

The GOLDEN SPIKE

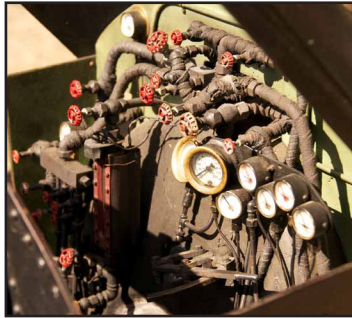
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Our Annual Pacific Regional Meet was a GREAT success. We had 49 locomotives and speeders, 15 RV campers, 17 tents. We had 175 people register at our three day event.



SVLSRM Calendar

See Special run schedule on page 3 and please come help.

June 12 - Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.

June 16 - Members run day at our track, run all day

July 3 & 4 Public rides for 4th celebrations, trains run 5 to 8.

July 7 Public run day Noon to 4 PM

July 8 Public run day Noon to 4 PM

July 10 Board Meeting at 6:30, Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall.

July 21 Members run day at our track, run all day

Don't forget about work days, Contact a board member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site <http://www.svlsrcm.org>.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Did you Know:

Steam engines traveled only 36 miles on a cord of wood?
The use of coal was not generally used as locomotive fuel until the 1870's.



Please check the SVLS web site: www.svlsrcm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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MEMBERSHIP

by Amy Lutrel

Welcome New Members

Rob and Tammy Sharratt of Sacramento, CA
Robert Gonzalez Jr. and Courtney Nievergelt of Carmichael, CA
Warren and Donna McGowan of Ridgecrest, CA
Roger and Denise Fagan of Wofford Heights, CA
George and Linda Pruitt of Ridgecrest, CA

It was so nice to see all of your smiling faces at the Meet!

I know my family and I sure had a great time.. I would like to thank Isabella Berchielli, Linda Lutrel, and Cindy Wilmunder for all of your help at the meet.. I would also like to welcome all of the new members, and I am looking forward to railroading with you all. We are looking forward to many more fun times with all of you at SVLSRM!

Happy Railroading.

Save SVLSRM some money and read the newsletters on-line. Tell us that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.



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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Our Annual Pacific Regional Meet is over and everything is cleaned up and put away. I do hope everyone had a good time and ready to do it again. I would like to take this time to thank everyone that helps make the Meet happen. My co-chairmen Dennis and his wife Christine Gramith, your bake beans were great; and, my side kick and her family, Barbara and Gordon Moser; Lisa and Paul Moser; Our President Bill Yoder; Amy, Linda, Tom and Richard Lutrel; Gail and Darrel Gomes; Andy Berchielli and Isabelle; Kevin, Tiphani, and Andrew Sach, Les and Cindy Wilmunder. Matt Mason for doing a great job with the Auction. Christopher Donhost for updating our Memorial. Bob Kownacki tried so hard to keep our ice maker going. Jack Friedman, Paul Skidmore, Tom Mercer, for helping with the setup. Thanks to Cindy Wilmunder, Terry Wiles, and for their delicious bake goods. Christie Hall for helping clean up, Matt Hall and Kevin Sach for those Hamburger and Hot Dogs on Saturday and Sunday.

It was nice seeing Reno Farinelli, and Doug Fulton, back again. Also congratulation, to Joe Yetter and his new wife Julie.

Our teenagers need a thank you for all their help: Isabelle, Tiphani and Andrew Sach, Codi and Jordon Clifton, and Hunter Lohse. If I forgot anyone I am sorry, please let me now so I can thank you properly; also there was a lady that brought us out some bake goods. Please let me now who you are so I can thank you.

Now we need to start planning for our next events, **4th of July, Hot August Nights**, and the **Fall Meet**. Are there any suggestions or request, if so please let us now so we can forward them on to the next chairperson. - Lois Clifton



Special run schedule



Please help by volunteering your time. Call Clio to help.

Date	Time	Event type	Num.	Engines
June 6	11-Noon	Eureka School (Bicycle)	25	Diesel
June 6	Noon-1 PM	Eureka School (Bicycle)	25	Diesel
June 9	11-1 PM	Thompson Party	25	Diesel
June 10	10:30-12:30	Peterson Party	25	Diesel
June 30	2-4 PM	Patterson Party	25	Diesel
July 14	???	Heeb Party	25	Diesel
July 28	11-1 PM	Bainer Party	25	Diesel

Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

Well I had a great time at the meet and it sounded like you did too based on the many members and guest that told me this meet was fun. Track was in good shape, yard looked great, and we all had good food. Special thanks to the hard work of the volunteers that made this meet happen. Thanks to our chairpersons Lois Clifton and Dennis Gramith, for their efforts.

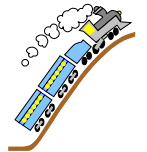
I do need to apologize for an error in the 2012 roster as we found that several members names were missing. The membership file has been corrected but if you don't get a news letter then contact membership to verify.

