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Work Day 2-15

Bob Bell, Dennis Bowie
 Ross Crawford, Bill Floyd
 Butch Floyd, Dale Fowlar
 Les Gregory, Darrell Gomes
 Dennis Gramith, Karle Mahler
 Gordon and Barbara Moser
 Bill Noyer, Bob Orr
 Steve Perry, Don Rienhart
 Kevin and Andrew Sach
 Rob Sharratt - daughter/son
 Dean Sheets, Paul Skidmore
 Tom Smith (friend of Bob Bell)
 Jerry Thomas, Jeff White
 Sherry Toutges w/Nicholas and
 Alisha - Brought Oranges to
 share/helped in caboose
 Doug and Ken Van Camp
 Bill Yoder, Don Yungling

I want to thank all the wonderful members and friends that gave their time and efforts to improve our track and facility over the last two months. It is this effort that makes this club great and fun to be a member.

Thanks Bill Yoder - President of SVLSRM



Our long time member Robert (Red) Hadler has been in and out of the hospital over the last few months with one stay of 7 weeks. He is in dire need of Platelets or Blood. He has had some 60 transfusions as his white blood cell count is near Zero. He also needs a match for Bone Marrow so if you can, please be tested as a donor.

If you can give Platelets or Blood, please donate now.

Reference Robert Hadler or account # 0787 at Blood Source when you donate. Thanks

February 1, 2014

Mark Cundiff, Karle Mahler
 Adeline, Abrahm, Annie,
 Aidan, Aaron, Tatiana Edson
 Kevin and Andrew Sach
 Matt Hall, Darrell Gomes
 Steve Millward, Bill Yoder
 Les and Cindy Wilmunder -
donated fruit salad for lunch
 Dale Fowlar, Ross Crawford
 Dennis, Heidi, Ryan, Maren
 Bowie *Shared Ice Cream*
son Ryans 7th birthday
 Matt Mason
 Jack Friedman
 Les Gregory, Bob Oer
 Paul Skidmore, Butch Floyd
 Jack and Ellen Slavin
 Shirley Jellison
 Isabelle Rohan
 Steve Penner
 Dave Bardwell - Napa -
donated lunch meat, cheese,
Kaiser Rolls - lunch time
 Ron Rogers - Napa
 Gordon, Barbara Moser
 Chris, Eli, Paul Donhost



The Gandy dancers adjusting track.



Building the track bed for new rail.

Work Day 2-22

Gordon and Barbara Moser, Gary and Jan Wilson
 Reed Hickman, Bill and Butch Floyd, Dick Patton
 Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie, Ross Crawford
 Kevin, Andrew Sach, Andy Berchielli, Karle Mahler
 Scott & Toblin Rowe - Brought cookies to share
 Dale Fowlar, Jack Slavin, Steve Milward
 Ken & Doug Van Camp, Steve Perry, Dean Sheets
 Eric Westman & guest Cal), Darrell Gomes, Bill Yoder

PUBLIC RUN DAYS CREWS NEEDED!

I told Bill that I would call train crews for March 1 & 2 opening weekend or please call me if you will help.

Thanks to everybody that turned out for the track work days. We all accomplished a lot and I think infused new enthusiasm in the membership.

I want to thank Dennis Bowie for taking on membership. You are doing an important job and with a much appreciated sense of humor.

Dale Fowlar

SVLSRM Calendar

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 your engine, Pot luck Lunch, enjoy the day at the
track.

Apr. 5 Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM

Apr. 6 Public Run Day. Rides Noon to 4 PM

Apr. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.

Apr. 19 Work Day, Member Run Day, pot luck Lunch.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Postage has 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.



Please check the SVLS web site:
www.svlstrm.org for current informa-
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Member articles wanted.

MEMBERSHIP

by Dennis Bowie

Let me start by saying, "**thank you**" to everyone who has renewed their membership. I would like to remind those who have not renewed, that it's not too late. To use a metaphor that we should all be familiar with, "All Aboard!" It's certainly not too late to hop on board with your membership renewal.

We have had a great turn out of support from members at our work days these past Saturdays. And I would love to see even more people turn out. We each have different abilities and skills and we should all be part of this club and do what we can to make it even better.

If you have any questions regarding renewals, you can always call me or e-mail and yes there is still snail mail.

So don't let the train leave the station without you.



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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Wow, has this been a busy winter although the weather does not seem like winter. I along with Dennis Bowie and my son Andrew have been working hard at building four new riding cars for the club. We have three of them close to bare bones rolling frames. We still



have to place the decks on them. After that we still need to build the seat benches and paint them up.

