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TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, May 18, 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 Kay Fisher and Jeri Juergenson. The program for the evening will be presented by an Australian Live Steamer, Lloyd Dannenberg. He will be here for our Spring Meet accompanied by his wife and daughter. Lloyd is a past president of the Queensland Society of Model Engineers and Experimenters at Brisbane, Australia. He owns two 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " gauge locos which he built. His son (not coming) is building an S.P. AC-9 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Lloyd went out of his way to show Stan Hindsley exceptional Australian hospitality during Stan's visits there in 1980 and again in 1982. Lloyd was president when his club hosted an All-Australia meet at Brisbane in 1982 and it is understood he will be bringing films of that and other Australian Live Steam activity. We have invited him to put on the Friday (May 18) program.

Work Day(s) - LAST CHANCE to get ready for the Spring Meet, Saturday, May 12, we will also have two additional Work Days on Saturday, June 2 and Saturday, June 9, to do our usual track and grounds maintenance. Please mark your calendars and try to attend the Work Days. Your club really needs your HELP!

Run Day(s) - Spring Meet 1984! On May 19 & 20, we will have our annual Spring Meet. We will also have a Special Run ("News Media Day") on Friday, May 18, from about 10:00 a.m. until ? See below for complete details on both the Spring Meet and the "News Media Day"!

Board Meeting - The Board Meeting will be on Thursday, June 7, at the home of Dick and Lori Esselbach at 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE BOARD

The Master Plan Committee submitted it's plan to the Board. The Board approved it with some minor additions. The up-coming "News Media Day" was discussed as well as publicity for the Spring Meet.

SPRING MEET 1984

Our annual Spring Meet will actually begin on Friday morning, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. when we will host an "Open House" of sorts, for the local news media. It is our hope that a private first hand look at our operation will perhaps lead to better publicity for our club. If you would like to come in a day early, and participate in the "News Media Day", please do so. There will be enough people at the track to provide security for your equipment throughout the entire weekend. On Saturday, May 19 we hope to see our facility groaning under the weight of numerous flanged wheels and multitudes of happy live steamers and guests enjoying the rides and stationary displays. There will be a Door Prize Drawing at 4:00 p.m. with many terrific prizes. Immediately following the drawing, we will have our traditional "Pot Luck/B.B.Q.". Please bring something to B.B.Q., a dish to share for the pot luck table and as always, your own plates and eating utensils. After a chance to chat and relax, the trains will be running and as darkness falls, our traditional "Night Run" will provide lots of fun for all who choose to partake. Another Saturday evening tradition will be a campfire complete with marshmallows for toasting. Bring your flute, guitar mandolin, dulcimer or what-have-you (steam calliope) and perhaps we can get the gang to sing along! Sunday will provide more train running and display viewing. The Snack Bar will be open both days with the usual; hot dogs, beer, pop, coffee, donuts, etc. priced for "convenience not profit".

MAKING STEAM

On Saturday, April 21, a lot of much needed work was accomplished by the following workers: Jimmy and Scott Durham, Earl McKenzie, Warren, Robbie and Crissy Sharratt, Dick Quiring, Bob Lovell, Amandus Drewes, Ben Jennings, Dick Essekbach, Warren Wagner, Claire Brinker, Henry Stefani, Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. The Work Party then continued Monday, April 22 with Dick Quiring and Earl McKenzie finishing the installation of the new steaming bay and Dennis and Judy Gramith doing some tractor work and miscellaneous clean-up. On May 6, Bob Lovell and Jimmy Durham worked steady for 12 hours to finish putting track sections together and installing them in the new passing siding out in the meadow near the river. Thank you Bob and Jimmy. The club owes you both a big "THANK YOU"! On Saturday, April 28, your club celebrated the 11th anniversary of the driving of our Golden Spike. While the local news media failed to mention our shindig, many people from the park joined our invited guests to help make the ceremony, once again, fun for all. In spite of the "wind" everyone seemed to enjoy the day. The nine new riding cars purchased from Clyde Johnson, were delivered on Saturday morning and saw revenue service the same day. Most of the people stayed over for a continued run on Sunday, April 29, with trains running late into the day. Our first of three consecutive two-day runs has to be considered a success. Don't miss out on the fun! Plan to attend the two-day runs in May (19 & 20 - Spring Meet) and in June (16 - G.G.L.S. Day & 17 - Father's Day/Railroader's Day).

