

# *The* GOLDEN SPIKE



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## TIMETABLE

MONTHLY MEETING - Friday, April 19, 1985, 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 Marion Hindsley and Susie Kirstein. The program for the evening will be presented by Steve Bush. Steve has traveled over 10,000 miles on the Freedom Train and will present a 30 minute slide program about his travels.

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## W O R K D A Y S

PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE BY YOUR CALENDAR

WORK DAY(S) - SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1985. Finish building the new "little green house", regular maintenance and complete last minute details in preparation for "SUPER POWER DAY" and GOLDEN SPIKE ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1985. Work on the new "Maintenance Building".

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1985. Work on the new "Maintenance Building" and the new siding.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1985. Final preparation for Spring Meet. Finish any unfinished projects.

RUN DAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 20 and SUNDAY, APRIL 21. Super Power and Golden Spike Meet.

BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1985. The Board Meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Alan and Mary Shelley.

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## FROM THE BOARD

The Board discussed the acquisition of a Box Car, purchasing of additional hand tools and supplies, approved a donation to the "Fireworks Fund", and the Board also discussed the priorities of future projects.

## SUPER POWER/GOLDEN SPIKE RUN

On Saturday, April 20, we will host the 1985 SUPER POWER RUN at our track. All indications point to a good turnout, although a recent telephone call by Jimmy Durham revealed that Tom Miller had changed his mind and would not be bringing his English-built Big Boy to the Run. As of this printing we will have at least three articulated locomotives including: The Cab-forward, an Allegheny and a true Compound. We are still hoping for favorable response from owners of other large locomotives. Plans are afoot for "organized" photo sessions for both morning and afternoon, so bring your camera. The Snack Bar will be open early both days. For those who wish to take part, we will have a Pot Luck/B.B.Q. on Saturday, immediately after the SUPER POWER RUN. As usual, bring something for the Pot Luck Table and something to B.B.Q. Please bring your own plates and eating utensils. The B.B.Q. will be ready starting at 4:30 P.M. On Sunday, April 21, we will round out a two-day railroad weekend by celebrating the 12th Anniversary of our Golden Spike. The ceremony will start at 12:15 P.M. Again, the Snack Bar will be open all day until 4:00 P.M.

## MAKING STEAM

On Thursday, March 14, the Colonel single-handedly mowed the entire area at the track (the hill, interior and parking lot). On Saturday, March 16, a big and able work crew appeared to do battle with some of the many tasks at hand in our facility. The steel framework for our Maintenance Building was erected and welded into place. While this was in process, other crews were mowing grass, the new siding was worked on, the coal bin was started and the entire track was sprayed with weed killer. Those in attendance were: Bob Lovell

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and kids (John, Mark and Robbie) Jimmy Durham, John Bailie, Bob and Carol Bonswor, Earl McKenzie, Dick Esselbach, Warren and Robbie Sharratt, Warren Wagner, Marilyn and Amandus Drewes, Mike Dreiling and son David and two friends, Darrel McWhirk, Roger and Matthew Merkh, Dick Golladay and Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. On Sunday, March 17, six engines provided rides for the many people enjoying Hagan Community Park (formerly Cordova Community Park). On it's first day of operation the Snack Bar, so ably operated by Marilyn Drewes, once again demonstrated why her Hot Dogs rank among the "best in the west"! On Saturday, March 23, Jimmy and Scott Durham, John Bailie and Henry Stefani spent the day at the track sorting, seperating and putting away the various piles of metal and other debris in the vicinity of the Roundhouse. This was a great improvement in the appearance of the area. On Saturday, March 30, John Balie, Warren Wagner, Dick Esselbach, Howard Shrader, Pete Burkett, Earl McKenzie, Lee Smoake, Jim McClaine (prospective member) and Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith, attended the Work Day. The entire area (fenced and un-fenced) was mowed, the new "little green house" was almost totally completed, the area for the coal bin was leveled. a drain installed and the coal bin completed and the Roundhouse was cleaned out and re-arranged. Remember, "Your Mother does not work in the roundhouse, so please clean up after yourself"! Also the flat tire on the big riding mower was repaired. On April 6 Amamdu and Marilyn Drewes had another Work Day. The club engine was rejuvenated, the new "little green house" was painted with primer and four of the tables were scraped, sanded and painted, and further construction on the "little green house" was done by Dick Esselbach with many trips between the track and his home. The switches for the new siding are being worked on at home by Alan Shelley. The new cart for the welder in the Roundhouse is being constructed also at home, by John Bailie. Thanks to all of you for your support. It is greatly appreciated by many.

