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TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - February 18, 1983, 7:30 p.m. at the Cordova Recreation and Park District Building, Rancho Cordova, California (Chase Drive next to the High School). The "Buffet Car" will be hosted by Shirley Durham and Polly DenHerder. The program for the evening will be presented by Stan Hindsley on his recent trip to Australia.

Work Day - See the special notice below.

"SPECIAL RUN DAY"

FEBRUARY 19, 1983

On Saturday, February 19, 1983, we will have a "Special Run Day". Our special guests and the prime reason for having a "Special Run Day", will be The Sacramento County Park and Recreation Commission members. At their January 27, 1983 meeting, this commission voted to table their decision on our eastward expansion until after they could observe our facility in operation. The interests of the club would best be served by as many people as possible, bringing as much equipment as possible to substantiate our position that room for expansion is definitely necessary in the very near future. Please plan to attend. The future of your club's continued growth is at stake. Anyone wishing to stay over and make a two day run out of it will surely be welcome.

Board Meeting - Thursday, March 3, 1983, at the home of Don and Jeri Juergenson, 5626 Bell Road, Auburn, California at 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE BOARD

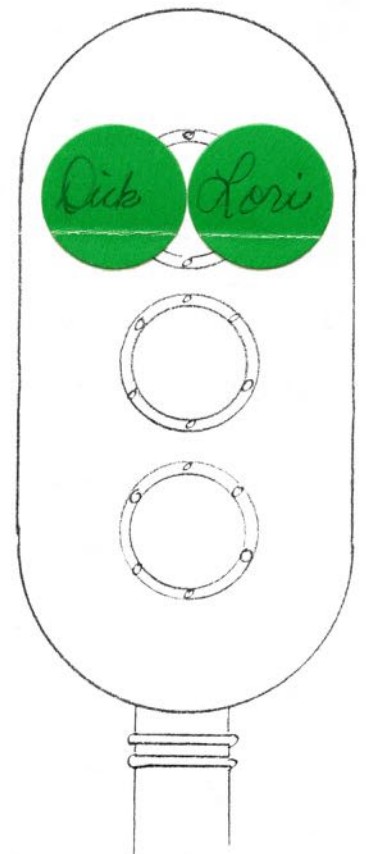
At the February board meeting we approved the recommendations of the committee that updated the Rules of Operation. These will be published with the new roster which will be out at the Spring Meet. Also discussed at the board meeting, were; re-establishing a savings account, the purchase of club pins, the purchase of rail for the future, new flyers, weed spraying and club insurance.

DUES - LAST CALL!

LAST CHANCE! Your annual dues for 1983 are now due and payable. If you have already paid your dues, you will find a "green light" on the signal at the right. If you have not yet paid your dues, your signal will be "red", indicating that this is your last bulletin. Please send in your dues and yellow sheet NOW! Those of you who have paid your dues but neglected to send in your yellow sheet, please send it in by March 1, 1983 or the new roster will include only your name and address.

MAKING STEAM

Since the weatherman cheated us out of our chance to "make steam" on the January run day, let's make up for it this month by attending the "Special Run Day" on Saturday, February 19, 1983. (Sunday too, if you wish). Some members are planning to have a mid-day pot luck feed so bring a dish to share and your eating utensils. This day is important to this club if we are to expand, so support



MAKING STEAM (Continued)

your club and have fun at the same time. If the weather is cold, the steam will look good and the campfires will be blazing. Our only worry is the fear of being rained out, so pray for dry weather. If we are rained out on Saturday, we will try again on Sunday.

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Our newest and youngest family member is Brittany Lane Juergenson. She was born on January 26, 1983, 6 lbs. 8½ oz. Congratulations, Don and Jeri! The railroad tie retaining wall around Dick and Lori Esselbach's home recently met it's first challenge and won - Wall-1, Drunk Driver-0! Clifford Willes reportedly has regained some of his failing eye-sight and was recently observed making chips on his lathe, wearing a big smile. People working in the area of Bank of America feared a possible robbery attempt but it was only Ken Willes trying to get the S.V.L.S. accounts transfered and signature changes. It seems that Ken spent so much time hanging around B of A that some people thought he was casing the joint! That strange new creature now residing in the roundhouse is not from outer space. It is a weed sprayer designed and donated along with a herbicide by Keith Kirstein. Thanks, Keith! It is to be used only by the Superintendent (please). A new piece of rolling stock is needed for our railroad, a "Jimmy's Ark" which is to be used when Jimmy Durham insists on having a work day even in the middle of a rain storm, as he did in January. That's true dedication!