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Last month we awarded the "Short Memory Award" to Alan Shelley who missed last month's Board Meeting. This month in a repeat performance he once again missed the Board Meeting after talking about it at the track on Saturday. Trying for another plaque, Alan? Perhaps Alan forgot the meeting because he was so excited about being invited to Engineer the 4449 from Roseville to Sacramento. Oh well, there's another Board Meeting next month. Maybe the third time will be a charm! Your Editors will be especially happy to see one of our Associate Members who will attend the Spring Meet enroute from Texas to Germany via home for leave, namely Sgt. Colleen Gramith! Craig Craddock is making beautiful progress on the restoration of his Pacific. It now appears to be a multi-fueled locomotive. During the Golden Spike Run, he frequently switched from fuel oil in the tender to propane torch in the fire box door. How does the change over work, Craig? Two of our members have recently provided positive publicity for our hobby. Milton Thorley did a great job with his 12" gauge Engine and track at the Cal State University Engineering Department Open House and was featured on the local news! Keith Kirstein and his locomotive (8444) were the subject of a free-lance T.V. reporter's offering which has been picked up and syndicated by a major network. It has been seen in San Francisco and Sacramento. Rumor has it that our Fall Meet may feature rides in a restored Stanley Steamer Automobile, owned by Craig Craddock. Where do you find the time Craig?

BATHROOM BUILDING PROJECT

At the last General Meeting, the membership voted to table any decisions on the Bathroom Project for two months, while the membership at large will continue to work on funding for the project as well as, possible changes to lower the costs of plans, permits and construction. Many thanks to Craig Craddock and Bill Manley for their very generous donations to the Bathroom Fund.

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)

Well here we go again. It's Spring Meet time! While our goal is to have a good time sharing our hobby, please remember that there are certain jobs which MUST be done. If we ALL pitch in and do our part, there will be plenty of time for everyone to enjoy the Meet. The Sign-Up Sheet for switchmen, station masters, etc. will be available at the meeting as well as at the track both days. Please sign up. If you are free and in town on Friday (May 18), why not join us at the track for "News Media Day". You might even see yourself on T.V. or in the Newspaper, and it should be fun too!



AN 1890s railroad caboose is featured on this Transportation Series stamp.

NEW STAMP

Again, the postage used on this month's bulletin includes the newest stamp in the transportation series. Please see above for an explanation of this stamp.

ROSTER CHANGE

CRADDOCK, CRAIG
(209) 924-2400

JOHNSON, CLYDE (Hannah)
247 Bailey Road #80 (Roster page
Pittsburg, Ca. 94565 to follow)

LOST NOT FOUND

As of late a coffee can full of rail-joiners manufactured by Harold Anderson has found its way out of view of those searching high and low in the Roundhouse. If anyone has borrowed them (perhaps to use as patterns for producing more rail-joiners) please return them as the track gang needs them. Also amongst the missing is a major portion of the 85 lbs. of track screws purchased by the club. These along with some missing couplers and a truck, may force your club to provide locked storage with only limited access which will obviously limit the fun of our hobby.

LOST AND FOUND (Much Better)

The Club "Lost and Found" Box will be at the Spring Meet. Please be sure to check its contents and see if that plate is yours!

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. What are the Wheel-guards?

A. Curved splashers of heavy sheet iron, surrounding the upper portions of the driving-wheel rims, to prevent the latter from throwing dirt on the engine.

"Locomotive Catechism" By Robert Grimshaw 1902 Edition

FOR SALE

Baldwin Westinghouse Electric
Rex Reiland 338-3503
13736 Highway 9
Boulder Creek, Ca. 95005
\$3,500.00

Deseret Western Cab Design
Clyde Johnson (415) 458-1134
247 Bailey Road #80
Pittsburg, Ca. 94565
\$4,450.00

Dennis and Judy Gramith

new stamp

Transportation series

As the 13th issue in the continuing Transportation Series, the USPS will release an 11-cent stamp featuring an 1890s railroad caboose Feb. 3 during the Chicago Philatelic Fair.

The caboose depicted on the stamp is similar to one used during the last century by a logging company railroad in the Sierra Nevada.

Used to transport equipment and crews to and from logging sites, the tiny cabooses played an important role in the development of the West. Today, only a few of the cars are still in service, operating mainly as tourist attractions.



SPRING MEET

SAT. MAY 19
SUN. MAY 20

CORDOVA
COMMUNITY
PARK

COME HAVE FUN WITH US

A wonderful way to learn about and enjoy the great American railroad story – past and present. Engines and cars of all kinds traveling in a beautiful park setting along the historic American River. Lots of activity, with FREE RIDES FOR ALL.

Donations accepted if you wish to give.

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LIVE STEAMERS

Bring your equipment and enjoy our 4-3/4 and 7-1/2 inch track. We like stationary engines, tractors, boats, anything in steam, too. Display tables furnished. You'll find us the friendliest club you've ever visited – GUARANTEED! Come early for camp or RV space in the park. Motels nearby, snack bar for your convenience. You are welcome at our general meeting Friday night, 7:30 at the Park Rec Hall.

