

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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to those who are helping improve our railroad.

Jan. 18 work crew:

Paul Skidmore
Bill Floyd,
Butch Floyd
Dale Dennis
August (Augie) Berchielli
Andy Berchielli
Jerry Thomas
Jack Slavin
Stan Slavin
Dennis Bowie
Heidi Bowie
Maren Bowie
Ryan Bowie
Kevin Sack
Andrew Sack
Reed Hickman
Jeff Hickman
Dave Bardwell
Rob Sharratt
Gordon Moser
Barbara Moser
Doug Van Camp
Adeline Edson
Abe Edson
Aaron Edson
Aidan Edson
Steve Perry
Darrell Gomes
Dale Fowler
Ross Crawford
Dennis Gramith
Kenneth Vancamp
Don Yungling
Bill Yoder

Jan. 25 work crew:

Carl & Linda Kitzmiller
(They brought Pizza to share)
Dick Patton
Steve Milward
Dave McClain
Gil Dominger
Steve Perry
Butch Floyd
Bill Floyd
Dennis Bowie
Heidi Bowie
Maren Bowie
Ryan Bowie
Rob Sharratt
Gary Holmes
Paul Skidmore
Les Gregory
Aaron Edson
Adeline Edson
Abe Edson,
Aidan Edso
Annie Edson
Tatiana Edson,
Dale Fowler
Stan Slavin
Jack Slavin
Richard Lutrel
Harry Voss
Ross Crawford
Sue Kitzmiller
Jack Friedman
Reed Hickman
Jeff Hickman
Karle Mahler & Muffin
Gordon Moser
Barbara Moser
Courtney Jordan
Kevin Sach,
Andrew Sach
Darrell Gomes
Dennis Gramath
Bill Yoder



Drill track is being re-ballast after re-alignment away from main line.



Dick Patton and Jack Slavin installing new end of track bumper.



Crew adding to the width of the berm along the Drill track.

SVLSRM Calendar

Feb. 1 Work Day, help needed for track work and more.

Feb. 8 Work Day, help needed for track work and more.

Feb. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.

Feb. 15 Work Day, help needed for track work and more.

Feb. 22 Work Day, help needed for track work and more.

Mar. 1 Public ride day Noon to 4 PM

Mar. 2 Public ride day Noon to 4 PM

Mar. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.

Mar. 15 Member work and run day. Work on projects and
run you engine, Pot luck Lunch, enjoy the day at the
track.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



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 read on-line.



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

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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month.

Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Dennis Bowie

Welcome New Members:

Tom Nance, Orangevale

Membership update: I would like to thank everyone that has jumped on board our membership train and turned in their renewals! If you have not been one of them, please do so asap so that we can include you in our Yearly Roster.

I don't want to sound like a PBS pledge drive, but our club and facility rely on membership support. We are currently working on several improvement projects to the facility and it can only happen with those memberships being turned in!

I look forward to seeing you at our work days, play days and Meets.

See you on the rails!

