

# *The* GOLDEN SPIKE



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## TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, January 20, 1984, 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 Jeri Juergenson and Shirley Durham. The program for the evening will be presented by Don Juergenson.

Work Day - Saturday, January 21, will be a work day (weather permitting) for our usual track and grounds maintenance.

Run Day - We will have a normal Run Day if the weather is good.

Board Meeting - the Board Meeting will be on February 7, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Ken and Nadene Willes.

## FROM THE BOARD

Projects and directions for the coming year were discussed at the meeting.

## DUES ARE DUE!

The dues for 1984 are now due and payable. If you have already paid your dues, the signal at the right will be "green", Thank you! If the signal at the right is "yellow", your dues have not yet been received. Please pay promptly so that you will not lose your membership in good standing (\$20 regular member-\$10 associate).

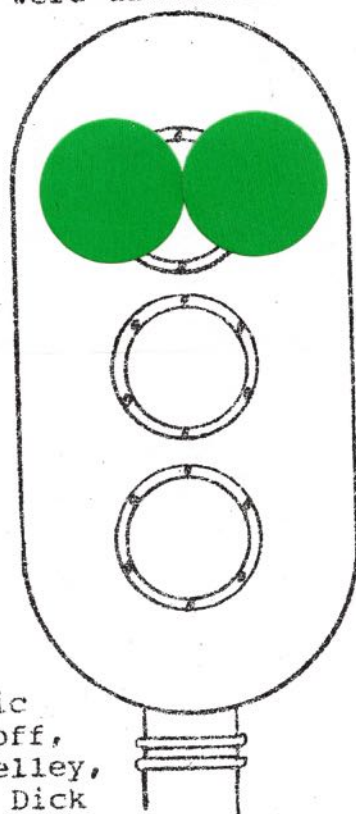
## MAKING STEAM

December 17, 1983, found a bunch of "sand crabs" ramming molds, cutting sprues, and pouring metal, at the Foundry Clinic hosted by Don Juergenson. Don is an excellent instructor and those in attendance had a great time and also learned in the process. The most frequent comment heard after the clinic was "when can we do it again"? Those who attended the Foundry Clinic were: Stan Hindsley, Keith Kirstein, Austin Knoff, Ken Willes, Amandus Drewes, Bob Lovell, Alan Shelley, Ken Feil, Warren Wagner, Alan and Jimmy Durham, Dick and Eric Quiring, Milon Thorley, Dennis and Judy Gramith. Don, we all thank you for your time and talents!

Our traditional New Year's Run Day was bright and sunny. Steam, Electric and Diesel power provided fun and rides for those in attendance. Since several of the members brought out some Chile, dips, spreads and assorted finger foods, everyone there was able to avoid starvation while enjoying the beautiful weather and flanged wheel transportation. This was then followed by a friendly gathering with lots of "munchies" at the home of Dick and Lori Esselbach. As always their holiday decorations were unique and beautiful.

## ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Warren Sharratt has recently passed the 2,600 mark in his tie cutting project. As soon as he figures out were to put them, he will be cutting another batch. A tremendous job well done. Thanks, Warren, Robby and Cristy! Ed Yungling has re-invented the wheel or at least a clever method for making the pattern for tender truck wheels. Perhaps he will bring it for "Show and Tell". Spreading of "Show and Tell" perhaps Alan Shelley would honor us with a sampling of the progress he is making on his new engine.



BATHROOM FUND CHALLENGE!

At the Fall Meet 1983, Ed Spall made a \$100 donation and challenged any other member to match or beat it. Since then the following members have matched the challenge: David and Sherry Kocsis, The Willes Family, John Saverino, Howard Shrader, Howard and Gladys Bull. Anyone else wishing to donate to the Bathroom Building Fund should not feel bound by the \$100 figure. Any amount large or small will be greatly appreciated. Please send your checks marked "Bathroom Building Fund", payable to S.V.L.S. to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, P. O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670. Thank you! Your club really needs your support on this very important project.

HELP WANTED!

Your Program Chairman, Don Juergenson, would very much like to hear from any member who might have a program that he or she would like to present at one of our General Meetings. Please contact Don if you have something to share.

FROM THE CAB - (Presidents Comments)

*As we venture into this New Year, we once again face the challenge of making your club the "friendliest in the country". We also must face the many projects required to keep our facility "first rate" and match our recent and projected growth. If everyone could find just a few additional hours to help the club meet these challenges, the load will be much easier for all of us to carry. Please do your part for your club.*

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. What is Babbitt Metal?

A. An alloy, consisting of 9 parts of tin and 1 part of copper used for journal box bearings; so called from its inventor, Issac Babbitt, of Boston. Some variations have been made, and among the published compositions are:

Copper	1	1
Antimony	1	5
Tin	10	50

Another formula substitutes zinc for antimony. The term is commonly applied to any white alloy for bearings, as distinguished from the metals or brasses in which copper predominates.

Locomotive Dictionary and Cyclopedia Fifth Edition 1919  
 Simmons-Boardman Publishing Company

CLINKERS!

The March 1984 "Golden Spike" will include update pages for your club Roster.

"I am only one, But still I am one. I cannot do everything, But still I can do something; And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."