

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

### NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As mentioned last month and at the last Membership Meeting, we are suspending our Friday night meetings for a few months. It seems it has become difficult for folks to get off work, get ready and get to the Park meeting rooms to attend our monthly meetings. Although our elections, annual corporate meeting, and Christmas party will need the park venue, we will use another place in the next several months.

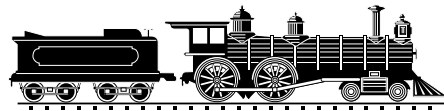
Our April meeting will be held at the track in Hagan Park on Saturday, April 21, 2007. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Following the meeting, there will be a brunch for all members. As you may recall, this is a regular work day as well. As soon as the brunch is over, we will adjourn to the work day activities. If you cannot stay to work, do not feel obligated to do so. We do hope, however, that we will see your faces at the track and that you will bring show and tell items for discussion. Please remember that this is not a run day and trains will not be running.

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## SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2007 - by Clio Geyer

April 7 - First Public Run and Easter Egg Hunt in Park  
April 13 - School Run 11-2 - Need Steam Engineer  
April 15 - Second Public Run for April  
April 21 - Birthday Party 1-3 Need 2 Diesel Engineers and 2 Conductors  
April 22 - Birthday Party 12-2 - Need Steam & Diesel Engineers and 2 Conductors  
April 23 - Birthday Party 11-2 - Need Steam Engineer  
Also the same day a Special Children's Day in Park - Need another Steam Engine & Conductors

If anyone would like to participate for any of the above events, please give me a call so that I can put you on my schedule as helpers. We had a great turnout for our Sunday March 18 Public Run and it was good to have some extra help. Hopefully we can continue to see added support for folks.



The April membership meeting will be held at the SVLSRM track on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 10 AM.



View of new phase 2 right-of-way placement (west of current track past trees) for moving the track for new station was authorized by CRPD BOD. This year, we will layout right-of-way and start placement of dirt fill so that it will settle in by 2008 when actual track construction begins.



Thanks to Milon Thorely we now have two more structures at our railroad a yellow warehouse building and a grey tank for the tank farm. It is on the Master plan to have more structures and more are still needed. Don't have time to come to the track then think about building a building at home to bring out for the track.

**CALENDAR**

*Note: Board meetings for 2007 have changed*

- Apr 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Apr 15 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- Apr 21 General members meeting at track 10AM
- Apr 21 Work day
- Apr 24 Board meeting 6:30 (location Raleys event center 4840 San Juan Ave., Fair Oaks, CA)
- Apr 26 News letter deadline.

- May 5 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- May 19 General members meeting at track 10AM
- May 19 Work day
- May 20 Public run day Noon to 4 PM
- May 29 Board meeting 6:30 (location TBD)
- May 31 News letter deadline.

Public run day calendar available on-line.

**Don't forget about work days**, Every Tuesday also Saturday after members meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site ([www.svls.org](http://www.svls.org)).

*How will you support SVLSRM this month?*



With mailing postage rates increasing next month (41 cents) we really need to have more members use the option of reading or downloading the SPIKE news letter from our web site.

Please notify Membership that you would like to receive the e-mail notice of news letter and not receive the mailed copy.

Thanks

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**MEMBERSHIP**

*by Amy lutrel*

Hello Again, We are starting another great year at SVLSRM as far as membership goes. Remember we all can help out by telling someone about SVLSRM.

**Welcome New Members**

- Donald Kepfer of Grass Valley
- Edward Zeis of Rancho Cordova
- George Vincent of Ceres
- Brandan Feickert of Elk Grove (T.A.P.)

*Welcome*



Last issue for those that have not paid their 2007 dues. Please due.

Don't forget to volunteer to help on public run days. Train engineers, Conductors, Station master, and other helpers are needed to provide rides for the public. The more the better to make a great day for all to enjoy. See you in March.

