

The GOLDEN SPIKE



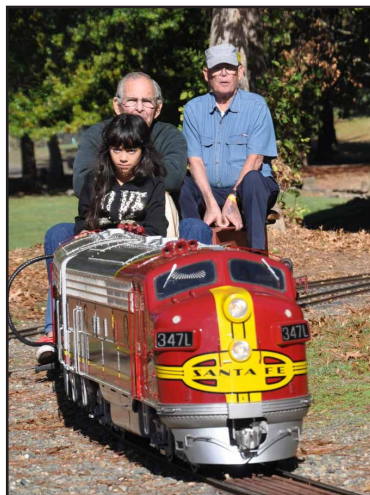
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Our 2014 Fall Meet was well attended with people of all ages enjoying trains from steam to pedal. It was great to see many young people with the interest. Thanks to all for coming and making this a success.



We need your HELP!



International Railfair 2014

It's that time of the year again folks. We can use all the help you can give us. The Railfair at Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville will be November 8 & 9 and we need to setup on the 7th.

Anyone willing to volunteer please *contact Dale Fowlar (916) 962-0718*



Christmas Tree event Rancho Cordova. Nov. 30th. We will be taking portable track to this event on 29th and running on the 30th. Help will be needed for setup and take down and running. --> *Contact Gordon Moser (916) 645-3425*

Santa Run - Dec. 6, 7 & 13, 14 Santa is indeed coming to town and we are going to need your help. We will be doing our Santa Train the first two weekends in December. We will need engineers, conductor, station help, village workers, baked goods and candy canes. We will start setting earlier in the week.



Come on out and get in the spirit of the season.

Contact Dennis Gramith (916) 988-7884

President's Report

By Bill Yoder

Greetings and Happy Turkey month. I will also add to the comments on Fall meet that it was very busy at times (which is good), I saw many smiles, a wide variety of locomotives from everywhere. Our added facilities for steaming up allowed more room for our guests - one more success.

Our club does face a big challenge: recruiting enough people to keep the club operating smoothly. This includes volunteers to support public run days and the special events like listed above as these are all needed to get donations to keep the club running. Our expenses have increased as we are repairing 20 year old track and structures, plus as you know, our insurance costs have greatly increased.

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SVLSRM Calendar

- Nov. 7-8-9 Roseville Rail Fair, Setup on Friday, Running train on Saturday & Sunday
- Nov. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Nov. 15 **November Annual General Membership Meeting** at Oasis 1:30 pm, please attend.
- Nov. 15 Members run day, work in AM then run your train.
Potluck lunch 12 pm please bring food to share.
- Nov. 30 Cordova Community Christmas Tree Lighting.
We will have our portable track there giving rides
- Dec. 6 Santa run & photos 11 AM - 4 PM
- Dec. 7 Santa run & photos 11 AM - 4 PM
- Dec. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Dec. 13 Santa run & photos 11 AM - 4 PM
- Dec. 14 Santa run & photos 11 AM - 4 PM
- Dec. 20 Annual Christmas dinner potluck & fun
Rancho Cordova City Hall 2729 Prospect Park Dr.
- Jan. 1, 2015 New Year day members run & potluck lunch
Please bring food to share and enjoy the day.
Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



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



Postage is now 48 ¢ to mail our news letter. Save SVLSRM some money and read the newsletters on-line. Tell us that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail then you can read on-line. *Thanks*

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Member articles wanted.



Welcome New Members:

Lewis Slagle Sacramento, CA.
Steven Kendall Auburn, CA.
Edson Lee Hayward, CA.
Jason Stanley Clovis, CA.
Bill Nesting Sacramento, CA.



DUES ARE DUE JAN 1, 2015

Please complete your membership form and a signed waiver. You can download forms at svlsrcm.org. Send check or pay on-line at svlsrcm.org. Send forms to SVLS P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

THANKS

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Well, the Fall Meet is in the books as another great meet! It seemed like everyone had a good time and the weather was great. Thanks to all who helped out to make it a great meet.