Dennis Bowie

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM



Train Masters Report

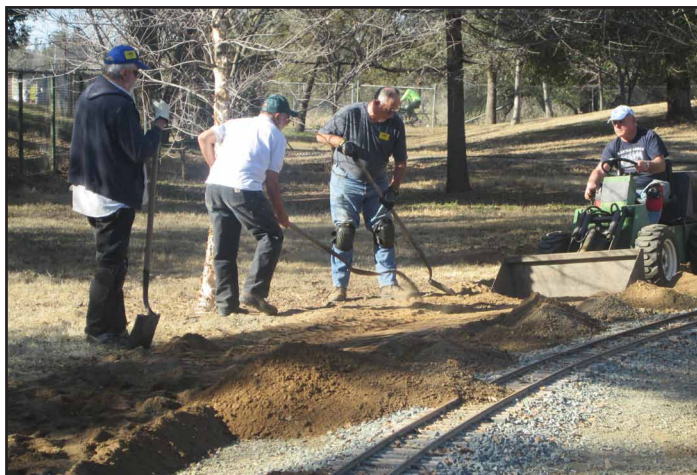
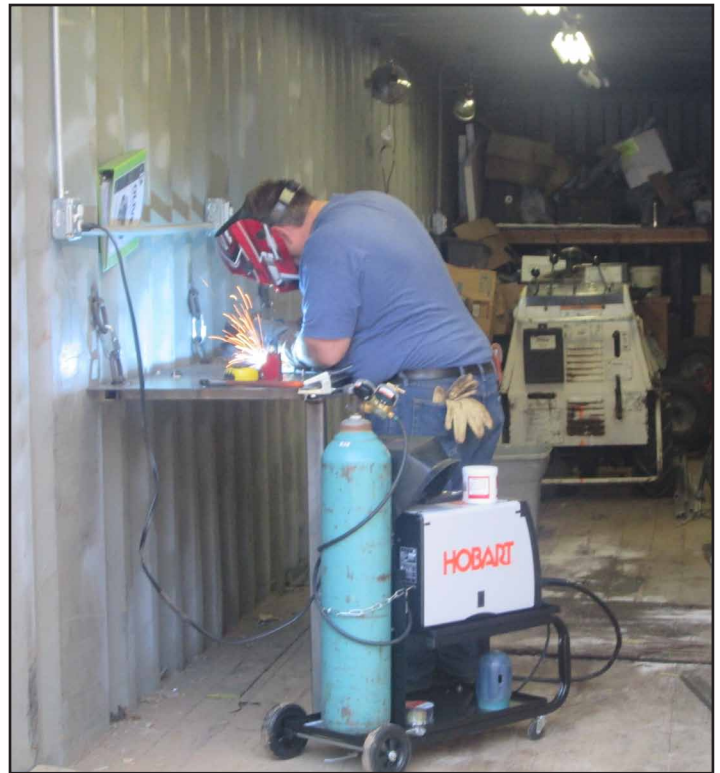
By Kevin Sach

Well I hope everyone had a good holidays. Now, is the time to get down to the maintenance of the railroad and its equipment.

On the Saturday workdays over the next two months, I will be needing helpers to help me cut metal, grind the cut metal and weld the metal, so we can get the new riding cars built in time for the run days in March. I will be out there on most Saturdays doing some work on the cars. Email me if you can come out and help and we are always looking people who are willing to come and help in any way they can.

I also have planned during the off season is to replace the rings on both the piston and valve spools as of many years of running they are starting to wear down and allowing some blow by. See you in the maintenance area.

Photo to right shows Dennis Bowie welding new car frames. Also thanks to Kevin and Dennis for building a welding platform that folds down when not needed in the work container. *Special Thanks* to Kevin Sach for the donation of a Mig welder! Great jobs guys & thanks - President Bill



One of several track crews working on mainline: Steve Perry, Gil Dominguer, Steve Milward, and Dave McClain on tractor.

Paul Skidmore started right away building new track panels using the removed rail from the old main line.



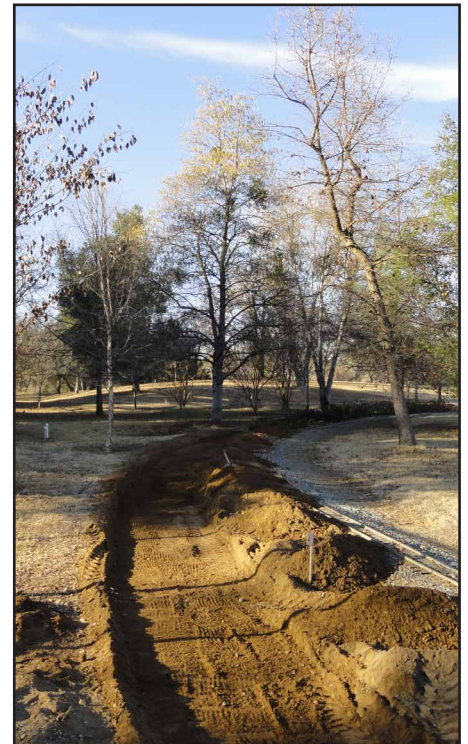
Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