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- Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**

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PROJECTS

In our last newsletter several continuing projects were mentioned. The cat feeding stations are now finished and are in place. The form for the second concrete footing for the new container is in the works under Pete Arney's direction. Riding cars are partially built and a truck review is being done since additional input has been provided to us. Normal grounds maintenance continues under the direction of Rich Lutrel. Darrell Gomes is checking the track for additional switches and for maintenance issues to be ready for the Spring Meet. Karle Mahler has repaired some rolling stock and some additional checking continues. Bill Yoder has a signal project going in addition to his work on this newsletter and our brochures. Lois Clifton provides food weekly for our workers and will continue with this effort for the May Meet. Amy Lutrel has been doing a fine job with membership registration and the Trainmen Auxiliary Program (TAP). Clio Geyer arranges for Special Run Days and asks all of us to participate with these groups. My activities, now that the cat houses are done, is a public relations activity and looking for another short term construction project. How about you? These folks all need your help. Last month, thirty-two people who aided with the track construction were mentioned. May we add your name to the next list? Call one or two of the folks mentioned above. They will have a task that meets your desires and abilities. Oh, by the way, all thirty-two listed track workers will receive a special badge to attach to their hat or jacket, reminding everyone of their participation and to say thanks for their work on this successful project.

SPRING MEET

Plan now to bring your engines and other equipment to the Spring Meet on May 18, 19 & 20, 2007. Our monthly membership meeting will be on Friday night, the 18<sup>th</sup> at the track, and our usual Meet activities will take place on Saturday. Lois Clifton and I will split the planning duties. If you can help, let us know. Look for more specifics in our next newsletter to be sent just before the Meet.

CLOSING COMMENT

Bill Yoder has been publishing historical articles from the Golden Spike from 10, 20 and 30 years ago. Last month I noticed that it was thirty years ago that I was Vice-President and had to resign due to a company move to the Bay Area. I returned to SVLS in 2000 and still fully enjoy this fine organization. I have been involved in live steaming for over forty-three years now and have enjoyed every minute of it. The enjoyment is people along with railroad equipment. You are the people. It is great knowing you. Lets all work together as we continue to make the SVLSRM an even better and great group for all.

See you at the meeting on Saturday, April 21. Joel

The **Trainmen Auxiliary Program** is going great! This last meeting the kids had a chance to learn the how to's on the Steam Engine. They even got a chance to run with Karle's help. What a site to see! We are excited to get the chance to share this with our youth... We had a new T.A.P. youth join and are looking for many more! Please come out and join us if this sounds good to you and you are 12 - 18 years old. Our next T.A.P. Meeting will be held on April 14, 2007 @ 12pm - 2pm

For information on the TAP program please call:  
Amy Lutrel (916) 344-8989  
E-mail: amy11979@sbcglobal.net



**YARD MASTERS REPORT**  
by Richard Lutrel

Hello Everyone! Well Spring is upon us and things are starting to grow.... I have been out to mow but it will be a big job this year, and any help would be appreciated !! If you have any questions about how you can help Please call me. Thanks again for those that have already helped out!! Looking forward to seeing more face's down at the track!

Yardmaster: Richard Lutrel (916) 344-8989  
E-mail: rjl1974@sbcglobal.net



**TRACK SUPERINTENDENT**  
by Darrell Gomes



Track maintenance is under way in preparation for the Spring Meet. Tie replacement and switch maintenance are now at the top of the list. The weather has eroded the ballast in many areas and needs to be replaced.

Station track #2 is ready and the remote switch throw is almost completed. The yards and sidings need attention and I am looking for volunteers to adopt a spur to help get caught up in time for the meet. Call or send me a E-Mail to let me know where you would like to help. The goal is for complements and no complainants. Thanks to all for your help.

Track Superintendent: Darrell Gomes (209) 786-0623  
E-mail: dggomes@caltel.com



Next step is to build the switch for the station by-pass track coming off the lower yard lead.





