

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - April 15, 1983, 7:30 P.M. at the Cordova Recreation and Park District Building, Rancho Cordova, California (Chase Drive next to the High School). The "Buffet Car" will be hosted by Marilyn Drewes and Frances Quiring. The program for the evening will be presented by Don Juergenson.

Work Day - Saturday, April 16, we will have a work day. We will do some mowing, (if you have a mower that we may use in addition to the two that we have, please bring it along), cutting, trimming and weeding. We would like everything to look good and all track be ready for our "Golden Spike" ceremony on Sunday, April 17, 1983.

Run Day - Yes, most definitely, yes! See below for further details.

Board Meeting - Thursday, May 5, 1983, at the home of Ken and Nadene Willes, 10041 El Pinzon Court, Rancho Cordova, California at 7:30 P.M.

FROM THE BOARD

The board continued work on the proposed land acquisition. Plans for the Spring Meet, and final preparations for the "Golden Spike" ceremony were also discussed.

GOLDEN SPIKE CELEBRATION

This "Golden Spike" ceremony is our chance to celebrate the first 10 years of operation by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers. We are making a large publicity effort for the first major run day of 1983. The ceremony is scheduled to start shortly after 12:00 noon and should be finished by approximately 12:30 P.M. Our pot luck late lunch/early dinner, as well as plentiful desserts will be available following the ceremony and on into the afternoon. Please bring your favorite dish for the table and as usual bring your own eating utensils and beverages. The weather promises to be good and the park is already showing sign of Spring - flowers, birds, and lots of people! Last year's "Golden Spike" ceremony was a "HUGE" success! Let's try to make this one even bigger.

BY-LAW CHANGE

The By-Law changes listed in last months Golden Spike were approved by the membership at the March meeting. These changes will be reflected in the new edition of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations that will be available at the Spring Meet. (Thanks to Dick and Lori Esselbach.)

COMING SOON - SPRING MEET 1983

Attached is an advanced notice of our up-coming Spring Meet 1983. Please mark your calendars now and be sure to save these dates so that you can join us for a great weekend of friendship and railroading at it's very best.

MAKING STEAM

Saturday, March 19 was a very productive work day. The newly rebuilt riding mower proved to be more than equal to the task of cutting down the extremely long and wet grass that this very wet and soggy winter has brought to us. The track gang repaired several wash-outs, re-ballasted, cut weeds, mowed grass planted trees and cleaned up in general. The track gang consisted of: Darrel McWhirk, Warren Wagner, Amandus Drewes, Jimmy Durham, Earl McKenzie, Roger and Matthew Merkh, Bob Lovell and boys and Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. A special thanks to all the track crew that repeatedly hauled Cricket and the riding mower out of the holes and trenches each time she got stuck!

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Anyone needing information on installing and trouble shooting a "ZT-10 Cruise Control", will find a ready source of information in two of your Board of Directors - the President and the Treasurer! John Livesay announced an impending merger (marriage) to take place on May 7, 1983, in Woodland. We are all very happy for John and Doris, and wish them both the very best! Warren Wagner would like to know who he should see about getting a refund on all the work that he did on Saturday (March 19), since he was rained out and could not run on Sunday (March 20)? Try the Chaplin, Warren! The "Fabulous Earl-of-McKenzie" joined the ranks of celebrities when the Sacramento Bee quoted his memories of the W.P. Shops from days gone by. Roger Merkh seems to be quite a Debbie Boone fan! Her song "You Light Up My Life", must have inspired Roger, who has completed several new flood-light poles for use in the steaming bays for night runs. Thanks, Roger!

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)

The golden spike traditionally signifies the end of a project. This month's "Golden Spike" celebration marks the beginning of a new year of flanged wheels and scale rail. Our last year's "Golden Spike" ceremony was the largest single days activity in the history of this club. This year, with the magic number of 10, we hope to break all records. If the publicity program works, we should see a large crowd of spectators and passengers. History has shown us that every major run day has unearthed at least one new member. A short reflection should indicate that passengers and new members are both vital to the healthy growth of the organization. Please plan on attending and doing your fair share to help your club succeed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

220. Communicating signals are used by trainmen when necessary to convey a message to the engineer while the train is running, communicating signals are blown on the trainman's whistle, loud enough for the engineer to hear above the noise of the engine.
221. Communicating signals given by the trainman: (o = A short blast)
- A. oo When standing, proceed
 - B. oo When running, STOP
 - C. ooo When standing, back up
 - D. ooo When running, stop at the next station
 - E. oooo When running, reduce speed

DID YOU KNOW?

Locomotives (In Service and Under Repairs). The following resolution was carried at the Master Mechanics' convention of 1906, That twenty-four hours be adopted as the limit distinguishing between engines in service and those under repairs, and that \$100 be adopted as the limit distinguishing between running and shop repairs.

"Locomotive Dictionary and Cyclopedia" Fifth Edition 1919

CLINKERS!

Workshop Wisdom - by Cliff Sovdover (Courtsey of the Leaky Wheel)

-When breaking taps, try to do so with enough tap sticking out to grab onto with pliers, vice grips or some similar tool.

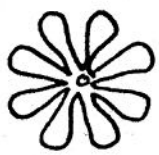
-Band-Aid plastic strips (usual disclaimer) are vary handy for applying over those annoying nicks and scratches that we all get in our fingers when doing metal work.

-On the subject of brazing, when my torch striker is out of flint, or lost, matches, or even a cigarette lighter work just as well.

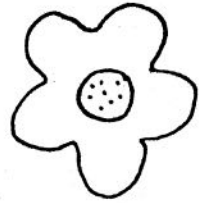
Thanks to the April First (Fool's Day) Edition of The Safety Valve
Vancouver Island Model Engineers

Dennis and Judy Gramith

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MEET



RANCHO CORDOVA COMMUNITY PARK

SATURDAY MAY 21

SUNDAY MAY 22

2000 Foot loop dual gauge track, 4³/₄ * 7¹/₂

Water, air & electricity at steaming bays.

Boiler inspection is mandatory. SVLS will honor other clubs' certificates.

Coal available, please bring any other fuel.

Coffee and donuts available both mornings, hot dogs cold beer & pop both afternoons.

Motels and overnight vehicle camps nearby and limited overnight space at trackside.

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