

GET ON BOARD

Elections for Vice-President, Treasurer, Track Superintendent, Yardmaster, and Director at Large (1) are upon us, and we need you!

If you consider SVLS to be an asset to yourself, your family, and your friends, then please consider making yourself available to fill one of the open positions. Serving on the board can be very rewarding to those who fill those roles in that they help ensure the viability and continuity of our organization.

Most of the positions don't require specialized skills to do the job. Only the treasurer position necessitates an aptitude to care for our club's financials. What is most beneficial is a willing member who has a desire to see the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers thrive now and into the future. Service to the club in this way is beneficial to all concerned: our members, our riders, our community, and guests that visit us from other live steam clubs within this unique hobby. Every regular member should consider serving our club by taking a role on the board of directors.

Those interested should contact the nominating chairman Chris Donhost at (916) 208-7295 before the next general membership meeting on October 18, 2024. Specific job duty information will be provided to those considering a board position.



President's Report

By Tom Nance



August featured another full month of activity, and I would like to thank those who have helped to keep the railroad maintained and operating, even during the less-than-ideal weather conditions.

Looking ahead, we have Public Run days scheduled for September 7th and 8th from 11-3, and as usual, volunteer help is always needed before, during, and after each run day.

Our next major event is our Pumpkin Train, scheduled for the first weekend of October. We will be running on the 5th and 6th from 11-3. Volunteer help will be needed leading up to the event weekend with multiple tasks needing to be done around the track as well as before, during, and after each day of the event. Please contact me directly if you are available to help, my number is 714-795-4630 or you can email me at president@svlsrcm.org. As we have done in previous years, trains will pick up passengers from Oasis, and take riders around on the inside loop. We will also have a large bounce house, Hot Dog vendor, Kona Ice, and many pumpkins for families to take home. Admission will be \$10 per person with kids (ages 2 and under) being free, and pumpkins will be \$5 each. Presale tickets will go live starting Friday, September 6th at 5pm, and tickets will be available for in-person purchase on the day of the event.

Following the Pumpkin Run, be sure to mark your calendars for the Fall Meet, scheduled for October 18th, 19th and 20th. Registration will open September 20th at 5pm. Don't forget to secure your meal tickets, RV spots, and reserve your steam bays and sidings!

I would like to thank Laura Northcutt for volunteering to take over the caboose operations. Laura has already started with providing great meals for train crews during the August Public Run Days, and she has many more meals planned for our upcoming events. Thank you, Laura!

SVLSRM Calendar

*Please check on-line about Public activity.
Train tickets days may be purchased on-line.*

Sept. 7 Public run day - **check on-line**
 Sept. 8 Public run day - **check on-line**
 Sept. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
 Sept. 21 Work day
 Sept. 22 Member run day

Oct 5 Pumpkin Express train - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Oct 6 Pumpkin Express train - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Oct 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
 Oct 19 Membership meeting 7:30 at track.
 Nominations for 2025 board.
 Oct 18 - 20 **FALL MEET.**

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.

The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. is organized and operated exclusively for public benefit charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. to the fullest extent allowed by law as provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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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.



**WELCOME,
NEW
MEMBER**

Mike and Dyana Feldmeyer

RENEW membership on-line:

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

Board of Directors

(##) Ending year of term.
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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

New Locomotive Purchase!

As our private and public events have become more popular and ridership has increased, this has created a need to purchase a new and reliable gas powered 6-axle locomotive to keep up with the demand of our operations. Our search has been narrowed down to the SD40 or SD45 offered by Titan Trains and the SD40T-2 or SD45 offered by The Train Works. Our Dash-9 from Titan Trains has been the backbone and go-to for all of our events since August, 2018, and has shown time and time again to be a very user friendly, safe, and an overall reliable locomotive. The additional 6-axle locomotive will work alongside the Dash-9 to provide more reliable and enjoyable train trips for all who visit our railroad, and serve as an additional as well as alternate go-to locomotive for private events.

