

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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The current issue of **Live Steam** magazine has an impressive article about the Allen 10 Wheeler steam engine that was built by Marty Carapiet. If you remember, in April of this year Marty donated this engine to the club.

The club is very thankful and we are grateful for all the memories of Marty and the work he did for the club. The magazine article is a credit to our club and the fellowship of live steamers who had worked with Marty. Special thanks go to Marty for the article and Donald Yungling who did the photos, and added an update to Marty's story.



## President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



The club started public operation in June following guidelines issued by the state.

Overall it was a success. Our members followed the protocols to keep the public and members safe. The public was very happy to see us running again and also followed the social distancing requirements. We will continue Public Operations in July. **The Park is closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> so we will not have access to our area. Our July public Run will be Sunday only, July 5th from 11-3pm.**

Sometime in May the well supplying irrigation water to us and the park sucked up a bunch of sediment from a collapsed casing in the well. In turn this shot sediment throughout the irrigation system, plugging every head in the system. Some worse than others. This meant digging up the head. Removing the internals and cleaning the sprinkler filter and assembly. Then each station needed to be flushed out. Considering we have about 160 sprinklers heads, we had our work cut out for us. I cleaned a couple of stations in my spare time. But a large portion got done thanks to the work day on June 20. I had several members help me clean out most of the stations. As of the writing we have six stations left out of the 27 stations.

Thanks to all those that helped me get this far. We will have greener grass sooner than later now. In meantime the park is figuring out a way to fix the well. The well provides water to the park and our area. Currently we are using the well at the front of the park though a bypass, so the park is still getting some water.

## TRACK UPDATE

By Phil Huntingdale



The G scale railroaders had several days of great operations. We saw members out on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Steam, battery and electric were

run. Dave Frediani even ran a gas/electric locomotive that was featured in the latest issue of *Steam in the Garden*.

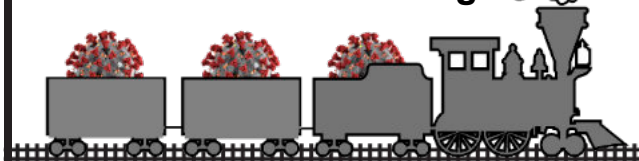
The building of our Phase 2 will be featured in a future issue of *Steam in the Garden*. Weather was wonderful for the spring month, and should continue to be great in the mornings in July as well.

The park will be closed on July 4. Sunday July 5 will be a public run day and will provide an opportunity to those with locomotives and those wishing to see the operation to come out.

Thanks to each one who ventured out to enjoy some time in the park.

**Please stay safe and follow State guidelines to do your part in preventing the spread of this Covid-19 virus.**

**For the latest info on our public runs and activity Please check on-line. [www.svlsrcm.org](http://www.svlsrcm.org)**



**SVLSRM Calendar**

Club future activity will depend on VIRUS GUIDELINES. *Please check on-line about Public activity.*

July 4 Public run day - canceled  
 July 5 Public run day - **check on-line**  
 July 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM -  
 Location to be determined. Meeting will be on-line video conference. If you want to participate please contact club President.

Aug 1 Public run day - **check on-line**  
 Aug 2 Public run day - **check on-line**  
 Aug 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM -  
 Location to be determined. -

Please volunteer to support the club events.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



**Help us save money by not mailing newsletters.**

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



[www.svlsrcm.org](http://www.svlsrcm.org) for current information. If you have not looked for a while, then you will have missed news or for sale items that are not in the newsletter.

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Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: [editor@svlsrcm.org](mailto:editor@svlsrcm.org).

*The news letter deadline is 24th of each month. Member articles wanted.*

**MEMBERSHIP**

by Barbara Rohrs



Welcome, New Members!  
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 Joshua, Jeremy & Jameson  
 Folsom, CA

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**Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM**



**Director - Steve Milward**

Hello to all our members and friends. I hope all are in good health and are watching for yourselves and others.

The uncertainties of everyday life continue, yet folks are coming out in small numbers to ride, work and otherwise enjoy our railroad. The first public run days of 2020 took place in early June and our passengers were extremely happy to be aboard our trains. The added safety measures provided a bit of extra work for our volunteers, but it showed the public that we were committed to taking precautions to keep everyone safe. As the city has decided to close the entire park on Saturday, July 4th, our only public run day will be the 5th. If you're available, come out and help us serve our community, as well as show off our railroad.

