits, etc.) fired boilers shall have a means of dumping the fire out of the fire box or smothering the fire with steam, water, carbon dioxide, etc.

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.

4.04 Responsibilities of Stationmaster

The Stationmaster will have complete charge of the Station. The Stationmaster shall have a whistle (police type), red flag, and flashlight in their possession at all times while acting as a Stationmaster. They shall supervise the loading and unloading of all passengers at the passenger station. They shall discreetly refuse passage to passengers who obviously cannot fit or sit safely on a passenger hauling car. They shall make certain that all passengers have been advised and understand the safety instructions before the train leaves the station. They shall work in close cooperation with other operating personnel to keep passenger-hauling trains moving without causing congestion on the mainline.



Don't fall in a hole and drop out of the club.

Please renew now.

Send your dues to:
SVLSRM
PO Box 273



For sale my mogul, it's a Southern Pacific Valley Malley

It's propane fired, and includes a propane car, with water filters, that is the shape of a refrigerator car. Locomotive tender and propane car \$19,500. This is Chris Donhost's old engine, and it's set up that even a kid could operate it. "It's pretty amazing, and so easy to operate."

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locomotive is a complete set of castings including a brand new copper boiler. This was all purchased from Railroad Supply when it was owned by Chet Peterson. All the running gear castings have been machined and assembled on the frame, the locomotive is running on air. Twin cross head pumps, original blued sheet metal lagging for boiler. Comes with a complete Railroad supply fiberglass tender tank including frame, trucks etc. All of the drawings are included. The boiler is a copper boiler, never installed to frame as supplied by Railroad Supply and has the original shipping crate.

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Locomotives are in Gardnerville NV. Contact Ken Schroeder
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