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TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, February 16, 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 Phyllis Feil and Judy Gramith. The program will be announced the night of the General Meeting, as it was not yet planned at the time this bulletin was ready for print.

Work Day - Saturday, February 17, will be a work day (weather permitting) for our usual track and grounds maintenance.

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

Board Meeting - The Board Meeting will be on March 8, at the home of Dennis and Judy Gramith at 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE BOARD

The Board approved a passing siding in the grass area near the river and recommended that concrete mowing strips be placed on both sides of the track. The date of our Golden Spike Ceremony has been changed from 4/22/84 (Easter Sunday) to the following Saturday, April 28, 1984. Since the new pins are going fast, the Board approved an immediate re-order.

DUES ARE PAST DUE!

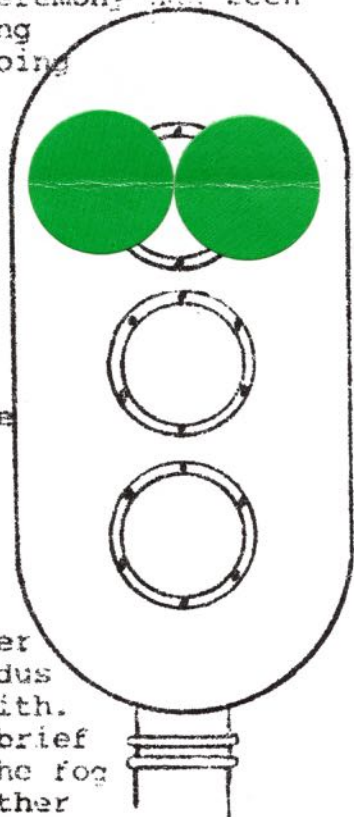
Most of our members have already paid their dues for 1984. If you have already paid your dues, the signal at the right will be "green", Thank You! If the signal at the right is "red", your dues have not yet been received and this is your LAST issue of the Golden Spike. Please pay promptly so that you will not lose your membership in good standing (\$20 regular member - \$10 associate). If you have any questions, please contact, Judy Gramith.

MAKING STEAM

On January 21, the following crew cut grass, sprayed weeds, aligned and leveled track, trimmed branches, etc: Earl McKenzie, Warren Wagner, Ken, Terry and Clifford Willes, Bob Lovell and sons, Roger and Matthew Merkh, Henry Stefani and Grandson, Amandus Drewes, Jimmy Durham, Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. Thank you all for your support and help. A small, brief Run Day could not compete with the biting cold of the fog and Super Bowl on the "tube"! The bright sunny weather lured the Willes Family out for a fun day of running on Saturday, February 4. The Willes' were joined by Earl McKenzie, Warren Wagner, the Durham's and the Gramith's. While we played, Bob Lovell and sons spent the entire time installing wood strips between the rails where the road crosses our tracks. It looks real neat. Thanks, Lovell Family for a tremendous job well done!

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

A crane was recently seen delivering a large crate to Henry Stefani. Tradition has it, that nice things come in small packages, but Henry seems pleased with a new machine tool that came in that large package. Congratulations to Dana and Lynn Dyer who have increased their traincrew by two (twin boys). Congratulations also, to our newest "published" author, Keith Kirstein whose article on his weed sprayer appeared in the January issue of Live Steam Magazine. Since Clifford Willes, who lives in Utah, has been here visiting with his son, Ken (the Colonel), they have spent so much time running Ken's engine, that Ken says that he should have to pay double dues for the double fun they are having. Perhaps it could be the nice "scenery" in the park that has been brought out by the beautiful weather, that continues to draw them to the track?



BATHROOM BUILDING FUND

The Bathroom Building Fund continues to grow through generous donations from: Bill Fisher, Ben Jennings and Henry Stefani. As we wade through the mountains of red tape required for: plans, permits, approvals, bids, sewer connections, etc., we hope that you will find it possible to help provide the financial support required to do the job right. If you find your self unable to wrap your hands around a pick or shovel for your club (due to time, distance, or physical condition) here is a chance to help on this much need project. Any amount you feel you can give, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please send your checks to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, P. O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, California 95670 - Marked "Bathroom Building Fund". Thank you!

COMMING EVENTS

FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING SHOW Vallejo Model Railroad Club
March 3 & 4 Hours 11 to 5 Solano County Fairgrounds

PORTLAND OREGON-NEW ORLEANS LA.-PORTLAND (4449)
May 5 thru June 24, 1984 Pacific Northwest Chapter, N.R.H.S.
Room 1, Union Station
Portland, OR 97209

SACRAMENTO-SAN FRANCISCO with the "DAYLIGHT" (4449)
May 8, 1984 Contact Charlie Zell 441-0428 \$50.00 per person

WINTER RAILS ON THE MCCLLOUD RIVER RAILROAD (2-6-2 No. 25)
February 18 & 19, 1984 398-2996
Great Western Tours 639 Market St. San Francisco, CA. 94105

UNION PACIFIC STEAM ENGINE EXCURSIONS (8444) Cheyene to New Orleans
March 9-10-11 California State Railroad Museum
P. O. Box 2390
Sacramento, Ca. 95811
Attn: U.P. Joe Passentino

MENDOCINO COUNTY RAILWAY SOCIETY (Steam Excursion) (2-8-2- No. 45)
June 9, 1984 \$20.00 (2 trips) P. O. Box 1141
(707) 964-7171 Fort Bragg, CA. 95437
Please contact no later than March 30, 1984

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)
The recent spell of sunny spring like weather brings to mind the rapidly approaching operating season for our club. While we have many tasks ahead of us, in what we hope will be an orderly growth pattern, our immediate and very major project is and must be completion of our looooooong awaited bathroom facility. As mentioned above, the bureaucratic processes are being addressed and some help has been volunteered from outside the club by those with Friends, Strings and Knowledge of the system. A few moments of realistic thought should reveal to all that we will need assistance of outside help to actually build this project. Outside help is expensive, but who among us can donate every weekend for many weeks in a row to complete a project of this size? While I hate to keep asking for money, please allow me this one last plea for your assistance. ANY amount that you can spare would greatly be appreciated. Let's build this bathroom and move on to other projects. Thank you for your support!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Q. What is Lignomur?
A. A decorative head lining made from straw-board or paper with figures stamped or embossed upon it. The figures are usually light colored, while the background is darker. It is glued to a thin narrow matched ceiling or may be applied directly to an old veneered ceiling.

From "Car Builders' Cyclopedia" Tenth Edition-1922

FOR SALE - Please contact Milon Thorley if you are interested in that "super metal cleaning solution" he spoke about at our last meeting. Approximately \$10.00 per gallon.

Dennis and Judy Gramith