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President's Report

By Bill Yoder

Well, August was a busy month for our members, from repairing water lines, track inspections, running trains for fun during our August member day to a great dinner for "Hot August Run night". Some members visited other club tracks.

First, special thanks goes to Rob Sharratt for spending all day digging to find a broken pipe on our main irrigation water lines. It had



been leaking for a while as it was noticed that the ground was getting softer and finally standing water.

Other members doing pine needle cleanup the first of the month were Dennis and Ryan Bowie, Rob Sharratt, and Dale Fowlar. With fall coming, there will be even a greater need for raking leaves off the tracks and along the right-of-way.



Our forever-busy Gordon Moser was busy watering the flower beds and landscaping along the tracks.

We are two months away from our Fall Meet. We have a



Bob Bell, had the golden spike opening of "Truckee River Railroad". The track is located in the Regional Park off Estates Drive in Truckee. The railroad will be used to educate the public and kids about railroad history in the area and teach some safety to the kids. Also, its more exposure for the "Truckee Donner Railroad Society", their mission is to construct and operate a full scale Railroad Museum in Truckee.

project to add water, air, and extend electrical to the last group of steaming bays (This will allow more steam engines to have space and other electric locomotives that need charging. Either call me or I will call you to help on Sept. 20th, the Saturday before our Member run day on Sunday, September 21. Many hands are needed.

We are running trains at Colfax Railroad days celebration this year, September 13th & 14th with setup on Friday the 12th. Several pickups and people to help are needed. We are also having a display booth at the Colfax depot with a steam engine to show. Please volunteer, to help, either setup, running our trains, or helping at the information booth explaining our hobby and cub. This booth should also help direct more people up to the community center to take rides.

Several members made a trip to several railroads in Oregon during August. I think Darrell & Gail Gomes visited the most, as they were gone several weeks doing train riding and dog shows. Others members from our area included Bob Silva, Andy Berchielli and son Tyler, and Augie Berchielli, Ross Crawford and Dave Crawford were there too.

I and others visited the celebration of Pacific Northwest Live

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SVLSRM Calendar

- Sept. 6 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 PM
 Sept. 7 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 PM
 Sept. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
Sept. 12-14 We are running at Colfax for their Railroad Day
 celebration, Setup Friday, Run Saturday and Sunday.
 Also static engine display at Depot. HELP needed.
 Sept. 20 **Work day** to add water/air to third set of engine bays.
 Sept. 21 Members run day (Sunday), bring your train.
Potluck lunch 1 pm please bring something to share.
- Oct. 4 Public Run Day. Rides 11 AM to 3 PM
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 Oct. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Oct. 17-18-19 Fall Meet
- Dec. 20 Annual Christmas dinner potluck - Reserve date.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



Please check the SVLS web site:
www.svlstrm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

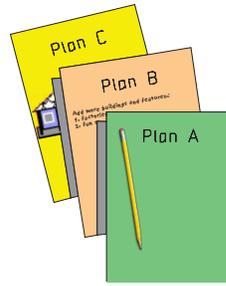


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Planning committee:

Well the planning committee has been tossing a few ideas around, but we would like to hear from the membership on what they would like to see or have around the club. So feel free to contact me with suggestion of what you would like to see around the club.

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, or have ideas please let me know via an E-mail: chicopacific9@yahoo.com

-Kevin Sach



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

103. Public passengers shall be carried only on 7 1/2" gauge equipment approved, by the Train Master.

308. For insurance purposes: engineers and conductor on trains hauling the general public MUST be qualified members of SVLSRM, and pass a qualification test.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Well, the riding cars are almost done. As of this writing they are covered in primer, and I plan on finishing the painting this weekend. If all goes well, I will have them ready for service for the September run days. They will be painted a dark green with buff gold lettering.

As we come into what I would call our fundraising season this reminds me of a quote:

“There’s nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.”

James Doolittle.

I challenge the membership to come out and help for a minimum of one day, more would be appreciated. So take the time to look at the schedule and see when you would be willing to come out and help.

See you on the rails.



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Steamers and the opening of their new 26 stall roundhouse, also their 60th year as a club. Several also visited a new RR several miles away called Grand Island RR. Thanks to Mike Baker and thanks for the invitations to both. When you make the loop at PNLs RR you have three up grades that make the steamers sound great. Thanks to our hosts for a good time and great dinner. I recommend our members visit them when you can.



