

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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## President's Report

By Tom Nance

May is here and our Spring Meet is coming up quickly! Registration is once again being done through FareHarbor, so please visit our website to ensure you get your steaming bays, sidings, and RV parking assignments! There will be no Friday Lunch offered at this year's Spring Meet. Friday's traditional evening Dinner will be Barbara's Spaghetti dinner, Saturday's dinner will be a taco dinner catered by Corazon Tacos of Placerville, and Saturday and Sunday Lunches will feature Cheeseburgers, Hamburgers, and Hotdogs.

**Volunteer help will be needed during the meet to help prep meals, deliver meals from the caboose to the serving tables, and clean-up! If you are available to help, please contact me directly, (714)795-4630. It is looking to be a fun and exciting weekend, and we can't wait to see you there!**

After being appointed and voted in by the board, Richard Lutrel has become the organization's new Yardmaster. Thank you, Richard!

We are very happy to announce that we have received a new donation from Dave McClain! (photo below) Dave has donated to the railroad his Mikado numbered and lettered for the McCloud 18. This locomotive will serve as an additional locomotive for our public run days as well as steam birthday parties and special events!

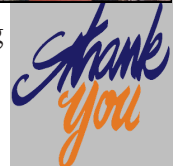


The club will be parting ways with the RS3 from Rail Systems. We are selling it as is, just the locomotive. The engineer's riding car is not included in the sale. The locomotive is currently in running order and may be viewed, test run, and purchased at the Spring Meet. Some of the details including steps and handrails will need to be redone. The locomotive went through a complete rebuild a few years ago. Priced at \$8,500.

Contact Richard Lutrel at (925) 876-0375



Keith Berry & Gordon Moser Spraying the weeds along the track.



**SVLSRM Calendar**

*Please check on-line about Public activity.  
Train tickets days may be purchased on-line.*

May 4 Public run day - **check on-line**  
 May 5 Public run day - **check on-line**  
 May 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom  
 May 17 Pacific Regional Meet  
 May 18 Pacific Regional Meet  
 May 19 Pacific Regional Meet

June 1 Public run day - **check on-line**  
 June 2 Public run day - **check on-line**  
 June 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom  
 June 21 Work day  
 June 23 Member run day

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



See [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.

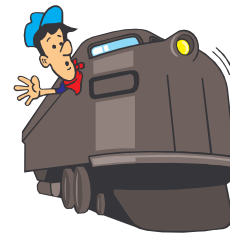
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Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: [editor@svlsrcm.org](mailto:editor@svlsrcm.org).

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



**RENEW membership on-line:**

<https://www.svlsrcm.org/membership.php>

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



**TRACK UPDATE**

*By Phil Huntingdale*

For the railroad fans in the club, that's all of us, the Spring Meet is from Friday, May 17 thru Sunday, May 19. This will be the time to come out and share the hobby in person, visit with old and new members in the club. Be considerate, be respectful and be collaborative with all that attend. Lots of visitors will be attending and be very interested in the little locomotives and consist. Tom, the President and the Board are planning the first of two events we look for twice a year. Lunches and dinners will be available. Friday dinner is spaghetti, Saturday is taco dinner, and lunches Saturday and Sunday are burgers or hot dogs, and each meal includes all the fixings including one drink each. For meals and camping, pre arrangements will be the order of the day. For those sticking around in the evenings, the G Gauge layout will have light strands glowing for evening runs. Should be a great club weekend meet. Reminder, during meet's, you are not permitted to park inside the fenced area. You may drive in, off load and load out, but your vehicles must be parked outside the fenced area. This is because there are many people in attendance; RV's and tents within the park. Meet weekends we must adhere to the Board's request.

I expect to see all the steaming bays filled and many consists on the sidings of the 7 1/2 inch gauge. We will be able to park our smaller equipment on the sidings on the G layout, however, please consider others should they be wishing to stage their equipment also on the various sidings. Share the tracks, as others may wish to run over the weekend.