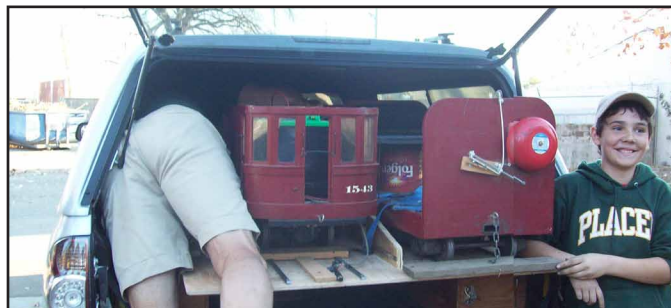
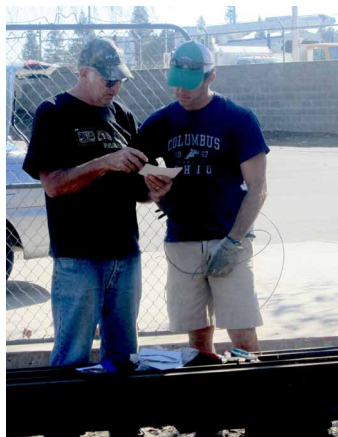
Our 2014 Track Replacement Project is off to a great start. Thanks to Dennis Gramith and Dale Folwar, their phone calls to members assembled one of the largest group of members and friends that I have the pleasure of working with.

In January, we were able to remove and dismantle 200' of track and grade the new roadbed.

In February, we will prepare our road bed, lay track and ballast. I also will want volunteers for tie replacement and throw repair on switch's. Don't be shy, we will share and teach all that want to learn.



Snapshots from Jan. 18th & 25th work day, many projects being worked. Track, fence, Gator, irrigation, lunch, leaf pickup, drill track moved, Tractor repair, ballasting. - Thanks All!



Reed with his new train get loaded with the help of his Dad.



10 Years ago: Gil Beaird completed his Berkshire locomotive testing at Riverside Live Steamers and will be bringing No. 765 Nickel Plate Road Steamer home and he expects to have it at the club in march.

Inbound and outbound lead tracks from the transfer table along with 4 more bays are planned to be built before the Spring meet.

Thanks are expressed to Dale and Lorra Fowlar for some fine belt buckles presented to those who helped them during Dale's Presidency. They were made by the Fowlars and sport the SVLS logo.

20 Years ago: From the Board: Bridge plans were presented for the low trestle, Switch project, Roseville Railfair has invited the club to run trains on our portable track at annual November Railfair, and Keith Berry received approval for 2 projects: 1. Renovation of bridge over stream, 2. Conversion of spray car to "Fire Car".

Gordon Moser, yardmaster stated he is working on getting our lawn mowers in good working order. Also, one or two new mowers are in the works (depends on what kind of deal Vern Geyer and I can get with a supplier).

30 Years ago: The board approved a passing siding in the grass area near the river and recommended that concrete mowing strips be placed on both sides of the track.

Clifford Willes, who lives in Utah, has been here visiting with his son, Ken (the Colonel), they have spent so much time running Ken's engine, that Ken says that he should have to pay double dues for the double fun they are having.

The Bathroom building fund continues to grow through generous donations from: Bill Fisher, Ben Jennings and Henry Stefani.

40 Years ago: *Again the Editor is lacking info on what the club was doing in 1974. They were having monthly meetings at various places and had a spring meet in 1974 based on a mailed bulletin June 1, 1974. Therefore I don't have any info for the first part of 1974, if you have info as to club activities then I would appreciate a copy so we have it for our archives.*

Based on a bulletin sent June 1, 1974 by Larry Badger then President, prior notices of events were postcards. It was July 1974 when "The Golden Spike" was first published as the club newsletter by Joel Corbin with artwork designed by Dick Esselbach which is still used in today's news letters.

There is a lot of history that we have lost due to lack of archiving our documents. I find the club history very interesting with the amount of work accomplished by just a few. We need to appreciate what we have today and continue their efforts.

SVLSRM January Board Meeting Summary

TREASURER'S REPORT Approximately \$12,000 in the checking account. Membership renewals were sent out late due to the change to the Membership position, so additional money will be coming in. The club has two savings accounts. A percentage from all income is to be deposited into each of the savings account on a regular basis for different purposes. The board will review this procedure next month with the budget.

