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TIMETABLE

WORK DAY

Saturday, August 17, 1985 at the track.

Monthly Meeting: Friday, August 16th at 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 Connie Thorley and Lucille Spall.

RUN DAYS

Sunday, August 18: Regular run day.

Sunday, August 25: Special Fun Run day at Paul and Barbara Quirings, Chico, CA. Potluck will be at 1 P.M. Early birds are welcome. Come Friday or Saturday. There is room for tents. Port-a-pottie provided. A potluck is planned for Sunday only; so bring your own vittles for all other times. If you need a map, call Joan Merkh.
GGLS Members Note: The phone number for Quirings was misprinted in "The Call Boy". It should be: 916-895-1532.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 3rd at Stan Hindsley's.

COMING EVENTS

August 30, 31

Sept. 1, 2:

Chula Vista Live Steamers Fall Meet

Friday, Sept. 6
thru

Sunday, Sept. 8:

Circus Model Builders gathering from all over the United States in conjunction with Pacific Railfair, San Mateo County Fairgrounds on Delaware Street at the foot of 25th Ave. in San Mateo.

NEEDED: 2 people for Buffet Car host or hostess for the November meeting.
Please call Frances Quiring (723-1009) if you can fill this spot.

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED: Word has been received of the death of former member George Hendricks. George passed away July 27th in Medford, Oregon. George was in the process of building a 1 1/2", 2-8-2 logging locomotive. SVLS extends our sympathy to his family.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS: 

Midori and Dennis Lai and son Bret (3)
7229 South Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95831
Phone: 422-8040

Barry and Marge Garland and son Alan (19)
7120 Wildwood Place
Roseville, CA 95678
Phone: 791-2154

REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

Orchard School Run Day

Friday, July 19th was the run for the Orchard School for the Handicapped. We had four engines on the track. Those bringing their engines were: Warren Wagner, Darrel McWhirk, John Bailie and Ken Willes. Helping with the loading of the children and other needed tasks were: Pat Wagner, Dan Woolverton, Rose and Henry Stefani, Claudia Dreiling, Betty McKenzie and Joel Segel. Thank you to you all. You made many children very happy.

Work Day Crew:

Saturday, July 20th the following people gave their all to the many tasks at hand: Jimmy and Scott Durham, John Bailie, Keith Kirstein, Amandus Drewes, Henry Stefani, Earl McKenzie, Darrel McWhirk, Warren Wagner, Ken and Terry Willes, Dennis, Judy and Colleen Gramith, Don, Jerry and Brittnay Juergenson. Among the jobs attacked were tree trimming, mounting a welder on a cart, putting all plywood on maintenance building and one side of the metal up, sorting wheelbarrow full of tools donated by Austin and Mary Knoff and cleaning up the Roundhouse.

Surprise Run Day for Ken:

On June 24th, Ken Willes was running his train for visitors from Utah when he was flagged down by a gentlemen with 50 children in tow. The 50 children were from the Cordova Park District Day Camp and were looking longingly at Ken's train. So being the nice guy he is, Ken agreed to give rides to all the kids. All in all he gave 2 1/2 hours of rides. A job well done, Ken. Speaking of jobs well done, thanks also for all the hours of lawn mowing and watering on our grounds, Ken.

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS: Another surprise for Ken Willes. Ken and NaDene went to Utah to her folks 65th wedding anniversary. They stopped to see SVLS member Clifford Willes (Ken's dad) in Midvale, Utah. He immediately invited them to the basement to see the "project" he was working on (no doubt Ken expected to see a tooling job), but the "project" involved helping

him pump out a flooded basement for the next 6 hours. Clifford had left his sprinklers on for several days. Seems like Ken just can't escape those sprinklers!.....There are a limited number of IBLs meet pins still available. If you are interested, contact Judy Gramith.....For those with VCR's, the movie Chattanooga Choo Choo is now out on video tape. You'll see lots of steam train action with Engines #28 and #8 from Jamestown running on the Sierra foothills track. Also our Sacramento Amtrak Station is seen many times, but all disguised with different names and many improvements (that were unfortunately not left there). The Railroad Museum and turntable are also featured at the end.....Marilyn Drewes managed to get her foot in a cast just 4 days before her 3 week Colorado trip. She says she's going one way or the other.....This month two of our members getting their pictures before the public were Don Yungling and nephew, Scott Trimble. Channel 3 showed footage of the run at the Tehachapi Live Steam meet August 2-4 and there for all of Sacramento to see were Don and Scott unloading Don's "El Gob". So congratulations to this month's celebrities. Who will it be next month?

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