We have had a few others giving us a hand along the way that includes Dean Sheets and Don Youngling. I also want to point out that Don took the time to make a drilling fixture to drill out a broken stud on the gator's carburetor. And thanks goes to my son Andrew who took the time to fix the carburetor properly and to install a new belt on it. The gator has not run this good in a long time. After the fix, it has been used a lot by the track crew to help move rock.

It has been nice to see a lot of members helping with work days over the winter months; I hope we can continue to see the help continue with our public runs throughout this year. With that, a few years ago I set the time limit of current train crew to a time frame of two years from the last test date. I know most need to retake the tests this month, if you are not sure if you need to retake you can email me and I will let you know if you need to retake it. If you need to retake the test I am asking to be at the club at 10am to allow for correcting the test. Also I want to have a quick meeting as starting this year, train/ station crews will need to fill out minor paper work. I want to go over how the paper work is to be filled out. See you on the rails.



Dennis, Ryan & Andrew giving the new riding car frame a test run.



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes

Our 2014 track project was completed on time *thanks* to the large turn-out of members and friends that attended our Saturday work days in

January and February. Our first project was to regrade and replace the drill track at Cordova Junction. The second project was to remove 225' of old Right of Way north of the trestle. The track crew worked hard to prepare the new road bed and lay the new track in time for Opening Day.



I want to Thank ALL of YOU that helped me to complete this project. Please come out the 3rd Saturday of the month for work day to help maintain the railroad and facility.



PARTIES: Andy Berchielli Event Coordinator

In case you haven't heard I will be taking over for special events. People have already started booking parties. We reserve parties from March to September. If interested contact ANDY at events@svlsrm.org or 572-7857. Due to the fact that most weekends get booked and this is much needed income for the club, members that want to have exclusive use of the track & facility for a party will need to reserve the time. Members will pay a reduce rate depending your party needs. So if you want a party contact me. This way parties will not interfere with each other. This does not change a members normal use of track to run their own trains. Thanks!

IRRIGATION:

WOW! We have had great help to start our winter projects! There are many projects going on at the club. One is our ongoing effort to get the grounds on automatic irrigation. This year's project has been completed already due to some great help from Rob Sharratt, Mike Dreiling, Richard Lutrel, Stan and his son Jack and myself. We were able to get the area around the concrete pad done all the way to Midway crossing. With this completed the RV area to the North Midway sidings is covered. That is basically half the property in about three years. Not bad if I say so myself. That is 7 total stations. Not only will this cut down on our watering time, it also helps speed up the process of mowing. Moving hoses when mowing is no fun.

A MEMBER SIDE PROJECT:

Now that this new irrigation project is completed one area that is hard to water and mow is the small flat area east of North Midway Siding, next to the grain building. What would be nice is a member with a little building talent to build some more buildings to fill in that area. It would add some more appeal to the area and is a great project to do at home. A great way to contribute when you can't make it to the work days. Come on talented members. Let's think of something cool to fill in the space.



Even a powered hack saw takes many members to insure it is cutting straight.

Snapshots from Feb. as we continued on new riding cars and track replacement, and other improvements - Thanks All!



Gordon Moser rebuilding the switch throw on the main line with the help of the Nicholas Toutges with Mom & Alisha and Bill Noyer looking on.



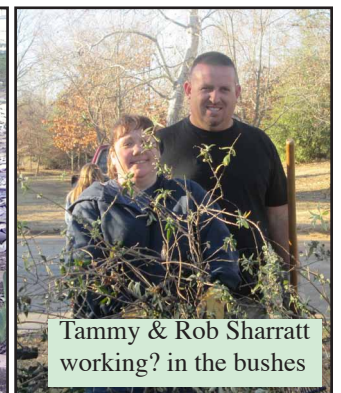
Jan Wilson smoothing the fill of Andy's irrigation ditch.



Track crew busy with another panel.



Maren working on flower bed



Tammy & Rob Sharratt working? in the bushes



10 Years ago: During the week, Les Wilmunder delivered the metal shed he donated to the organization. Using his company's crane, Les lifted the shed over the mower building and placed it on the concrete pad that was poured in January.



Thanks to Les for the donation of the shed and the use of this crane, and to Richard and Lee in placing the shed.