We will be doing a special run during the Hagan Park 4th of July events on the 3rd and 4th of July. Trains will be running 5 to 8 PM. Your help will be needed as this is a large crowd, but you do get an up close view of the fireworks show.

We will also have special guest on the 10th of July as the South bound Ramble from train mountain will be stopping by to run on our track. Come out and say hi, bring your train too.

The next members run day is June 16, see you there.

Keep it steaming.



Many Thanks to the following for your time making our June public run days a success.

- Amy and Richard Lutrel
- Kevin, Andrew, and Tiphani Sach
- Gordon and Barb Moser
- Butch Floyd
- Bill Floyd
- Dennis Gramith
- Frank Presley
- Adam and Sabastion Kessler
- Ed Zeis
- Karle Mahler



And if I missed your name sorry, so please let me know.



10 Years ago: The meet was a great success... Many visitors, a large contingent of steam loco's, numerous in-progress projects displayed, and great number of riders on the main line. So many, in fact that fuel tanks went dry on the club engines. The UP engine, being a model of a diesel, was refueled with diesel, much to the distress of Mr. Briggs and Mr. Stratten, and Dave Mattox. The good news is that once Dave got the beast running

(full choke and full throttle) the local mosquito abatement program went into effect and Dave single-handedly cleared out all the flying creatures for a 2 mile radius. In the future, if members are refueling the engines, read the labels on the fuel cans. We will be getting different colored fuel containers for the diesel in the near future.

Recently I mentioned that it would be good if someone could build a prototype of the new design riding car we are considering. Great news!! Matt Hall, a cabinet maker and woodworker has volunteered to take on the project. Matt will work out a materials cost and, with the board approval, will begin construction. Since we have trucks and couplers already this would be an economical project.
- Don Juergensen

20 Years ago: As many of you know, our goal to complete the first loop in the expansion area in time for the Spring Meet was reached and thoroughly tested during the meet. The engineering of the bridge proved to be sound, showing no signs of strain even under the weight of Stan Hindsley's big U.P. Northern and John Hain's 6" scale 4-6-2 Tintern Abbey. Neither of these engines had any problems negotiating the "S" curve at the north west end of the new loop. By the way, the "S" curve is also on a grade and presents a challenge to any engine with a moderate load.

So far this year about 1150 feet of new track has been laid.. We hope to have the second loop completed by the Fall Meet. This will more than double the size of the existing railroad and give us close to 4,000 feet of mainline. Ed Spall deserves a lot of credit for his time and effort. He has built at least 90% of the track panels needed.
- Doug Fulton, Superintendent

30 Years ago: Poor old Earl McKensie! Ed Yungling explained that Earl was losing his memory when Earl could not remember where he put a truck for one of our new riding cars. Earl searched his house high and low, amid much razzing from Ed, but the truck could not be found. Sometime later, when Ed moved his roll-away tool box, a very familiar truck suddenly re-appeared. Snicker, Snicker! Ken Willes recently found new meaning to that old saying about sticks and stones. ON Monday, June 7, Ken was providing rides for pre-school children (as he does so very often), when a young vandal wedged a stick between the ties of the bridge crossing the stream. The emergency application of his brakes was not quite enough and Ken, engine and all, came within inches of getting a swimming lesson.

Safety Rules Review



116. Anyone consuming any alcoholic beverages, including beer, or use of any illegal drugs or narcotics of any kind shall be requested to cease. If they refuse, they will be asked to leave the facility.

215. When visibility is limited and after sunset, all trains shall have a lighted headlight (white) showing to the front on the engine and a marker on the last car showing red to the rear. Trainmen shall have a lighted lantern suitable for giving hand signals. Such lights shall be visible for a distance of at least one hundred fifty (150) feet.

305. Conductor:

A. Qualifications: any member of SVLSRM who demonstrates to the examining committee that he/she has the knowledge, judgment, and ability to supervise passengers and scale railroad equipment competently and safely, and who passes the qualification tests, will be qualified as a conductor. No one under the age of 18 will act as a conductor on any train pulling the general public.

B. Responsibilities: each conductor shall have a whistle (police type preferred) and a red flag or light in his possession at all times while acting as conductor. He shall assist in loading or unloading passengers on the train. He shall ascertain that all passengers on his train have been told and understand instructions for passengers before signaling to the engineer to proceed from the station. He shall enforce all passenger safety rules while the train is in motion. He shall align all switches (turnouts) for the mainline after use of such switches by his train. He shall enforce Rule #111 and shall prevent any passengers from throwing any trash, garbage or other refuse from the train along the right-of-way. He shall assist the engineer when necessary and shall call for help when necessary to enforce any rules.