The last run day of this year we decided to change things up a bit and run in the opposite direction. A few logistics had to be figured on staging the trains to allow the passengers to get off the train. Needless to say the opposite direction was a nice change, it allowed us to enjoy a new experience. I must say THANK YOU to Darrell for all the work he and his crew has done to the track so that we were able to run in the opposite direction. See you on the rails



to the following people for all their help in the caboose during breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the Fall Meet. I'd never be able to do it without needed support. Thanks to: Lisa & Gordon Moser, Cindy Wilmunder donating garlic bread, Toy Yungling, Rob & Tami Sharratt, David, Heidi, Maren Bowie, Kevin & Anne Sach,

Joe Yetter, Don and Anne Bruner-Welch and Christine Gramith for making a roaster full of baked beans every year.

Barbara Moser



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

Now that the Fall Meet is behind us, I want to say Thanks to All the members that came to the track before and during the meet. Your help and time is what made this meet a success. We are working on 2015 Track project and will announce our plans in December. The track will be closed from January 2 to March 1.



ELECTION

At the October membership meeting, nominations were made for five board member positions for the 2015-2016 term. Below is the list of positions and the candidate accepting the nomination.

Vice President: Dennis Gramith

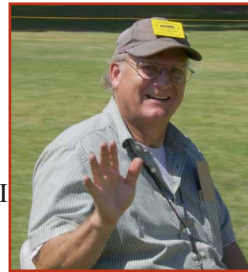
Treasurer: Tom Nance

Track Superintendent: Dennis Bowie

Yardmaster: Rob Sharratt

Director: Dale Fowlar

Dear fellow SVLS Members, Over the last two years I believe I have faithfully served the membership as one of the two Directors at Large, in track work, and grounds maintenance. In calling and organizing both work and train crews, building and plumbing repairs, construction, photography, tractor repair, fund raising, public running and more. You have an exceptional Board going in my view. I would be pleased to continue if I may have your vote.



Please vote for me once again for your Director at Large.

It has been my privilege to serve you these last two years!

Sincerely, Dale Fowlar

We are looking for a copy of *Southern Pacific Freight Cars Volume 2: Caboosees* [Anthony W. Thompson] if you have a copy and would share it that would be greatly appreciated.



Fall Meet Photos in this issue from :Dale Fowlar, Robert Forren, & Bill Yoder. - Thanks for sharing.



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While all our members like running on the club track, only a few help to maintain it. This is compounded because many of these wonderful workers are retired and like the track, our parts are worn out too, or can not function at full speed. It is time for younger members to take on these tasks now so they can learn as we all work together, thus ensuring the future of the club.

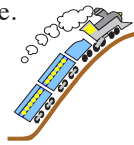
Major track maintenance is now required, we have three trestles that need repair or replaced, and we still want to add more sidings, and main line features. Please attend our member meeting on the **15th of November** - yes it is a member run day, pot luck lunch, work day, and elections so please come out and help plan the needed work or bring new ideas for the club. Without your participation, nothing will change.

The board always appreciates feedback from our activities and planning, so take a few minutes and contact a board member and talk. Club members are always welcome at the board meetings.

Please come out for the club elections which will take place on, Saturday Nov. 15 at the track; at 1:30 PM.

We have adding the ability to pay your dues on-line using PayPal (or credit card) to our website, so check the web site. Also sign up for the *members only* web area too.

Thanks for reading. *Keep it steaming!*



10 Years ago:



Gordon Moser's steam engine getting a test run by Stathi Pappas with Casey Wilmunder looking on and wanting to know why so much smoke.