**10 Years ago:**  
**FROM THE 3/21/97 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Red Hadler proposed getting gravel for the road coming into the area. Dick Quiring said he had just had a double trailer delivered for around \$350. Henry proposed approving the purchase of same as long as the cost did not exceed \$400. It was voted on and approved.

Milon brought up the matter of the gondola reconditioning. He asked if there are any members willing to take one home and go over, it would be appreciated. What is needed to have the dents taken out, sanded and repainted so that we can put the passenger seats in them for use especially during the meets.

Milon also called to our attention that he had brought out some blocks and had started a retaining wall reface on the curve coming out of the passenger station. Take a look, and if you like what you see and would be willing to contribute additional blocks, they would be gladly accepted.

The transfer of title on the trailer has been returned by the DMV. Veronica will try to get everything straightened out.

The trailer now has new tires, thanks to Vern and Keith. Amandus reported he has spent 2/3 of his allotment for ties. We have enough ties for awhile. The Oasis Yard is coming along. Anyone who can and is willing to do track work is welcome. Amandus is willing to train! Major main line improvements are in process. Switches have been installed and bridges updated. Red reminded everyone he is out every Friday from 3pm on. Mowing is getting done, Thanks to those who have been helping.

Vern reported he will be working on the UP Saturday to check on safety chains that keep disappearing. He will also be seeing what is required to get the new air horns installed.

John Bailie brought up the fact that the published schedule of run days was wrong. There are only 3 months that do not fall on the 3rd Sunday after the 3rd Friday. This happened in March. The next ones are June and November. This will hold for this year. Too many schedules have been distributed and published to try and change at this time.

Adjourned to Show & Tell @ 8:37pm.

Show & Tell:

John Bailie - Showed his cylinders and reverse shaft bearing. He modified the drawings to make them better.

Don Juergenson - Brought in a foundry furnace he made. Can have aluminum from cold to pour in 25 min.

Milon Thorley - Demonstrated the new air horns for the UP.

Bob Lovell - Showed the trucks he and John Bailie have been making.

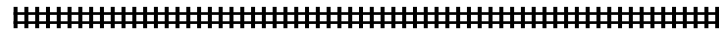
Dale Taylor - Showed the frame for his Class D Shay he is building.

Curtis Bonville - Talked about some equipment he is trying to resurrect. Had pictures of different gauge engines.

**20 Years ago:** "SAFETY" Good weather is just around the corner. In this new season of running, lets all of us remind ourselves and our friends, that "Safety" in all operations at the track and also in our lives be the #1 priority. Read over the safety rules one more time. If you have any new ideas please let us know. We can always make changes. Remember it is to our benefit to always think and do "Safely"

**30 Years ago:** It was gratifying to see so many people at the last general meeting who "Got their Act Together". But unfortunate that time was so short, due to the length of the business segment. So o o, please bring your movies and /or slides again this meeting for our program. We will have available a 16mm projector with sound, double 8mm - no sound, and a 35mm slide projector. Allow 10 to 20 minutes for your showing. Show and Tell, or as Bill fisher puts it "Show and Ask" will lead off our program, so bring your projects.

"FULEISH TRAIN" A southern Pacific train sputtered to a stop on Elck Grove Blvd. last Friday afternoon, stalling traffic for 40 minutes. The engine had run out of fuel, red-faced SP engineers said. "I don't recall that ever happening before," remarked Elk Grove Fire Chief Gerald Derr, "but it sure has some people irate." Derr said the train stopped at 4:10 P.M. The California Highway Patrol was immediately notified in order to detour traffic. By 4:50 P. M. the engine was fueled and the train on its way.



**SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH**



105. The engineer and conductor are the final authority as to who may or may not ride on his train.

220. Communicating signals are used by conductor when necessary to convey a message to the engineer while the train is running, communicating signals are blown on the conductor's whistle, loud enough for the engineer to hear above the noise of the engine.