It has been mentioned that some sort of "Welcome Aboard" letter or pamphlet would be useful for new or returning members. I expect that will be something that will receive attention soon. In the meanwhile, here are few things that might help.

(Please note, as this is a publication available to the general public, I won't be sharing any combinations for gates or other locked areas. For those combos, please see any club Board member/officer.)

Any combination locks that you open, please roll the numbers back to zero immediately. Not doing so allows any non-member access to our facilities at any time. Keyed locks are typically restricted to Board members/officers, although exceptions may be made on an as-needed basis. Typically, if you unlock/open an area or piece of equipment, you're responsible for locking it, or designating another member to do so. Don't assume someone else will do it.

The two restrooms are locked except during club functions (not for public use in the near term). One restroom has a keyed lock, the other has a pushbutton combo. As we're all volunteers, please do your part to keep the restrooms clean - that is, try, to leave it cleaner than you found it. The club-owned railroad equipment is there for all qualified members to enjoy. Talk to a Board member/officer about learning how the equipment works and qualifications. Come on out, get ready to get your hands dirty and you'll be surprised at how quickly you could be making your first solo trip around the railroad!

When you come out to visit or work, be sure to check out the stunning progress be made on the G Scale layout. The second loop is essentially done and the landscaping is magnificent. It's proving to be very popular with members and guests alike.

Anyway, that's all for now. I hope to see all of you on the rails very soon.



The following people spent time at the park working on projects.

**June 6:** Steve Milward, Andy Berchielli, Harry Voss, Dennis Gramith, Chris, Evelyn, Paul, Eli Donhost, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Tom Nance, Dennis Bowie, Peter Welch, Austin Unruh, Bart Cook, Dave Fedenani, Craig

Griffin, Tom & Stacy Reese, Christopher Roberts, Harold Wiltey, Chris Klevesahl.

**June 7th:** Austin Unruh, Steve Milward, Glenn Wilson, Tom Nance, Craig Griffin, Dennis Gramith, Dennis Bowie, Harry Voss, Chris Klevesahl, Chris, Evelyn, Paul, Eli Donhost, Andy Berchielli, Rob Sharrott.

**June 13:** Tom Nance, Harry Voss, Dennis Bowie, Alison Berry.

**June 16:** Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Bart Cook, Colton Snell, Steve Anigotti, Bruce Runner, Rich Nelson, Harry Voss, Gordon Dunham, Dennis Gramith, Peter Welch, Alison Berry, Barbara Rohrs.

**June 20:** Dennis Bowie, Dave McFarland, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Steve Milward, Andy Berchielli, Chris Klevesahl, Dennis Gramith, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Alison Berry, Harry Voss Tom Nance, Glen Wilson, Augie Berchielli, Colton Snell.



**Secretary Board Report**

*By Stephanie Huntingdale*

**June 2020 Board meeting:**

Covid – 19 – We opened on June 6 & 7 for our first Public Run of 2020. President Andy Berchielli developed a Covid-19 Plan. A total of 209 riders came out and our volunteers practiced sanitation, kept social distancing and overall it was successful. We still do not have any birthdays scheduled. Slow, careful and safe is how we will proceed. Helping to make the weekend successful we received a donation from Chris Klevesahl. Thank you!

We also received donations from Linda Budge and Ed Wishert.

Work day, June 20th the club members will work on the park irrigation system which has not been operational because the well had gone dry and sucked up sand into the system. All valves will need to be flushed out in order for the system to work.

Rancho Cordova has canceled all July 4th activities.