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Bob Lovell recently informed a reliable source that he is now an expert at design and construction of unusual lawn sprinklers. The only draw back is the difficulty of moving his new boiler around the lawn for even watering. If at first you don't succeed, hydro-test, hydro-test, again. After seeing Danley's railroad, Earl McKenzie is attacking the 1½" scale Mikado in his shop with new vigor. It seems that he likes those hills. John Bailie has been doing Turbo generator research. So far he still has to light a match to see if the blub is lit. His theories sound good and we are sure that his next attempt will be a brilliant glowing success. Rumor has it that there is a Northern looking for it's missing Tender. Could this perhaps be the Tender slated to follow Danley's Allegheny to the Super Power Run?

FROM THE CAB-(PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS)

Starting this month we are facing three consecutive months with two-day runs scheduled: Super Power/Golden Spike (April), Spring Meet (May) and G.G.L.S. Day/Railroader's Day (June). While these two-day affairs provide lots of opportunity for running, visiting, and train watching, they also tax our facility maintenance capacity to the limit. We are forced to get everything in shape on the Saturday prior to each event. In addition to this, we have several major projects in progress the completion of which will greatly benefit your club. All this boils down to the bottom line which is, "Your Club, needs Your Help!" There will be many extra work days scheduled. Please find at least one that you can attend even for an hour or two. It is surprising how much the appearance of a new face or two will accomplish in raising the spirits and productivity of those few regular Work Day Crew members.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Q. Of what material are smokestacks usually made?  
 A. For ordinary requirements the outsides are of sheet iron, sometimes with cast-iron tops to prevent wear by abrasion. Where the climate is very damp and warm, copper is sometimes used for the stack. For all climates the nettings are of iron or steel wire.

CLINKERS!

Sorry to have made you wait so long, but finally here it is! In the February Issue of THE FOLDEN SPIKE, we re-printed from THE BLOWER (Pacific Northwest Live Steamers) the following bit of trivia.

If a steam boiler is considered to have a rating of 1 H.P., how much water must it be able to evaporate in 1 hour.

ANSWER:

If your answer to last month's mystery question was 34½ pounds of H<sub>2</sub>O per hour, that's the one. Be advised though that this is not evaporation rate. If you figured it out the "honest" way, with BTU's, foot-pounds, etc., the fuel input needed will probably be much higher - owing to stack losses, loss thru the blower, and so forth.

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STEAM TRIP - Saturday, June 8, 1985 - Fort Bragg to Northspur & back.  
\$20.00 each adult \$10.00 each child 12 and under  
AM-LV 9am and return 12:30 or PM-LV 1:40 and return 5:10  
Further information is available at the April SVLS General Meeting  
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CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM - STEAM TRAIN RIDES

Dates: Weekends and holidays, May 4th to September 3rd, 1985  
(except July 6th and 7th)  
Schedule: Hourly from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M. - Leaving from the  
Central Pacific Passenger Station, Old Sacramento  
Fare: Adults - \$3.00 17 years old and under \$2.00 6 7 under-Free  
Route: Old Sacramento to Miller Park, 4 miles round trip  
Capacity: 250 people  
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ANNUAL GOLDEN SPIKE RUN OF THE GOLETA VALLEY RAILROAD CLUB, INC.

3030 Vista Linda, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93208  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 28, 29 and 30, 1985  
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Wine and Cheese Tasting Excursion - Jamestown to Hetch-Hetchy Junction  
Saturday, April 13, 1985 at 3:30 P.M. Voucher must be obtained at  
Whistle Stop prior to trip. Fares are ½ price of normal fare.  
Adults \$9.50 Children 12 and under \$5.00  
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If your children really want to be treated as adults, cut their allowances, tax what's left, bill them for room and board, give them IRS Form 1040 to fill out, and rent them the family car! Sounds fair!

Think about it! If you were meant to talk more than listen, you would have come equipped with two mouths and only one ear!

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FOR SALE

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Cylinders (Machined)  
Frames  
Drivers (Machined)  
Copper line for Boiler and Boilers parts Contact:  
William Johnston - 3395 Brennan's Road, Loomis, Ca. 95650 (916)652-0909

NEW MEMBER

Please "WELCOME" new member Ted Olds  
7357 Daphne Drive  
Roseville, Ca. 95678 (916) 791-4012

Dennis and Judy Gramith