Current/Future Projects Around the Facility:

- New riding cars - This project is current and under way.
- Replacement of steps by the boxcar - Project is completely but peripheral work may continue at a later date.
- Tractor repair - Has received extensive work and maintenance by club members. Should be fully functional by Feb.
- Steam bay upgrade (Planned for March 2014) - Bring in air and water. Remove grass and put down gravel.
- SP Caboose - Continuing discussion regarding its long term plan.
- Irrigating - Project was approved by the board and work is currently under way.
- WP Caboose upgrade - Collecting information regarding the replacement of the flooring.

Current Issues before the Board:

- Member Parties -New guidelines have been created and will be brought to the board for review next month.
- Membership-type Clarification: Motion passed by the board. New guidelines will go into effect starting in 2015 for new members and renewals (Regular/Family membership will be \$60 for those living within a 60 mile radius of the club or those living outside of a 60 mile radius have the option of Associates membership of \$30).
- Accident/Safety Procedures - Continuing discussion regarding new and improved procedures.
- 2014 Club Event Schedule - Colfax (questionable due to poor location, long distance and low attendance and donations). Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree Lighting (approved). Roseville Railfair (approved pending the club being given its original location). Kids Day in the Park (approved...only running trains on the permanent track). "Machinery Event" at Mather (denied due to style of event doesn't fit our club). An additional Public Run weekend in early October (if the club doesn't participate at Colfax-item tabled).
- Sunday Work days (June 22 & Sept 21) - To involve club members who can't participate on Saturdays. These work days will include a potluck lunch.
- Junior Members - Discussion regarding the increased "meaningful" involvement of club members (ages 12-17) during work days, public run days, etc.
- Day of Service by the local Mormon Church - Possible projects could include: painting of the steam bays (approved), building a path from the barn to the station (approved), and painting the WP caboose denied due to limited work time.

We received a call from Pat Collins to inform us that Michael Collins passed away in September of 2013. Michael joined SVLSRM in 2006. Our sympathy to Pat and family.

FOR SALE



An Andy Clarici original one of a kind. Hall Scott car with trailer car 7.5" gauge, roughly 2" scale. Includes 5' x 10' trailer with custom cover. Also includes spare engine. Asking **\$7,500** (or best offer) for all. Contact: Lois Clifton 916-722-8514



For Sale – 1/8th scale locomotive, Runs on 7 ½ or 7 ¼ gauge track, 4-4-0 American Kit, American Kit purchased from Railroad Supply Company, with Copper boiler still in the crate.

The model is mostly unfinished, only the chassis and front truck have been completed. All parts and drawings included. Below are the specifications of the completed locomotive.

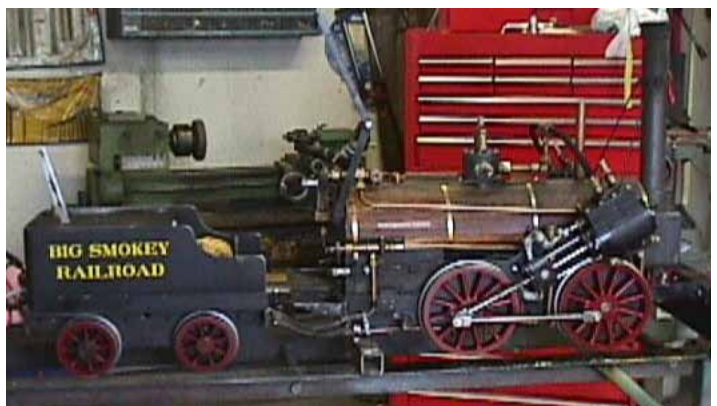
\$8,000 OBO does not include any shipping charges
Save money and arrange to pickup in the Sacramento area.

Doug Fulton – 530-637-5653
email: doug_fulton@sierrasbest.net



1" scale, 4.75" gauge train consisting of : Maxitrack 0-4-0 side rod diesel (new transistor throttle, professionally rebuilt motor, battery) , 2- Scale RR Supply gondolas (50" long with SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, 1 painted, 1 aluminum)

, 1- Little Engines Box Car painted red w/fixed doors, 1- Little Engines old style caboose (32" long w/ hand rails, SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, red w/ brown roof), approximate 260' aluminum track w/plastic ties. Asking 2500 obo - at Sacramento. Contact Gerald D. Thomas if you would like to see the equipment. samoht-4@att.net. or phone: 916-391-3395.



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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