308. For insurance purposes: engineers and conductor on trains hauling the general public MUST be qualified members of SVLSRM, and pass a qualification test.

411. Steam boilers burning solid fuel shall have an ash pan constructed and installed to prevent dropping burning ashes of fuel along the right-of-way while the locomotive is in operation.

# for sale



Dual Gyra-Light for sale. This light works on 3vdc and comes with wiring instructions and is ready to mount on your GP9 or SD9 in the vertical position or horizontal position on the later locomotives that used them. You only have to drill two #10 holes and another hole for the power cord. This dual gyra-light comes with a 3 vdc power supply to wire into your 12 vdc system. This unit also comes with extra light bulbs, housing door lenses and 0-80 set screw wrench to take lamp housing off the frame to change the light bulbs. There is only one dual gyra-light for sale with free shipping in continental usa. only \$250.00

FOR SALE Rail systems 1.7 sw-1500 16 hp V twin will pull like a pacific! Custom painted & lettered & Mountain car co. 6 ft gondola trucks & couplers custom painted & lettered , NEW cannonball 6ft gondola trucks & couplers I want to sell every thing including eng. storage stand & hauling system set up for pickup truck \$9000.00



call Dave 916-315-9574

Switch stands, point throw mechanism and point plate for attaching the points is included with the switch stand. A complete set-up for \$85.00 plus shipping. They may be viewed on my website under photos in the for sale album:

<http://www.timbercreekrr.zoomshare.com/>

The second run of switch stands have sold out. There is a third run of 25 that are ready to go. Contact me by phone or e-mail for questions and quantity discounts.

**Gordon Briggs timbercreekrr@yahoo.com (530)273-9145**



FOR SALE - Bill Conner designed and built (1999) 4+4 Beam Engine, tender and two 7.5 foot riding cars of my design. Pneumatic brakes and parking brake on riding cars and tender. Recently refurbished and updated from original configuration. Current SVLS boiler certificate on a 12" diameter vertical steel boiler, propane fired with 306 half inch diameter copper fire tubes. Power is two cylinder double acting with a bore and stroke of 2x2.75" driving 4.375" wheels through a 20% overdrive. Engine weighs about 400 pounds, dry with eight driving wheels arranged in two four wheel trucks. There are no springs on this engine or riding car, trucks are equalized so springs are not needed. Engine and tender are rock solid on the rails, NO side to side rocking. The engine has a functional headlight.

Asking only \$12,000 - RTR

The engine, tender and both riding cars can be carried in a standard size PU with an 8 foot bed. The train will be available over on the storage tracks East of the lunch area during the Spring Meet..

**Contact Bill Cody at [steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net) or (775) 674-6512 (Home) or (775) 815-2263 (Cell) for additional information/pictures.**

1926 Hudson No.5200, 4-6-4 - Length of Engine 84 inches, Tender 56 inches Height 22 inches Weight 900 lbs. Width 15-1/2 inches Track Gauge 7-1/2 inches Bore & Stroke 2 -1/2" X 3 -1/2" Valves 1-3/8" diameter piston Fuel Coal,Oil or LPG, Boiler 10-3/4" diameter Minimum turning radius 45 feet We are in Eugene, Oregon. If anyone is interested or knows someone who is, please contact me at: [lynnv@compuhelpnow.com](mailto:lynnv@compuhelpnow.com).



## WANTED:

Ready to run 7.5 inch gauge / 1.5 scale cars, looking for Flat car, Box car, and Tank car. Contact Les Wilmunder at (916) 372-2423

I am looking for a well built 2-6-0 or 4-6-0, 1 1/2 inch scale, 7 1/2 inch gauge. Preferably Winton or Allen type locos. It must run well, and be a turn key loco. An Allen 4-4-0 would also work. Please call John Bothwell at (949) 294-5719 or write to [john.d.bothwell@biola.edu](mailto:john.d.bothwell@biola.edu) if you have or know of an engine.