

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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President's Report

By Heidi Bowie

I heard a rumor that we had the first day of Fall this week. As I'm writing this, we had temperatures in the mid-90s today so I don't know that Nature got the memo, but maybe the cooler weather will show up by the time of the October Newsletter and the Fall Meet!

We had a hard working crowd for the August workday, which was on a Sunday. Amazing all the pine needles and leaves that can accumulate. Makes it difficult to run a train. Andy and his crew installed the new bookcases for the SP Caboose remodel. Just looks fantastic! Dennis Bowie had a group out at Reverse-O putting more of the pieces together and getting it all closer to completion. And the day was even better because Barb and Gordon were back from their travels so we had a great potluck lunch!

The Fall Meet is just weeks away and lots of help is needed to get the facility into shape and make the event a success. Rob Sharratt, our YardMaster, could use some additional help with all things green and growing. Please contact him if you have some time to spare. The Fall Meet committee is looking to make some changes for improvement or trying to simplify procedures. Make sure that you check into the Registration table for all the latest news. We are looking for donations of new items or train-related items for the Raffles. Baked goods for the Snack tent are always appreciated. And don't forget your FREDs!

Special Thanks to Run Day Helpers:

Saturday - September 3: Keith and Gloria Berry, Bill and Butch Floyd, Dave and Rosemary Houston, Dennis Gramith, Dennis Bowie, Harry Voss, Dale Dennis, Kevin and Andrew Sach, Peter Welch, Colton Snell, Marty Carapiet, Phil Huntingdale, Dean Sheets, Richard Weitzenberg, Ryan Vellanoweth w/Tyler & Thomas, Alison Berry, Barbara and Gordon Moser.

Sunday - September 4: Keith and Gloria Berry, Bill and Butch Floyd, Kevin and Andrew Sach, Barbara and Gordon Moser, Frank Presley, Rob Sharratt, Andy Berchielli, Alison Berry, Dennis Gramith, Dennis Bowie, Colton Snell, Harry Voss, Garrett Garnes, Dan ?, Richard ?

Guests:

Warren Peterson from Olympia Washington (Kitsap Live Steamers)
Peter Hills from Applegate (Placer-Sierra Railroad Historical Society)
Rose, Nick, David, Kelly, Alexander Segara.

Sorry if your name is not in the list. Either we did not know you were present or you did not show up to help.



needed so please come out and help. Not qualified? Then come out and get qualified or help with other activities.



We need donations of goodies for the bake sale so make your favorite cookie, cake and other snack recipes for the Bake Sale. We will need volunteers to staff the bake/drink sales. We also need volunteers to help serve food at meal times. Any and all help is greatly needed & appreciated. Please contact Alison Berry (916) 983-9712 to offer baked goods or volunteer.

FALL Meet is Oct. 14-16. Bring your engine and enjoy three days of running. For additional fun we will have 2 raffles on Saturday afternoon, kids' items and items for the rest of us. As done at previous meets, please bring your train cone (number & name) to reserve a siding to park your train during the meet. Select the smallest siding that will fit your train's length. Hope to see you at the Meet.



RV and Tent camping spots available on first-come basis.

For more details see our web site: svlsrcm.org/meet-notice.php

Food: Friday sack lunch \$6.

Prices listed below are Adult / Kid (12 and under):

Spaghetti dinner Friday night \$6 / \$5.

Breakfast Saturday or Sunday mornings \$6 / \$4.

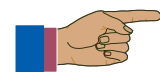
Lunch on Saturday or Sunday \$6 / \$5.

Saturday dinner of BBQ Beef or Chicken, with several side dishes \$15 / \$7.

Special meal ticket provides a \$6 savings for the 6 meals.

Includes: Friday Spaghetti dinner, Saturday & Sunday servings and 3 drink tickets. The meal ticket: adult \$40 / kid \$25.

Buy your meal tickets or Saturday dinners only tickets [on-line](#) through **PayPal** or **RSVP** by calling Alison Berry (916) 983-9712 or E-mail: meet@svlsrcm.org



Saturday dinner must be purchased or RSVP'd by Oct. 10th, Monday, of Meet Week.

As always we will need help for setup on Thursday of tables & canopies, then during the meet, food service, bathroom cleaning, trash pickup, & then clean up and put everything away. Please let us know how you will help.

Thanks! And it will be great to see you at the meet!

SVLSRM Calendar

- Oct. 1 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Oct. 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Oct. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Oct. 14 Election nominations meeting at track.
- Oct. 14 Fall Meet
- Oct. 15 Fall Meet
- Oct. 16 Fall Meet

- Nov. 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Nov. 19 Members Election Meeting.
- Nov. 27 Rancho Cordova Christmas tree lighting, SVLS
giving rides with our Train & Track (Helpers needed
for setup, running, & take down)

Dates to reserve on your calendar:
Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 17

Please volunteer to support the club events.
How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Members at our work/play day September 18th.

