

# The Golden Spike

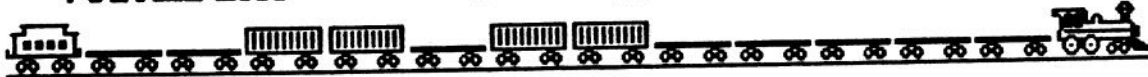


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Next month's deadline for articles to THE GOLDEN SPIKE will be Friday, April 4.

## TIMETABLE

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### WORK DAY

**Saturday, March 22, 1986 at the track.**

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**SVLS Track Location: Paul Hagen Community Park, Rancho Cordova, CA.**

**Monthly Meeting: Friday, March 21st at 7:30 P.M. at the Cordova Recreation and Park District Building, Rancho Cordova, California (Chase Drive next to the High School). Program will be by Barry Garland.**

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### RUN DAYS

**Sunday, March 23: Run Day (Weather Permitting) Snack Bar Open**

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### COMING EVENTS

**April 4th** The Kindergarten Run Day at Danley's Ranch in Willows.  
Contact Danleys for more information.  
Anyone interested in running is welcome!

**June 14 & 15:** SVLS invited to Over-the-Hill Live Steamers in Chiloquin, Oregon for a two day Run. Ed St. John is planning TV and news media coverage for the event. Clubs will be there from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. There will also be a barbeque. If you were there last year, I'm sure you remember the marvelous food and fellowship we had. Ed has now doubled his loop and there are 2 additional tracks in the marshalling area.

***DON'T FORGET YOUR 1986 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE***

**VANCOUVER AND CHILOQUIN:** Ed St. John of the Chiloquin Over-the Hill Live Steamers would like all our members to know that if they are planning to drive to Vancouver for the Steam Expo in May that you are more than welcome to stop by and say hello. If you have camping equipment with you and would like to stay overnight on the property, you are more than welcome to, but Ed would appreciate a call first. You can call him at 503-783-2554.

**JANUARY WORK PARTY:** Due to your editor's oversight, Warren Wagner was left off the list of people on the January work party. I understand that there were also others who were there that my roving reporter didn't see. So to all of you who may have been left off the list, our apologies. We hope to figure out another way to assure that all who work so hard and diligently for the benefit of the club will be recognized in the Newsletter. Possibly a sign in sheet.

**FEBRUARY WORK PARTY:** During the past few weeks there were people who were out working on the track at various times other than the "official" work day. Ed Spall, John Bailey and Amandus Drewes were seen working very hard on the track at our Sunday Run Day. Matter of fact, they spent the whole day fixing up the track. Then at various times during the month both Ed Spall and Milon Thorley were very busy using Milon's tractor to take dirt down to the level area to prepare for the arrival of our boxcar and caboose.

My apologies to all of you who were at the February work day. My faithful roving reporter was not at work day this month so no list is available. But to all of you who worked, a big **THANK YOU!**

**CELEBRATIES OF THE MONTH** (That is in addition to the 4449). Once again our very own Don Yungling made the TV News on Channel 10. Don was seen being interviewed in connection with the "Daylight" 4449 as she arrived in town late at night. As you may remember it was just a few months ago Don and nephew, Scott were seen unloading his engine at Tehachapi on one of our local TV stations. If you ask him nicely, I'm sure Don will gladly give you his autograph! .....Also in regard to the 4449 my own son, Matthew Merkh, was interviewed on both a Sacramento and San Francisco radio station.....And now to squelch a rumor that may have been started by the appearance of the Cab Forward engine in Model Tech. It is not true that Ed Yungling sold his Cab Forward to Bob Lovell! Seems that for the second time in the last few months, Bob has been identified as the owner of the Cab Forward. So I understand from a reliable source that Bob has written the magazine and told them regrettably it is not he who owns the Cab Forward, but Ed Yungling.

#### **DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES**

There won't be any red, yellow or green lights this year to tell you if you have paid your dues or not. It's all up to you to remember what your status is. If dues are not paid by the end of March, you will not be receiving an April "Golden Spike Newsletter".