

# *The* GOLDEN SPIKE



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## TIMETABLE

MONTHLY MEETING - Friday, November 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 Gladys Bull and Nettie Gnevo. The program for the evening will be presented by Dale Beach on the History of Funk Airplanes.

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## WORK DAYS

PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE BY YOUR CALENDAR

WORK DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1984. Weather permitting, we will again attempt to move the fence and get started on the construction of the "Maintenance Shed.

RUN DAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1984. We will have our regular Run Day if the weather is cooperative.

BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1984. The Board Meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Dennis and Judy Gramith.

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## FROM THE BOARD

The Board discussed the results of the Fall Meet and paid all outstanding debts from the proceeds. The Board also discussed the possibility of hosting a "SUPER POWER MEET" in the Spring of 1985.

## FALL MEET 1984

The success of the Fall Meet 1984 provided a fitting finale to our 1984 Running Schedule. More than enough equipment was present to over-flow our steaming bays. Many Live Steamers including our faithful friends from other clubs helped us celebrate the end of another great year of railroading. Hundreds of passengers received rides, many expressing interest in the club. The Meet provided at least four new Club Members and possibly several more. Financially, the Meet was a success enabling us to pay all outstanding debts and still put our checkbook slightly back into the black ink category. To all attending Fall Meet 1984, the growth of this club over the past few years, was quite visible. On behalf of the Board, our deepest gratitude to all those individuals who: helped bring out and put away cars and equipment at the Meet, loaded passengers, tended switches, worked as Train crews, provided security services at the river, bridge, etc., donated to the Door Prize Drawing, and especially to Marilyn and Amandus Drewes for handling so beautifully the monumental task of planning, purchasing for and operating our Snack Bar facilities.

## DUES ARE DUE!

The dues for 1985 are due January 1, 1985. Regular membership is \$20.00 or \$18.00 if paid by December 31, 1984. Associate membership is \$10.00. Please, please fill out the attached "Membership Information Sheet" and return it with your paid dues.

## RAILFAIR 84

Don't forget "Railfair 84", Saturday and Sunday, November 17 & 18. This year displaying equipment for the S.V.L.S. will be: Howard Shrader, Ken Willes, Earl McKenzie, Warren Wagner, Alan Shelley, Bill Fisher and Dick Quiring.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers for 1985 will be held at the General Meeting on Friday, November 16, 1984. Please plan to attend the meeting and cast your vote for those people you wish to entrust with the operation of your Club for the next two years. There are three vacancies to be filled on the Board. The candidates listed below include those recommended by the Nominating Committee and those nominated from the floor at the October General Meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November General Meeting prior to the election. Those nominated include: Stan Hindsley, Joel Segal, Warren Sharratt, Roger Merkh, Amandus Drewes, and Dick Quiring. IF YOU DON'T VOTE, YOU HAVE LITTLE RIGHT TO GRUMBLE!

MAKING STEAM

The Work Party on October 13, in preparation for the Fall Meet, included: Amandus and Marilyn Drewes, John Bailie, Lee Smoake, Henry Stefani, Earl McKenzie, Dick Quiring, Howard Shrader, Jimmy and Scott Durham, Warren Wagner, Bob Lovell, Chuck Corothers, Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. The grounds were mowed and trimmed, benches painted, parking lot re-leveled, earth moved for the new siding, the siding put into place, and Howard continued his weed abatement program using his "super hoe" around the perimeter fence. A BIG THANKS, to all! Your efforts contributed greatly to the success of the Fall Meet.

FROM THE CAB - (PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS)

Don't miss the November General Meeting! It is again time to stand and be counted (secret ballot). If you are at all concerned with the way your club will be operated in the coming year, it is your solemn responsibility to be at the November General Meeting to nominate and/or vote for the members of your choice. Your elected Board of Directors is responsible for making many decisions that shape the nature and path of YOUR club. Each year three of the six Board Members are elected to serve a two-year term. The three Board Members continuing to serve through 1985 are Alan Shelley, Dick Esselbach and myself, Dennis Gramith. The three out-going Board Members are: Jimmy Durham, Roger Merkh, and Ken Willes. Please consider the candidates and cast your vote with care. Serving on the Board of Directors of this Club is something of an honor, but also bears the responsibility of a personal commitment to attend Board Meetings and carry an extra portion of the load of helping the Club to grow and prosper. A strong united Board can accomplish wonders with support from the membership. A weak or uncooperative Board can ruin what we have all worked so hard to accomplish. Voting is not just your right, it is your responsibility!

NEW MEMBERS"WELCOME"

Please temporarily add the following members to your Roster, until the new changes are sent out in Spring 1985.

VERNON R. GUESS  
23389 Currier Drive  
Tracy, Ca. 95376

ROBEY ROBERSON  
3593 E. Victory Road  
Meridian, Idaho 38642

DON BROADHEAD  
509 Zita Drive  
S. San Francisco, Ca. 94080

RONALD BARNES  
48087 Purple Leaf Street  
Fremont, Ca. 94539

DID YOU KNOW?

- Q. How can the foaming of the boiler be detected?
- A. Ordinarily the first indication of foaming is the appearance of water at the top of the stack. When this happens the first thing to be done is to shut off steam and allow the water to settle. If, then, there are three guages of water, the trouble will probably be found to be due to too much water in the boiler. If, on the other hand, the water settles down so that there is

DID YOU KNOW? (CONTINUED)

A. only one guage of water, or not even that, forming will undoubtedly be the trouble. Foaming also manifests itself by the whitish appearance of the steam as it escapes from the stack, cylinder cocks or water guages, as well as by the sound which it makes when issuing from the latter. It does not make the clear whistling noise of steam nor the rushing noise of water, but a chocked flutter.

"Locomotive Breakdowns: Emergencies and Their Remedies  
By: Geo. L. Fowler, M.E. 1903 Edition

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

It was tough sleeping at the Fall Meet for David Verona and Craig Craddock. It seems that the Motorhome that they were sharing with Glen Strawn glowed inside and out with the light from Glen's ear-to-ear grin. For those who missed it, Glen's Diesel is finally equipped with the proper gear ratio and working perfectly, as witnessed by the demonstration which included pulling EVERY piece of rolling stock available on Friday afternoon (approximately 22 cars). The traffic slowed on the S.P. lately, when super ballast burner Alan Shelley wound up the loser in a contest between his barefoot toes and a bag of charcoal briquets. It seems that broken toes have no place in a locomotive cab, so Alan is cooling it for awhile. Ouch! Craig Craddock recently acquired some larger guage (12" or 15") equipment. Details to follow as soon as available. Rumor has it that John Bailie is now the proud owner of a Steam Locomotive.

CLINKERS!

Anybody out there who might possible be interested in trying their hand at publishing the "GOLDEN SPIKE", please contact Dennis or Judy Gramith at 363-9045.

The Editors of the "GOLDEN SPIKE" openly solicit help from the membership in the form of, Guest Editorials, technical tips or articles, club related items, etc., or any other material that you feel would make a beneficial contribution to your Club paper.

Dennis and Judy Gramith