Andy Berchielli, Rob Sharratt, Lewis Donhost/Paul & Eli, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Dennis, Heidi, Maren, Ryan Bowie Dillon Post, Colton Snell, Peter Welch, Ed Zeis, Paul Skidmore Mark Cundiff, Dennis Gramith, Joh Bailey, Steve Perry, Harry Voss, and Ben Shell, who had his Crab Steam Engine out and running for the first time.



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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

SVLSRM

Elections will be in 1 month with nominations in October. ***Want to make a real difference?*** Then be a voice on the board.



This year 5 positions are available; Vice President, Treasurer, Track Superintendent, Yardmaster, & Board Member at large.

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Member articles wanted.

Safety Chairman Report

by Marty Carapiet

With the fall meet fast approaching the Board of Directors has implemented a new policy concerning SVLS owned equipment use during the meets. Going forward all equipment will be checked out and back in at the WP boxcar. There will be a rules sheet handout available for all members and their guests.



Safety rule for the Month

1.01 Speed Limit

No locomotive shall be operated at an excessive speed, and shall not be operated at a speed greater than that at which the locomotive and its train can be slowed and stopped within a reasonable distance, depending on the traffic, track conditions, visibility and weight of the train. Absolute maximum speed of any train shall be 7 mph. Maximum speed of 5 mph when transporting the general public. All engines must be run at reduced speeds in congested areas and in areas with close clearance, such as yards, stations, etc.



September Board Meeting Summary, by Chris Donhost

- Clarified that all income derived from train movement should be split 20/20/20/40 between the accounts (locomotive, insurance, track & general).
- SVLS will not participate at International Railfair in Roseville this year due to issues between IRF and the fairgrounds management concerning the track location (updated after meeting).
- SVLS will participate at the Rancho Cordova tree lighting event again this year. (November 27th)
- 2017 Public Run Days: March 4 & 5, April 1 & 2, May 6 & 7, June 3& 4, July 3 & 4, August 5 & 6, September 2 & 3, and October 7 & 8.
- Fall Meet plans finalized.
- Andy is installing bookcases in the caboose this weekend.
- Pumpkin run tabled until 2017.
- The cost of a name badge has been raised to \$10 from \$8, effective immediately.
- SVLS will participate in the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad Railfest on September 24 & 25, 2016 with an information table and static display.
- Closed session conducted to handle disciplinary issue.

Hard Working Person

Andy Berchielli



Work continues on the SP Caboose remodel. This time I built bookcases to showcase our large supply of books we have collected over the years. 48 shelves should be enough! One wall is about 12' long and the other side is about 6' long. Next up, get power to caboose.



Looks Great

FOR SALE

Two RRSC 6 wheel pullman commonwealth 1/8 scale trucks - reconditioned. The pair \$2000 or best offer. Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

\$4000 Or best offer.

1 1/2 scale, 7 1/2 " gauge 4 wheel Diesel locomotive with 5hp Briggs & Stratton engine. Hydraulic powered. Engine was designed and built with the late Glen Strawn. Easy to run and maintain. Flat car support car included . Has Mountain Car trucks and couplers.

Call 559-281-3724 for more information. Email dboudrtrain@sbcglobal.net Doug Boudakian



Trolley for Sale.

Price \$1500 OBO, plus engine stand for sale.

Call: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154



10 Years ago: One party of note was on October 8th. The children of retired doctor Joe Pawlowski decided to celebrate his 78th birthday with a train party. Six of his seven children were in attendance as well as a number of his grand children. His children that were there came from Alaska, Oregon, Reno, Nevada City, Sacramento and San Francisco. Everybody got lots of rides



and seemed to enjoy themselves. Darrel and Gail Gomes were engineer and conductor for the steam train. Butch took turns as conductor as well as station master. Thanks to them for their help.

20 Years ago: I'm (Gordon) back again and trying to get the grounds in shape for the Big Meet in October. Most of the work will be done a week or so before the actual Meet - so it will look sharp. ANY help will be appreciated, to trim trees, mow, etc. Both Red Hadler and Milon Thorley are BAD ORDER at the present time (injuries). Thank you to whomever has been trimming low branches in the track areas.

30 Years ago: A "tidbit" from the September issue of "California Blacksmith", submitted by Don Juergenson.

Do you just belong? Are an active member, the kink that would be missed, or are you just contented, that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the crowd, or do you stay at home and crab long and loud? Do you ever go to visit, a member that is sick, or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique? There's quite a program scheduled, that means success if done, and it can be accomplished with the help of everyone. So attend the meetings regularly and help with hand and heart, don't be just a member, but take an active part. Think this over member, are you right or are you wrong? Are you an active member? Or ----do you just belong?

40 Years ago: Those of us who went to the GGLS 40th Anniversary Meet and dinner had a wonderful time. We spent the day running engines and swapping news and technical INFO. The Anniversary dinner was very good and SVLS members Richard and Debie Williams each won a door prize. Milon Thorley, Al Shelley, Ken Spicer, Roy Motts, Curt Jansen, Don Yungling, Earl Mc Kenzie and Austin Knoff all had their engines there; Also there were families of some of these men. Milon Thorley won a gold spike pen and pen holder and Ed Yungling won the Harry Dizon key chain and rail.