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TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, May 20, 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 Sherry Kocsis and Matthew Merkh. The program for the evening will be presented by Don Juergenson.

Work Day - Saturday, May 14, we will have a work day, to clean, mow, weed, etc. in preparation for our Spring Meet on the following weekend. Because the sun will begin to shine more and the grass will grow more, we will be having TWO (2) work days a month for the months of June, July and August. They should be relatively short work days, but they are necessary days to maintain control of the weeds and grass and track. The grounds are almost totally rock free, so if you have a mower or weedeater that you could bring for the day, please do so. It will make the work go much faster. Work Day - Saturday, June 11, 1983.

Run Day - Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22 - Spring Meet. See below and attachment for more information.

Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 7, 1983, at the home of Dennis and Judy Gramith, 2972 Weston Way, Rancho Cordova, at 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE BOARD

The decision, on the land acquisition from the County Park Commission, will be handed down on Thursday, May 26, 1983. Dick Esselbach has run off some more of our flyers, so if you need some to pass out, please see Lori Esselbach. Dick has also finished the very tedious art work necessary to order the new cloisonne pins that the club will be selling. They have been ordered and we will notify you when they arrive. Dick and Lori have also been working night and day on the new "Roster" and "Rules and Regulations". They are doing a whole new layout this year and they have been working extremely hard so that it can be distributed at the Spring Meet. By picking up your copy at the Meet, you will save your club the added cost of postage. Believe it or not, Dick still works (some how) at his regular job in his "spare time". Dick is saving this club a tremendous amount of money by doing all the art work, layout work, etc. Thank you Dick and Lori Esselbach!

SPRING MEET - 1983

Spring is in the air! The grass is green! The tracks are clean! Let's have a Meet. May 21 and 22 - S.V.L.S. - Spring Meet - 1983! Once again it is time for our first Meet of the year. Traditionally, the Spring Meet has been our largest event of the year. It looks like the weather will be perfect so let's all plan to attend and have a pleasant weekend of railroading. The Snack Bar will be in operation both days. The Board has decided to preserve the low prices as a convenience to those attending rather than attempting to use the Snack Bar as a fund raiser. Our famous "\$1.00 Lunch", will again be available. For the Saturday evening B.B.Q., the club will provide glowing charcoal and a place to cook whatever you choose to bring to B.B.Q. This year, the club will set up a "green salad bar". The tentative price for a green (make-your-own-) salad and roll or bread, will be \$1.00 per person (child or adult). As in the past, please bring your own plates and eating utensils, and those of you wishing to bring a dessert for the table, to share, please do so. The trains will stop running at 4:00 for the big drawing, then on to the B.B.Q. a campfire and an evening run. Sunday, the dinner plans are to have a "pot luck feast". Those wishing to participate, please bring your favorite dish for the table to share, and again plates and eating utensils.

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Saturday, April 16, we had a small, but very productive work party. The entire hill and inside area were mowed, trimming, weeding and weed killing were also done and the Roundhouse was emptied out, cleaned and put back in a neat orderly fashion. The "Earl-of-McKenzie" has built us a new and sturdy work bench for the Roundhouse. Those hard working people were: Earl McKenzie, Robin Lyons, Warren Wagner, Darrel McWhirk, Amandus Drewes, Jimmy Durham, Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. Sunday, the "Golden Spike Ceremony" was well attended and fun for all. We received TV coverage, after the event, from Lynne Gormley of Channel 10 and a beautiful picture on the front page of the Sacramento Union. The club also participated in the "Community Awareness Day" at American River College on May 7. The Willes family (Ken, Nadene, Terry and Kent), brought their engine for display, Lori Esselbach and her granddaughter, Gail, brought signs, whistles, and flyers, and Jimmy and Scott Durham helped man the booth. Ken reports that it was a beautiful day and lots of people stopped to ask questions with several showing a real interest. Possible new members? They sold several whistles and passed out many flyers. Thanks for a job well done!

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Side-dumping cars have nothing on us. We have side-dumping picnic tables. Ask our good friend Audrey Ridenour, she will tell you just how they operate! Ross Crawford! Ken Spicer is home and doing just fine. He would dearly love to hear from anyone who would like to call or come over to see him. Come see us soon, Ken! The last April work day proved that Dr. (Robin) Lyons is just as skillful at extracting weeds as teeth, roots and all! Ross Crawford! Two of our globe trotters are safely back in their nests. The Bonswor's have returned from their M.O.F.C. (Motorhome on a Flat Car) trip south of the border, and the Willes' from their 8,000 mile trip to Florida. Welcome back to all! Two many gondolas? The cabooses are comming! Alan Shelley needed to get away from his job as Engineer, so he took a few days off and ran the Diesel at the Railroad Museum! Huh! If you see Roger Merkh, and he appears to be in a daze, he is probably suffering withdrawal from his recent 10-day Amtrack vacation. How many miles, Roger? Ross Crawford!

