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FALL Meet on October 18, 19 & 20.

Bring your engine and train cars and ride our rails. Visit old friends and find new ones and have a fun day of steam engines and trains. For details of the meet, make a reservation (steaming Bay, Spur track, or RV) and to buy meal ticket visit our WEB site. Please select [meet-notice](#).

President's Report

By Tom Nance



As we come into October, we will be hosting our Pumpkin Patch Express on the 5th and 6th, and we will be open to the public both days from 11-3. Please contact me at 714-795-4630 if you are available to volunteer! We will have many tasks that need to be completed leading up to the weekend as well as on the days of the event, and volunteer help is always appreciated! General Admission tickets will include several activities and photo opportunities for the public as well as the opportunity for visitors to purchase their pumpkins and train rides throughout the day. We will be running 3 trains both days out of Oasis, and trains will run on the inside loop.

Following our Pumpkin Patch Express, our Fall Meet will take place October 18th, 19th, and 20th. Please visit our website or our Facebook page to access the Fall Meet registration link where you will find meet meal info, RV registration, steam bay registration, and siding registration.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there! - Tom

New Locomotive Purchase:

During the September board meeting, the Board of Directors passed the motion to go with Titan Trains for the purchase of a new 6-axle gas powered locomotive. Titan Trains currently offers the following options that are being considered for the club's new locomotive:

SD40-2 - \$19,695 OR SD45 - \$19,695
Paint - \$1000-\$3000
Snow Plow - \$255
Additional Fuel Reservoir - \$250
Shipping & Crating - \$1,428

*Titan Trains will provide a 10% discount on final purchase cost.

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 Friday, October 18th.

We want to hear your thoughts on which locomotive the club should purchase and if there is a paint job you would like to see the locomotive in.

If you would like to provide input on the purchase of the new 6-axle locomotive, please email president@svlslrm.org

SVLSRM Calendar

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

Oct 3 Setup for Pumpkin Express
 Oct 4 Setup forPumpkin Express
 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.

Nov 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
 Nov 18 Work day.& Annual General
 Membership meeting and Elections.

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



RENEW membership on-line:

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

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



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.

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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.



Image courtesy of A. Yoder

Now is the time to get on board and keep our trains on track and provide the community with our railroad experience

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.



TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale

Again this last month the G gauge railroaders were out having great runs. The days have become more pleasant, and the mornings were generally clear, and cool. Those out have been small in number, thus allowing you to use the track at your pleasure. Some are out on various days that fit their schedules. Come out and enjoy!

October the club will be having the Fall Meet, October 18th thru 20th. You should pre-register at the SVLSRM web site on Fareharbor. In the equipment block note you be operating G Gauge equipment. As you'll see in this newsletter, you will be able to sign up for your meals too. You should note your meal choices so that they know how to prepare. After the Friday dinner there will be a General Membership meeting. Plan to attend and learn what's happening. You won't want to miss this; it's a great opportunity for all to get acquainted with SVLSRM members and guests.

Reminder, during meet's, you are not permitted to park inside the fenced area. You may drive in, off load and load out, but your vehicles must be parked outside the fenced area. There is a wagon available at the track to help you unload

There are two events coming up, The Pumpkin Patch Train the first weekend in October and the Santa Train coming up the first two weekends in December. Please try to support these two events by coming out, decorating your trains and operating some equipment. These are the clubs biggest fundraisers, and helps with families seeing these small trains.

See you about!

Help me get ready for the Pumpkin Express Oct. 3&4



**Trainmaster Report
by Craig Griffin**



Gday Everyone,
Hoping you all had a great, not too crazy hot, summer!! Public runs & birthday parties have been keeping the boxcar busy. We have replaced batteries in engines, realigned one ride on car with a lot of help from Don Yungling and replaced drive wheel bearings on the Santa Fe. We also have added a new yellow ride on car to the fleet.

Many thanks to Tom Reece for building the new car. It is in the boxcar and ready for its first runs with the pumpkin train. It has Accucraft trucks and couplers installed. We will see how they run!



We have had two steam engines donated to the club. One is a mikado and the other is an Allen ten wheeler. The mikado came from club member Dave out of Colfax. The ten wheeler came from The Nevada State Railway Museum.



We will be selling the ten wheeler as we don't need it. It will be sold as a work in progress. The boiler has been hydro'd and passed. The linkages and motion still need some work.

Also, we are coming into the fall season and that means lots of leaves falling from trees. So if you feel like you could use some exercise and enjoy the great outdoors of our beautiful park, bring a rake or leaf blower and come help keep our little piece of paradise leaf free!!

We have pumpkin run weekend the first weekend of October and could use all the volunteers we can get. Two weeks after that is Fall meet.

Hope to see you all soon.



**BEFORE
YOU
COMPLAIN...
...HAVE YOU
VOLUNTEERED
YET?**

Secretary Board Report

By Stephanie Huntingdale

The Board meets by ZOOM. Members are always encouraged to attend. Our next meeting is October 14, 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.

Tom Nance will now be the contact for social media for the club.

Track crew will be putting turnouts by Oasis before Fall Meet.

Steam Trains: Part for Mikado has been received, Pacific has new box, Dennis Gramith and Craig Griffin will mount on engine.