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)

Politics, a dirty word? Not necessarily. Some courses can only be pursued through political channels. Unfortunately, if we are to acquire some land east of our present location, we must follow one of those channels. Our first step was to Mr. Paul Hagen and the Rancho Condova Recreation and Park District Board. With them firmly on our side, and in fact, carrying our banner the next step was to the Sacramento County Park Department. Their negative reaction carried us to the Sacramento County Park and Recreation Commission meeting on January 27, 1983. While the views of the commission were not negative, they were not completely for us either. The planned visit by the commission scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 1983, will hopefully convince them that we are indeed an asset to the area and in the best interests of Sacramento County and the American River Parkway. Our task is to show the commission that we do indeed need room to expand. I think that the best way to accomplish this is to fill the steaming bays with equipment both operational and under construction. Filling the steaming bays should also fill the parking area with vehicles used to haul railroad equipment. Obviously, we won't have as large a crowd as our Spring or Fall Meets, but I am sure that we can give them a good idea of our problem and concern for the future.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost! SP Cab-Forward book owned by Harold (Andy) Anderson. This book has Southern Pacific locomotive numbers written inside the back cover. This book is important to Andy!

Found! Your editor has a box of miscellaneous "found" items. Please check the box and claim your lost items.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

113. No one shall stand nor walk within five feet (5) of any track, unless his duties require him to do so. It shall be the duty of any and all club members to help keep the public a safe distance from the tracks. Responsible photographers and persons with recording equipment may obtain permission to get closer to the moving trains under certain conditions.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Q. *What are the principal causes of water being carried over into the cylinders from the boiler?*
 A. Priming and foaming.
- Q. *What is the difference between foaming and priming?*
 A. Foaming is caused by the presence of some foreign substances in the water, such as alkali or oil, whereby a soapy mixture is formed that is very light. There are many other substances besides the two named that may cause this foaming, such as cornmeal, that is sometimes used to stop leaks, and mud.

Priming usually takes place where the boiler is being forced or where the steam space is too small to accommodate the amount being generated. This causes the steam, as it rises from the water, to carry the latter with it and over into the cylinders. This phenomenon may also be caused by defective circulation, whereby the steam does not have room to pass through the water but drives the latter ahead of it as it moves through narrow and contracted spaces.

"Locomotive Breakdowns - Emergencies and Their Remedies"
 By Geo. L. Fowler (1903)

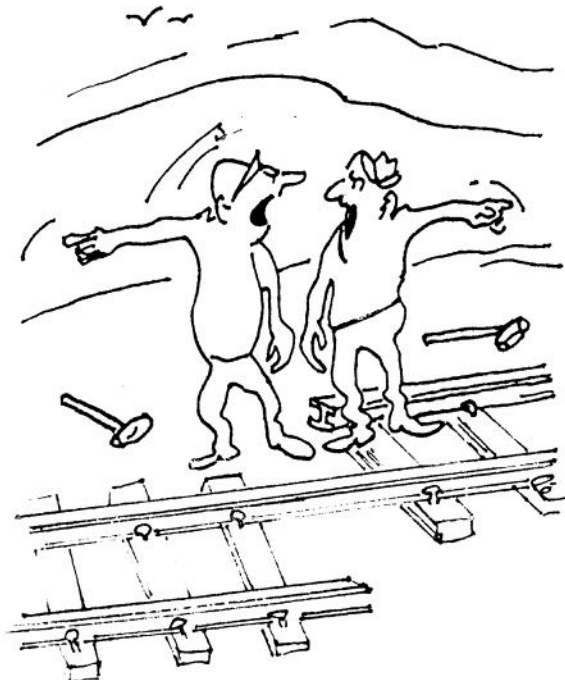
NEW MEMBERS

Please add the following new members to your "temporary roster".

Nadene Willes
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Richard O. Bartel
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Cassie Jacoby Pixley
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Dennis and Judy Gramith

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IMPORTANT !
SPECIAL RUN DAY
FEB-19



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