

My visit to SVLS's 40th Anniversary Meet

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The Sacramento Live Steamers (SVLS), based in Hagan Park within Rancho Cordova, California had their 40th Anniversary on May 17, 18 and 19, 2013 with a very enthusiastic crowd of live steamers, well wishers, model engineers and me.



There to greet me were SVLS members Red Hadler and Clio Geyer who welcomed me. I've known Clio indirectly via secretary-to-secretary and it was a pleasure to meet her in person.



Next to her were the vendors booth and who should I see but member Bob Morris hawking his wares and trying to interest me in a partially built 1" scale Little

Engines Atlantic. Maybe next time, Bob.



Also there was a booth from the Los Angeles Live Steamers. I didn't have a chance to say 'hi' but found it gratifying to see them there.



Next to them was a table and booth belonging to the Live Steam Hobbist from Newberg, Oregon who had some interesting items for sale. They included a 7 1/2 " gauge engineer brake valve and some freight car truck assemblies & accessories.



Across from them was the impressive Auction table with donations from many retailers and individuals. Kudos to those many supporters!



For the Garden railroader there was a movable layout set up for viewing that my boys liked very much.



Across from them was the club's picnic area and bar-b-que which served a hearty lunch for the hungry.



In the SVLS's steaming bays there were locomotives galore with many locomotives that demonstrated the fine art of model craftsmanship on display.

But there were 2 that caught my eye:



One of them was a dazzling 7 1/2" McKeen railcar which I admired very much.



The other was an electric trolley custom made by Cal Tinkham that I fell in love with it, where the car in front of it has electric doors that open/close with a push of a button. This seems to be the perfect electric for me to model and thank you for bring it to the meet.

I went on Saturday and saw many GGLS members enjoying the hospitality and comforts of SVLS.



GGLS member Amy Herman had a chance to try out the Saturday \$7 lunch.



GGLS member Geraldine August is getting ready to move out and leaving her husband Dave to look at GGLS member Michael Smith's equipment.



In the shade, GGLS members Paul Thompson and Dave Keitel are lounging around and trying to stay incognito.



GGLS member Jeremy Coombes is enjoying a look around in the steaming bays while



GGLS members Michael and Chris Smith has just pulled into the steaming bay with their Atlantic train pushing some heavy artillery.

40th Anniversary Celebration Festivities



At 2:00 pm the 40th Anniversary celebration began with President Bill Yoder introducing long time member & legend Ed Yungling to say a few words.



Ed spoke about his involvement in the early history of the SVLS club and then mounted his Southern Pacific #4242 Cab Forward as



President Bill Yoder introduced Mayor Linda Budge of Rancho Cordova.



After Mayor Linda Budge presented a plaque to President Bill Yoder, commemorating the 40th Anniversary Event,



Ed powered his Cab Forward to break through the 40th Anniversary banner into the 41st year of club existence!

Congratulations on your wonderful 40th Anniversary from all of us Golden Gate Live Steamers with many years to come, especially if you want to catch up with us!