The Board of Directors is asking our General Membership to get involved in the decision-making process. A final decision on how to proceed will be made at the General Membership meeting at the Fall Meet, the evening of October 18th.

The items to be determined are as follows:

Titan Trains

SD40-2 - \$19,695 Paint-\$1000-\$3000 Snow Plow-\$255

SD45 - \$19,695

Shipping and Crating - \$1,428

*Will provide 10% Discount on Final Purchase Cost

The Train Works

SD40T-2 - \$20,998 Primer-\$300 Paint-\$1200-\$1600 Snow Plow-\$250

SD45 - \$20,278

*Will take \$1000 off Purchase Cost and Include Delivery

The research that has been conducted includes the past experiences of three Live Steam organizations that have generously provided information on their operations, and how the locomotives from both companies have benefited their railroad. While a discussion will continue to be held by the General Membership, it is recommended by the Board of Directors that the purchase for a new 6-axle locomotive be made through Titan Trains.

If you would like to provide input on the purchase of a new 6-axle locomotive, please email

President@svlsrm.org

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

September 2024

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. Our next meeting is September 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m. To attend by ZOOM, contact Tom Nance, (714) 795- 4630, for how to connect to ZOOM or Stephanie Huntingdale (916) 580-7377 for an Agenda.

An Allan 10 Wheeler, run on propane has been donated to SVLSRM by the Nevada State Railway Museum. Craig will do a hydro boiler check and report back next month. Recommended to sell.

Levi is at Don Yungling's house for maintenance. Dash 9 will be getting a new battery.

Pumpkin Event planning, October 5 & 6. Tom Reese trailer will be used to pick up pumpkins. 8 crates. Admission \$10, under 2 free, pumpkins \$5 each. Fareharbor, 1st week of September.

Fall Meet – Friday lunch – suggested to ask the Hot Dog vendor from Pumpkin Run. Friday dinner – Laura Northcutt and Emily Nance will provide from caboose. Saturday/Sunday lunches to be hot dogs/ hamburgers could be something else. Saturday dinner – check with Corozon Tacos about coming out again. Track/RV reservations will be handled by Andy Bercheilli

Reported review of Titan Trains and Train Works for purchase of new locomotive. More research needed and member input at General Meeting in October.

Rule Books – committee has not met.

Train lantern donation to SVLSRM – some to keep, others will be sold and income used at the train park museum.

Appointment of Caboose Chairperson – Laura Northcott



10 Years ago: 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.



20 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.

40 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.

50 Years ago: TDon 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.



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

3.19 Bad Order Cards

Equipment that is taken out of service shall be tagged for cause. Tagged equipment must not be operated or coupled to any engines or cars except for repairs or corrections. The bad order card shall not be removed until repair is fixed.

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.



Up for sale is a brand new and never been used SuperScale Live Steam Nathan Boiler Check Valve.

These NATHAN BOILER CHECK VALVES feature the a shut-off valve assembly. The shut-off valve is functional allowing removal of the internal check poppet while the boiler is under steam. When piping this valve, it is recommended to use 5/16" copper tubing soldered into the inlet coupling. The mounting thread on the back side of the flange is male 1/8 NPT.

The valves are reversible for either side of the boiler. The mounting flange diameter is 1". The center of the outlet to the bottom of the inlet tailpiece is 1.31". Part number 14-05.

Priced at \$350 each, QTY: 2 Available Contact Tom Nance at 714-795-4630



Up for sale is a brand new and never been used SuperScale Live Steam Hancock Boiler Check Valve.

These HANCOCK BOILER CHECK VALVES have different inlet pipe designs than on a common body, and use 3/8" tube for the inlet piping. Operable either vertically or horizontally, they mount to the boiler with a 1/8 NPT thread. They have a larger capacity than the NATHAN valves. The mounting flange diameter is 1". Part number 14-09.

Priced at \$375 each, QTY: 2 Available Contact Tom Nance at 714-795-4630



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 fiberglas 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.

\$6500.00 or Best Offer.

**Locomotives are in Gardnerville NV.
Contact Ken Schroeder 775-265-3632
aylocomotives@charter.net**