FCR 2019-27 – On site locomotive storage – ON  
 HOLDFCR 2020-03 – Lighting for Steaming Bay Area – material to be ordered soon. Will need work party.  
 FCR 2020-05 – Oasis Station Building Project DONE

Legacy Documentation – Continuing Project





**10 Years ago:** The 1973 was finally released for service. Overall the engine ran well. We did have some issues maintaining pressure and water level. Ed Zels finally figured out that if you use the injector, instead of the mechanical water pump, you could get the train around the track without embarrassing yourself and return to the station with a water level and pressure you could be proud of. That was the good news, the not so good news (it's

a steam engine, you had to know that a down side was coming) is that while running we discovered that steam was blowing back through one of the lubricator lines. This steam condensed in the lubricator reservoir displacing the oil and effectively cutting off lubrication to the cylinders. This has been a problem for years, I'm told, by a member who goes back over ten years. Yes! The check balls have been replaced, twice. I remember having the problem before the old boiler failed. The upshot is that the lubricator must be replaced because the existing unit is no longer available, nor are its parts, or so I have been told. If any of you gentle folk out there happen to have a ratchet style, twin feed, lubricator, that you would be willing part with, I can make you a good offer. Please let me know. Otherwise we are going to have to wait for Cole's manufactory to produce another one.

**20 Years ago:** Many more thanks to Kevin Sach for 8/14/10 the outstanding paint job on our SW1500. After some of us old timers procrastinated for over a year getting the job done Kevin, a fairly new member, assumed the task and in short order returned an outstanding professional job. Thanks Loads, Kevin.

Second subject... In August SVLS will be hosting two rambles associated with the IBLs 2000 Meet. On the 20th and 21st of August, a group from New Zealand and Australia will be visiting our track on the way north. On the 29th of August a much larger group will be here headed south.

**30 Years ago:** Making Steam: On Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, we had a fairly good turnout of locomotives and workers considering many of our members were out of town visiting other clubs. We had several locomotives there: Henry Stefani (Shay), Richard Bristow (Pacific), Warren Wagner (Cow and Calf), Bill Roscoe (Pacific), Sue Bristow, Jan Roscoe, Eric Harte (Mikado). There were several other individuals helping out on that day, but I neglected to write down their names. We did pretty good in the Station and the weather was great. Several of us got together afterwards and had a nice cool, relaxing dinner out.

**40 Years ago:** The last scheduled work day was a great success for everyone but the weeds. In addition to Warren Rose, Karl Lewis, Tom Anderson, John Siebert, DF2, and Cathy Lyons was out. The weeds certainly don't want to see her back again, although the rest of us rather enjoyed it to tell the truth. Once she got hold of that weed-eater all you could see was back.. she just never stopped. We also relayed the passenger siding washed out by the broken 2 inch water line.



**SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH**

**1.03 Passengers and Visitors**

General public, when permitted within the steaming bays, shall be escorted by a SVLSRM member. General public who need to get close to tracks for photography shall have an escort to keep a lookout for oncoming trains or equipment movement.

**2.05 Safety Chains**

A chain, cable or draw bar must be installed between any car on which the Engineer is riding separate from his locomotive. A chain or draw bar must also be installed between any fuel car or cars and the locomotive which it supplies. Some safety device is recommended for all cars.

**3.02 Responsibilities of the Conductor**

Each conductor shall have a whistle (police type) and a red flag or light in their possession at all times while acting as conductor. They shall assist in loading or unloading passengers on the train. They shall be certain that all passengers on their train have been informed of the safety rules before signaling to the engineer to proceed from the station. They shall enforce all passenger safety rules while the train is in motion. They shall enforce rules and shall prevent any passengers from throwing any trash, garbage or other refuse from the train along the right-of-way. They shall align all switches (turnouts) for the mainline after use of such switches by their train. They shall assist the engineer when necessary and shall call for help when necessary to enforce any rules.

**4.01 Qualifications of Crew**

Trains hauling General Public must be operated by qualified Engineers and Conductors who are members of SVLSRM. All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession or on the train.

The Board of Directors may restrict or suspend from duty any operating personnel who consistently violate safety rules.

**Qualifications/Restrictions of an SVLSRM Engineer**

- 18 years of age or older.
- Member of SVLSRM in good standing.
- Passes a current Written Qualification test showing knowledge to operate specific locomotive (steam, diesel, etc.).
- Passes a current Practical Examine demonstrating the judgment and ability to competently operate specific locomotive (steam, diesel, etc.).



**Due to the Spring Meet being canceled the 2020 Membership Roster will be printed and delivered for the Fall meet.**

**The current (paid) membership is always available on-line at our club web site.**