Levi is back with maintenance done. New Johnson bar has been added.

Fall Meet – Fall Meet reservations on Fareharbor began on Friday, September 20th.

At the October meeting a recommendation will be made to the membership by the Board to purchase a Titan six axle train, model to be determined by the membership at the October meeting.

Les Wilmunder has a Dash 9, similar to ours, same paint, and different number. About 15 hours on the engine, needs new battery and maintenance. Les would like to lease the engine to the club, for no money, with the stipulation that it only be used to pull revenue events. Not for club members use. Les and his family would like to use the train when at the club. Mechanical breakdown repairs would be handled on 50/50 basis. Board agreed that this would not replace getting a new engine; temporary use till new engine arrives. However, more research needed to determine lease agreement terms.

Camera/Security work still in research

Rule Books – committee has not met

Lantern donation: on hold owner contacting Estate Sales options.

Nomination committee will present candidates at the October General Meeting.

Stephanie Huntingdale has resigned as Secretary, effective no later than December 31, 2024 in order to give time to find a replacement.



Vice President & Track Department
by Steve Milward

Greetings from the Vice President/Track Dept.,

We took advantage of the long-awaited cooler weather and jumped back into a couple of projects.

Thanks to a lot of help from Jeff Burke, Richard Lutrell and Mark Madewell, the replacement crossover turnouts in Oasis yard are finally installed and functional! We can pretty much call the Oasis yard project done.

Next, Brian Schaubmayer was talking about wanting to get more work done on his work container/shop building project. So, it was time to get a crew together. On Sept 23rd Brian, Mark, Jeff, Richard, Dennis Gramith and myself hit the ground running. We picked up and discarded many tractor load of debris, leveled the ground alongside of the container. We then placed blocks along the bottom sill to simulate a stone foundation, and spread gravel along the side. Then, gently pressure washed the sides and ends. A little touch-up paint and we were done. Brian hopes to have a monitor style roof in place by the fall meet.

All of this happens because of volunteers getting involved! **We're going to need a lot of help on October 3rd & 4th to help decorate and prepare for the Pumpkin Trains that weekend.** In addition, the Fall Meet is two weeks later, and we'll need all the help we can get to set up for the event, and to assist during the meet. How successful we are depends on everyone's willingness to pitch in. Be that person who makes it happen!

As always, if you're willing to help, please contact me at stevo2472@yahoo.com, or text me at 530 559-2472.

We hope you can join us at **Your** railroad.





10 Years ago: During September the club was again present at the Colfax Railroad days, a two day event. This time we had a static display at the depot, and our portable track to give rides at the Community Center ball field. Having the display allowed us to get more interest of what our hobby is about. The rides were well received. The riding count seems to be about same as our public rides at the park.

There are 10 more engine bays now can be used for steam engines as they have water, air, and electrical. Thanks to many members for helping.



30 Years ago: The MAINLINE is now complete! We will try to have as many switches as possible operational at the fall meet.

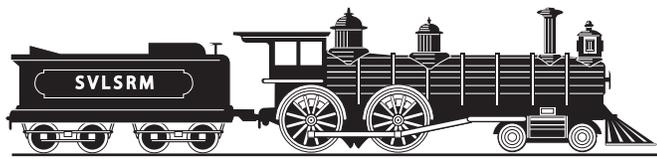
Ed Spall receives honorary SVLS membership. In honor of all the outstanding contributions to SVLS, Ed is responsible for many items over the years. He designed a rail joiner that has saved hours and hours of work. Ed also created a jig table for making track panels. Up through phase II of the expansion, Ed personally built most of the track panels. Thanks Ed for all your contributions!

50 Years ago: 40 Years ago: The Golden Spike is off the ground, and is a milestone for the SVLS.

...Did you hear that a petting zoo will adjoin our track in Cordova Park? It's true.

.... We understand someone (maybe Ed Yungling) displayed some of their RR equipment at Florin Shopping Center on Oct. 5 & 6 Was it you?

2nd annual fall meet saw fine weather and good steaming. We had guests from several areas and our own membership was well represented. Ken Spicer's engine had a gasket replacement and the Joel Corbin Camelback had a minor water leak. Following these repairs, the steaming went on as planned. The result was a good time for all.



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

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.

2.04 Periods of Low Visibility

All trains running during periods of low visibility or after sunset shall be equipped with a marker light, or with lights on the rear of the last car, displaying a red light to the rear and visible for at least 150 Ft.

3.01 Responsibilities of the Engineer

The Engineer is responsible for the safe handling of the train and the cars at all times. They must be in close cooperation with all other operating personnel, observing all rules and signals (whistles, hand, flag or light) given by the conductor and stationmaster. They must run their engine in conformance with SVLSRM safety rules at all times. They must see that any SVLSRM equipment used by them is returned to its proper storage space at the end of their run, unless another engineer takes over the responsibility of such equipment and agrees to see that such equipment is properly stored after its use.

4.06 Riding Cars

All riding cars shall have fixed seat(s) or bench to haul the public. Safety chains will be installed on all cars and locomotives carrying the general public. When the club-owned bench cars are loaded, it is recommended max 5 people based on weight and size at the discretion of the StationMaster. All passengers are required to wear shoes or sandals. No skate shoes are permitted.



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 fibreglas 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
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