Don't forget the first weekends of the each month are the public run events, hours 11:00 to 3:00. This is a great opportunity as well to run on the layout without other equipment on the track, and a great way to encourage young folks to get into the hobby. With the great weather, bring out your significant other and folding chairs and relax under the shade of the canopy trees.

See you about!

**Librarian - Alison Berry**



The library will be open on Friday and Saturday of the Spring Meet – hours to be determined as it depends on how hot it will be on those days. Registration will have that information and I will also post it on the caboose door. At this time there is no climate control in the caboose other than fans.

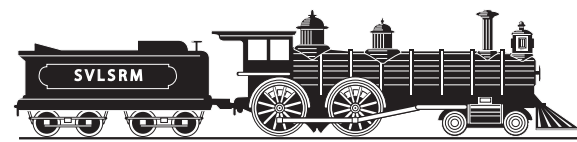
The board has approved some repairs for the library caboose including replacing windows. We are still discussing other repairs and projects including painting the main entrance door, building a stand for the engine light, and, building some display shelves. Several areas of exterior paint have oxidized to pink. The roof needs to be inspected and leaves removed.

Stop by and say hi during the meet. I love to see everyone.

Alison



Butch Floyd looks on as Alan Shifley & Phil Huntingdale work on electrical. Hoping to get it finished in time for the Spring Meet





**10 Years ago:** Just in time for Spring Meet. New car stops (to keep your cars from rolling off end of track) on the two lead tracks from the steaming bay.

Thanks to Milon Thorley for building and installing the car stops.



**20 Years ago:** At the April meeting, Matt Mason presented digital photos and a short video he took while on a trip to China. Steam is on its way out in China but for now, there is a lot to see and Matt had pictures of most of it. There were views of the countryside, inside the shops, and inside of the trains, but most depicted the steam Engine they still use. Thanks to Matt for his efforts at the meeting.

**40 Years:** BATHROOM BUILDING PROJECT  
At the last General Meeting, the membership voted to table any decisions on the Bathroom Project for two months, while the membership at large will continue to work on funding for the project as well as, possible changes to lower the costs of plans, permits and construction. Many thanks to Craig Craddock and Bill Maniey for their very generous donations to the Bathroom Fund.

**April Public Run Day Helpers**

- Craig Griffin
- Tom & Stacy Reese
- Harry Voss
- Gordon & Barbara Moser
- Skip Nance
- Richard Lutrel
- Chris Donhost
- Henry Nanjo
- Dennis & Brenda Long
- Glen Wilson
- Dave Silvernail
- Dennis Gramith
- Alan Shifley
- Joe Singler
- Austin Unruh
- Leonard Cassieri
- Bob Ress
- Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale
- Tom & Emily Nance
- Jeff Burke
- Don & Toy Yungling
- Jim Hearn

**Birthday party & Work Day Helpers**

- Keith Berry
- Gordon & Barbara Moser
- Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale
- Richard Lutrel
- Richard Corbell
- Alison Berry
- Paul Sidmore
- Alan Shifley
- Harry Voss
- Alison Berry
- Paul Skidmore
- Bob Ress
- Leonard Cassieri
- Troy Wilkerson
- Kevin & Andrew Sach
- Mike Skums
- Glen Wilsor
- Dave Cladia





**4-6-2024 Dennis Long- Engineer is ready to leave Cordova Station - Stacy Reese running the station**



**4-6-2024 Leonard Cassieri - Engineer - Loading the train at Cordova Station**



**locomotive is a complete set of castings including a brand new copper boiler.** This was all purchased from Railroad Supply when it was owned by Chet Peterson. All the running gear castings have been machined and assembled on the frame, the locomotive is running on air. Twin cross head pumps, original blued sheet metal lagging for boiler. Comes with a complete Railroad supply fiberglas tender tank including frame, trucks etc. All of the drawings are included. The boiler is a copper boiler, never installed to frame as supplied by Railroad Supply and has the original shipping crate. \$6950.00.

**Locomotives are in Gardnerville NV. Contact Ken Schroeder 775-265-3632 aylocomotives@charter.net**