20 Years ago: On the weekend of Oct. 8th, the Knight Foundry held a "Hands on" workshop in Sutter Creek. One of the participants was Clover McKinley, the assistant editor for Live Steam Magazine. Clover enthusiastically accepted an invitation to visit the SVLS track, and, on a Sunday evening, she drove to Hagan Park. Fortunately there was a practice session of "operation by track warrant" in progress, and they brought in an "extra" fast mail (or in this case fast female) train and graciously toured Clover over the right of way. The "track warrant" method prevailed, and in true SP tradition the fast train pulled into every siding to make way for the freight service. (Could this have been the doing of a blond dispatcher name Lisa?) Never-the-less, Clover was treated to the full tour, a beautiful sunset, and a very hospitable crew. Her comment: "I never thought I would have a chance to see live steam clubs on the West coast. I can't believe I'm here. What a beautiful setting."

30 Years ago: Roundhouse rumors: It was tough sleeping at the Fall meet for David Verona and Craig Craddock. It seems that the Motorhome that they were sharing with Glen Strawn glowed inside and out with the light from Glen's ear-to-ear grin. For those who missed it, Glen's Diesel is finally equipped with the proper gear ratio and working perfectly, as witnessed by the demonstration which included pulling EVERY piece of rolling stock available on Friday afternoon (approximately 22 cars).

Craig Craddock recently acquired some larger gauge (12" or 15") equipment. Details to follow. Rumor has it that John Bailie is now the proud owner of a steam locomotive.

40 Years ago: Howard Bull has written and asked why we never see anyone running at the SVLS track. Recently, some people came into town and wanted to see some steaming. A visit to the track found no one, and the day was spent viewing Ed Yungling's projects. Although the time was enjoyably spent by those visiting, the point still raised is, where are the steamers?

Let's all join together to spend some time showing off our locomotives on the track on weekends, especially on the regular run day.



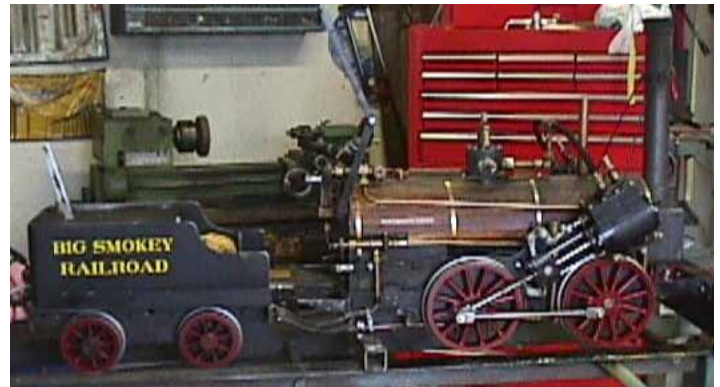
FOR SALE



Two GP 38's built by Rail Systems. 18 hp Briggs & Stratton engine with alternator and both units have hydraulic drive. Features an air over hydraulic disc brake system and electric fuel pump. Electronic controller is hand held. The second locomotive is equipped with a Phoenix sound system powered by a 350 watt amp. The first unit can be run without the second unit if desired. These locomotives are highly detailed with a custom paint job. Units can not be sold separately.

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Asking \$7,000 - Reasonable cash offers considered.
Contact Bill Cody - Home (775) 674-6512 or Cell 775-233-1429 for additional information/pictures.



Check our web site FOR SALE page for additional listing with more pictures and more details.
<http://www.svlsrcm.org/>

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.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

109. Cargo weight should be evenly distributed between the trucks of each car.

216. Trainman should use hand signals whenever practical. Several trainmen in the same area using whistles can easily be mistaken for one another. The use of hand signals makes it necessary for the engineer to see the signal intended for him, eliminating possible error and danger of mistaking another trainman's whistle for that of his own.

301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the organization.

418. Cars used to haul passengers that do not have built-in seats shall NOT have seats improvised with boards and objects laid across the sides of the car, except for the last seat which shall be reserved for the conductor. Passengers may sit on the floor of the car, to keep the center of gravity as low as possible.