20 Years ago:

Useful Live Steam Terminology - by Bailie.
 Hydrogen-Oxide: H-O-H Colorless, Tasteless, Odorless liquid. Causes death if inhaling sufficient quantity. Corrodes metals, useful in steam generation, commonly known as H2O, or Water.

Pyromaniac: A live steamer who stirs their fire too much.
 Ombrophobia: Fear of rain.
 Siderodromophobia: Fear of trains (no joke).
 Ferroequinology: The study of steam locomotives.
 Ferro = Iron, Equin = Horse, Ology = Boring.

30 Years ago: Roundhouse Rumors: Retired or not, Earl McKenzie's old boss just can't seem to get along without him. He keeps requesting that Earl return to help him out. It seems that the S.P. still cannot figure out the cause of last month's train wreck near Elk Grove, Al Shelley wasn't even the Engineer. We will all miss the twinkling smile of Clifford Willes, who has returned to his home in Utah after an extended vacation in Rancho Cordova with his son, Ken Willes.

40 Years ago: *Again the Editor is lacking info on what the club was doing in 1974.*



How many SVLS engineers does it take to change a hydraulic cylinder? **6** counting the photographer (Bill).

SLVS February Board Meeting Summary

Current/Future Projects Around the Facility
 New riding cars - This project is current and in progress
 Tractor - Has been running great at the past several work days. Big thanks to Dale and his wonderful crew!
 Steam bay upgrade (Planned for March 2014) - Bring in air and water. Still in the planning stages.
 SP Caboose - We need club member thoughts and ideas.
 Irrigating the North RV Area - Project completed!
 WP Caboose flooring upgrade - Still in the planning stages.
 New Siding Locations - The board discussed adding additional siding areas to the current track plan. Several location ideas were mentioned but no decision was made at this time.
 The Welding Area - Spurred by the riding car project, the club now has a welding table (located in the tractor container), a Mig welder (thank you Kevin Sach!!!) and a welding helmet. Club members are welcome to use this new area and tools for their own projects. Please follow all safety rules and keep the area clean.

Current Issues before the Board

Member Parties - New guidelines reviewed by the board. Revisions made & will be presented to the board next month.
 Junior Members - Continued discussion regarding increasing the involvement of club members (ages 12-17) during work days and public run days.
 Day of Service by the local Mormon Church (Apr 26th) - Project will be the painting of the steam bays and building a path from the barn to the station.
 Spring Meet (May 16th-18th) - A coordinator needs to be found for this event, along with several club members to supervise key areas (i.e. food, raffle/silent auction, registration, parking, clean up, etc).

SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH



115. No one under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or illegal drugs of any kind shall be allowed to ride on any train.

202. All engines must be run at a safe speed and under complete control at all times. (Refer to Rule 229 for a definition of safe speed.)

311. The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling passengers shall ascertain that all passengers are told and understand the passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station, as set forth here:

- A. Remain seated facing forward at all time while the train is in motion.
- B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.
- C. Do not lean out nor reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.
- D. Keep hand and feet inside the car at all times while the train is in motion.
- E. Do not yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.
- F. Anyone disobeying these rules may be asked to leave the facility.

FOR SALE



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 NOW! \$6800. Does not include any shipping charges Save money and arrange to pickup in the Sacramento area.

Doug Fulton – 530-637-5653
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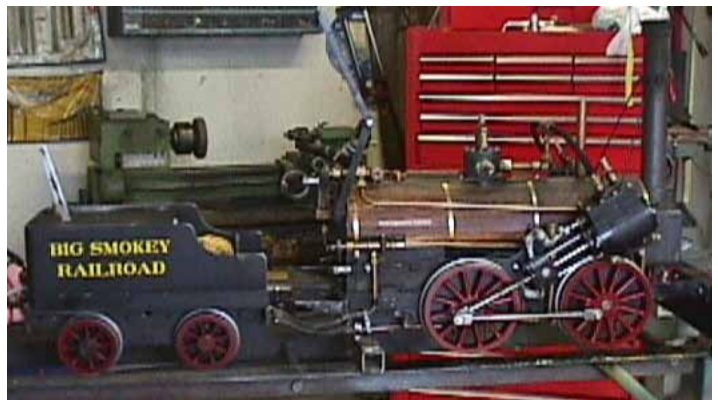


An Andy Clarici original one of a kind. Hall Scott car with trailer car 7.5" gauge, roughly 2" scale. Includes 5' x 10' trailer with custom cover. Also includes spare engine. Asking **\$7,500** (or best offer) for all. Contact: Lois Clifton 916-722-8514



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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