410. Before leaving the steaming area operating steam locomotives shall have steam pressure brought up to operating pressure, have safety valves and pressure gauges checked and operating correctly, have water gauges and try cocks blown down, have feed-water devices checked and in working order, have whistle tested and operating properly, and have brakes checked and operating.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO DO ?

BCSME (Burnaby Central Railway) is having a Summer train meet on the weekend of July 7 & 8. The meet is open to all hobbyists, whether they have locos or not.

Web Site: <http://www.bcsme.org>

BCSME
Rainbow Creek Station
120 North Willingdon Avenue
Burnaby, B.C., Canada

Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



Well another Meet is in the books. It was great to see a lot of familiar faces and meeting a few new ones. I want to thank all those who gave rides to members and guest with either their own equipment or with the clubs.

We will be running July 3rd and 4th with the park festivities. Our schedule will be later in the day 5 PM to 8 PM to help avoid some of the heat. With the larger crowds and later schedule, I would like to try running with a two conductor system. One conductor will be at the back of the train, with the second riding backwards at the front of the train. If you can come out and help it will be greatly appreciated, and you can stay to watch the fireworks afterwards. See you on the rails.



Paul Moser, Matt Mason, & Dave August were one leg up on the current discussion of the day.

Special Thanks to:
George Pruitt,
Keith Nelson,
Tom Fagan,
Gary Taylor,
Warren McGowen,
& Harry Haas.
These guys came a couple of days early and got busy with the Midway North Yard.



Bill Noyer & Les Gregory at a FULL Midway North YARD

YARD MASTERS REPORT

By Andy Berchielli



It was great to see all the trains at the meet. I'm glad people enjoyed themselves and the how the landscape is maturing. Currently I'm working on connecting the memorial to the water timer. This will be another area we won't need to worry about watering. Still looking for help to water the rest of the grounds. If you are down there on the weekends or work day, turn on the sprinklers. Thanks



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



I want to start by saying Thanks to all involved with making our Meet a Success. I received many complements from members and guests on how well our meet was organized and the Great condition of our track and grounds.

Due to the numbers of trains with consists of 5 or more cars, I started the "CONE RULE". A cone blocking a siding meant that a member or guest has reserved the siding for parking there train during the meet. This rule has eliminated stress of losing a place to park and made operating your trains more fun. The comments to me were positive. I will be presenting this rule to the board to adopt for all meets.

I want to thank the members of the Sage Brush Short Line from Ridge Crest, CA, for spreading ballast, leveling and tamping track in Midway North Yard.

Please contact me with any comments.

FOR SALE



Allen Consolidation Steam engine and Tender
Coal burner
\$15,000 includes about 500 pounds of coal (in 50lb. bags)
Call Wayne Thorley 530-295-5518



Freelance 7.5"
Gauge 0-4-0,
7.5" Gauge,
1.5" Scale,
Oil Fired,
2" Winton
Cylinders



FOR SALE - 7.5" gauge 4+4 Beam Engine built by Bill Conner in 2000. Propane fired 12" diameter vertical steel boiler with 306 3/8" diameter copper fire tubes. Engine is a 2x2.75" double acting twin driving eight 4.375" diameter wheels through a 20% overdrive. More than enough power to haul a train with 11 preschool children and 11 adults and enough speed to run away and hide. Four chime whistle, lights for night running, pneumatic brakes on engine and tender and a working sander. Carries 13 gallons of water and 12 gallons of propane. Reason for sale - Engine runs fine, I'm running out of steam.

Asking \$12,000/reasonable offers considered. Suggest pick-up from Reno, NV area or I can deliver, Western US only, for \$1.25/mile, one way, in advance, non refundable. Contact me at steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net or (775) 674-6512 for additional details.

FOR SALE: 1 1/2-inch scale detailed gondola car with Winton's fully sprung Bettendorf trucks. Over 6-feet long and made from aluminum/steel castings and plate. Perfect for hauling a family around the track or at your home railroad. Car is perfect for mounting a propane tank for propane fired locomotives while seating 1-2 passengers. Gondola may be viewed at GGLS most Sundays-please call to schedule. Asking \$1100 - will consider reasonable offers. Michael B. Smith (415) 558-4536



This locomotive was built by Mr. Terry Taylor in 1972. It features an axel pump and a hand pump. There is also the necessary plumbing for an injector. The locomotive is fired up on a regular basis at the Golden Gate Live Steamers. It holds 3 gallons of fuel oil and about 10 gallons of water if I recall correctly. It was weighed in at just about 350 lbs. It has hauled the club public train with a total of 22 passengers on board.

The locomotive is very complete with detail. I have had this locomotive for 2 1/2 years and it has been an interesting journey through the ups and downs of locomotive ownership. It's all part of the fun. I am selling my locomotive because I'm ready for a bit of change and I would like someone else to enjoy my locomotive as much as I did!

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