Ken Willes, who donated a steam engine, also donated three other items: a stationary steam plant with two boilers, two steam engines, and a steam water pump. While some of it works it needs some clean up and fixing; if you are looking for an indoor project this is it. There is also a small “Hit & Miss” engine on a small floor stand. Lastly there is a kit for a small scale steam tractor; I am not sure what it needs beyond assembly. If interested please call me (Bill Yoder).



10 Years ago: Following the Hot August Nights event, vandals destroyed about thirty feet of dual gauge track just outside of the fence in the old loop. By the time you read this, it should be fixed by our track workers. This brings up the subject of security at the track. The Board has agreed that it is time to change the locks at the facility. Of course, some of our track is outside of the fence but much of our track and property is inside. The

last time we were vandalized, it was inside.

GP40 looking good. Thanks to Kevin Sach for the painting and Milon Thorley for putting the hand rails on.



20 Years ago: Our August Meeting was held at the track and we had a wonderful turnout. There was a very short business meeting and then we got down to the big event of the evening - the completion of our last section of mainline in the expansion area.



Picture of the rail joining crew, August 1994.

30 Years ago: Largest work party in history! There were 32 SVLS members and kids, and 32 members of the Sheriff’s weekend work project. There was a tremendous amount of work accomplished. The area for the Maintenance shed was cleared, post holes dug and posts cemented in place. The switch for new siding yard was installed, 6 new trees were planted, a broken pipe repaired, and the entire area was mowed.

40 Years ago: Don Sprenger (Track Foreman) constructed a new weed killer car. It has a tank and motorized pump and was designed to keep the right of way clear of those unwanted growths with a minimum of mess.

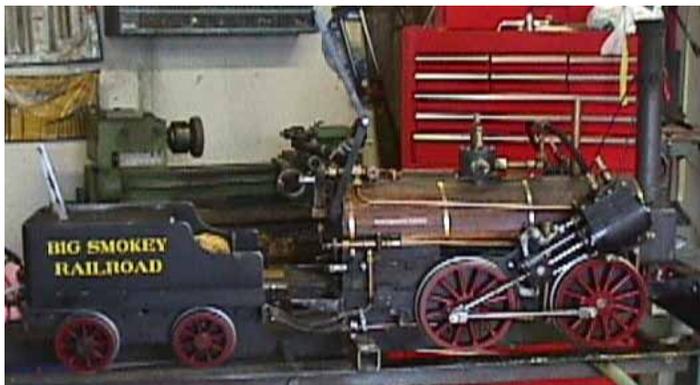
FOR SALE



Baldwin-Westinghouse electric locomotive, control box has 8 step run control, forward/reverse, & horn. Includes 2 batteries. Easy to use to get into the hobby.

\$2000 or best offer.

Contact Bill Yoder 916 652-7113



FOR SALE 7.5" gauge, 1.5" scale 0-4-0 INVICTA locomotive, tender and two riding cars. Steel propane fired boiler feeding 1.375" x 2.22" cylinders sleeved down to 1". Direction control is by a slip eccentric set-up. Six inch diameter drivers. Boiler make-up water supplied by an axle pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender. Manual brakes on the first riding car. The tender only holds about one gallon of water so I built a three gallon water tank in the first riding car along with a pump and battery so I can refill the tender on the fly. Complete - Ready to Run. I transport this train on its tie down board in my Prius automobile. Board is included.

Asking \$7,000 - Reasonable cash offers considered.

Contact Bill Cody - Home (775) 674-6512 or Cell 775-233-1429 for additional information/pictures.



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<http://www.svlslrm.org/>

SVLSRM August Board Meeting Summary

Current/Future Projects Around the Facility

- New riding cars – This project is current and progress is being made!
- New Engineer/Conductor cars – This project is current and progress is being made!
- Steam bay upgrade – Trying to schedule a special work day and complete before the Fall Meet.
- SP Caboose – Member Jeff White has jumped in to start tackling the overhaul of this major project. He presented design ideas to the board and preliminary cleanup/demo work has been given approval.

Current Issues before the Board

- New Treasurer! – Tom Nance
- Train Crew Coordinator – Still looking for a club member to step up
- Planning for the Colfax Railroad Days in September. Need member involvement!!!
- Fall Meet (Oct 17-19) – planning has started...Get involved!
- Continuing development of the website to include a Members Only area and a Board of Directors (BOD) area.
- Rule Book Review - Continuing
- Waivers for the Public – The board continues to support the need for waivers to be signed by the general public and guests when these people are within the club's facility (this does not include the riding of a public train).
- Adding another donation box (with signage) where the public disembarks from the club trains.
- Developing documentation for all club events (both on and off site) regarding the event requirements.
- Fix to the Transfer Table - Continuing

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