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)

Sad, but true! A recent survey indicates that in most organizations nationwide, the major portion of the work is done by 20% of the membership. Obviously, the remaining 80% is comprised of members with other commitments or functions to attend, job obligations, health problems, or perhaps too far away. These categories are broad and only you really know if you fit into one of them. Your club is a hobby (for pleasure), but unfortunately, that day that you spent fixing track or mowing weeds and grass a couple of years ago is history. The track continues to need maintenance and the grass and weeds continue to grow. With this thought in mind, do you really feel that you are doing your fair share? Does the work you did years ago really entitle you to sit back and let everyone else do the work now? I mentioned the figure, 20% of the membership doing the work. If you read Making Steam, (above) you will count nine (9) names. Our present membership is 109. This equals just over 8% of our membership at the April work party. Work parties of this size can barely keep up with normal maintenance. If we are going to grow, and add bathrooms, steaming bays, a transfer tables, lawn sprinklers, and a large building, over the next few years, YOUR club needs YOUR help! Larger work parties allow shorter work days and we can all enjoy our Saturday afternoons.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

229. No locomotive shall be operated at excessive speed, and shall not be operated at a speed greater than any speed from which the locomotive and its train can be slowed and stopped within a reasonable distance, depending on the traffic, track conditions, visibility, and weight of the train.
301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the club.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. What is a "Dead Wood"?

A. A single wooden block or piece of timber attached to the end sill of freight cars to protect persons between the cars from injury, by preventing the cars from coming together in case the drawbar or its attachment should give way. (Similar to buffer block.)

Q. What is a "Flitch Plate"?

A. An iron or steel plate sandwiched between pieces of wood and bolted together to give the member which they comprise greater strength. Also called sandwich plates, for example, End Sill Flitch Plates.

"Car Builders' Cyclopedia: Tenth Edition - 1922
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NEW MEMBERS

Please add the following new members to your "temporary roster".

Ben Jennings	Robert C. Weaver	William Manley
7369 Rush River Drive	4233 Cartwright Way	2155 Main Street #216
Sacramento, Ca. 95831	N. Highlands, Ca. 95660	Santa Clara, Ca. 95050

CLINKERS!

There will be a Sign-Up Sheet at the meeting on Friday and available on Saturday and Sunday of the Spring Meet. Please contact Dennis or Judy Gramith and sign-up for 1 hour of help at the switches, river watch, etc.

Thank you, Catherine Lyons, for running our Newsletter each month. This club is saving alot of money through your generosity. Thanks!

Thanks, also, to Don Rosen for obtaining the scarves, note pads, calendars etc. for door prizes and donation gifts at the passenger loading gate. The club is making alot of money through your generous efforts. Thanks!

NOTE! May 28-30 Nevada State Rail Museum in Carson City opens for the summer.

NOTE! July 8, 9, and 10 - Goleta Valley Railroad Club - Annual Golden Spike Run.

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

Are you an active member
the kind that would be missed,
or are you just contented
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings,
and mingle with the flock
or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
to help the work along,
or are you satisfied to be
the guy who just "belongs"?

Do you work on committees
to see there is no trick,
or leave the work to just a few
and talk about the "clique"?

So come to meetings often
and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member,
please take an active part;

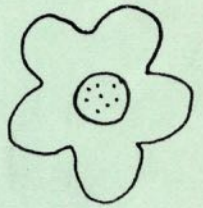
Think it over brother,
you know right from wrong,
are you an active member,
or do you just belong???

Courtsey of the "FEEDWATER" Chula Vista Live Steamers, Inc. April 1983
Ace Wischstadt

Please start wearing your name badges, so everyone (old members as well as new members) will have no problem communicating with each other. Thanks!

Dennis and Judy Gramith

SPRING



MEET



RANCHO CORDOVA COMMUNITY PARK

SATURDAY MAY 21

SUNDAY MAY 22

2000 Foot loop dual gauge track, $4\frac{3}{4}$ * $7\frac{1}{2}$

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.