

# *The* GOLDEN SPIKE



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## TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, June 17, 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 Carol Bonswor and Judy Gramith. The program for the evening will be presented by "The Colonel" (Ken Willes).

Work Days - Saturday, June 11, Saturday, July 2 (work/run?) and Saturday, July 16. We hope to be slowly starting the bathroom as well as the usual track and ground maintenance. That is why we will be having two (2) work days each month for the months of July and August. We plan to work from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon (longer only when absolutely necessary).

Run Days - Saturday (GGLS Day) and Sunday, June 19; Sunday, June 26 (special run for the Safeway Corporate Picnic); July 2 (?), July 3 and 4. Wow! Who said that we don't run often enough?

Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 6, at the home of Roger and Joan Merkh, 9148 Starina, Sacramento, California 95826, at 7:30 p.m.

## FROM THE BOARD

The County Park Commission voted 5-0 in favor of granting us a lease for future expansion. The next step is to bring this matter before the County Board of Supervisors for the final approval. We will keep you posted on the progress. The board discussed the possibility of extending the shelter area roof. It was determined that the extension could be framed using donated materials on hand, and the decision was made to proceed immediately. The board decided to sell hot dogs, beer and soda on Saturday, June 18 (GGLS Day). They will be sold between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. ONLY. Don Juergenson presented the latest modification to our proposed Bathroom Plans. It will be presented to the Cordova Park District for approval. The board has also, unanimously, agreed to purchase an industrial-type replacement engine for the Club Loco. The Sharp Shop bid was too good to pass up.

## SPECIAL RUN - GGLS DAY

On Saturday, June 18, 1983, The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers will host a "Special Run Day" for our closest neighbors and good friends The Golden Gate Live Steamers. For this special run, we will have our famous \$1.00 lunch (hot dog, chips and pop) while they last. We will serve at the Snack Bar from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. ONLY. For dinner we will have one of our "Scrumptdillyious" Pot Luck Feasts. The desert, for all, will be supplied by Frances Quiring, so please bring your special recipe (hot or cold) for the table. Remember we are having guests, so please allow for them when preparing your dish. As usual bring your own plates and silverware and something to drink, (the club will supply paper plates and eating utensils for our guests). Let's all try to turnout and make our guests feel really welcome!

## SPRING MEET - 1983

The Spring Meet was a well-attended success! There were many locomotives and much rolling stock as well as a fabulous display of stationary equipment. The passenger count for the two-day meet was over 2,500 and this only includes those who came through the line, not members and guests. From the Spring Meet we gained three (3) new members as of this date, with several more applications still out. The financial report for the Meet will be presented at the next regular membership meeting (6/17/83).

## MAKING STEAM

When "The Super" (Jimmy Durham) calls a work day, he does it just right. Saturday, May 14, 1983, found the following people carrying the work load for our club: Warren Wagner, David Kocsis, John Livesay,

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Amandus Drewes, Roger and Matthew Merkh, Ben Jennings, Earl McKenzie, Ken and Phyllis Feil, Darrel McWhirk, Stan Hindsley, Jimmy Durham, Ken Willes, Claudia, Chris and David Dreiling, Bob Lovell and son and Dennis and Judy Gramith. (Count 'em 21 loyal and dedicated members!) Thanks to all of you. Special work day, Saturday, June 4, 1983, to erect framing on the shelter roof extension. A good turnout on short notice included: John Bailie, Ben Jennings, Amandus Drewes, Roger Merkh, Earl McKenzie, Jimmy and Scott Durham, Ken and Nadene Willes, Bob Weaver, Dennis and Judy Gramith. Again thank you, all. There will be a work day on Saturday, June 11 to finish the shelter roof extension, and take care of last minute preparations for "GGLS Day" and Father's Day.

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

While Ken Feil routinely makes important decisions in the course of his job as Senior Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Sacramento, he seems to face an impossible task in deciding whether to build a steam or diesel locomotive. Yes, Ross Crawford is alive and well. After seeing his name in print, in last months "Golden Spike", he and his wonderful family decided to attend our Spring Meet. It sure was good to see you Ross, Andi, Dave and Brandon! At long last Dr. Robert Church's lovely wife Jeanne is starting to understand her husbands love for live steam. It only took a couple of trips around the track at the throttle of Ed Yungling's Cab-Forward to get her on the lead track heading for the mainline of the live steam hobby. Nice job by Catherine, Bob and Ed! Welcome aboard, Jeanne! "Third time is a charm", we hope! Chet Peterson has sent locomotives and crews (wonderful people) from Railway Supply to our last two Meets. While we missed Chet's presence at the Spring Meet, we look forward to seeing he and his wife at our Fall Meet, and hope that this third in a row will charm us with the sight of big 4-8-4 on our track. Alan Shelley is building an engine! When do we get to see parts at "Show and Tell", Alan? Our "side-dumping" tables will no longer dump their passengers. Thanks, Roger Merkh and Ben Jennings for your labors.

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)

*Now that the Spring Meet is history, I would like to thank all those that helped out at the Meet and the work day the week prior. In terms of people pitching in and helping, this Meet was one of the best yet. As more people come forward to help with the work, each persons task becomes easier and shorter allowing more people a chance to enjoy the Meet. An interesting point to mention is the fact that an out-of-town member insisted on parking his engine and signing up for a one hour assignment on the "Sign-Up Sheet". When told that hauling passengers could be considered "doing his part" for the Meet, he replied to the effect that everyone needs to do his share of the work, and one hour was not much to ask. It is comments like these that provide hope for the future. Judging by the questions and comments that I hear, it is apparent that few of our members know or remember the long list of things that must be done to keep your club operating for Meets or even regular run days. Attached to this bulletin is a list of those necessary tasks. Again, thanks to all those who helped and a special debt of gratitude to Marilyn Drewes who manned the Snack Bar non-stop for both days.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

This column will be discontinued, except for special items now that the new copies have be printed and are being distributed. PLEASE read them, PLEASE abide by them. Because of the rather large cost involved in mailing the new Rules and Regulations and Rosters, please try to pick them up from Lori Esselbach if at all possible, to save your club the cost of postage.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Q. About how many pounds pull should it take to move an ordinary train of 500 tons on a level track?
- A. From 3,000 to 4,500 pounds, according to the wheel-diameter, journal-diameter, character of the track, kind and quantity of lubricant supplied, etc.; 3,750 pounds for average conditions.

DID YOU KNOW? (Continued)

Taken From: "Locomotive Catechism" By Robert Grimshaw, M.E. 1902

CLINKERS!

Thank you Dick and Lori Esselbach for all the hard work and beautiful job done, on the new Club Roster and Rules and Regulations.

Thank you again, Catherine Lyons, for running our Newsletter. The Club really does appreciate the dollars saved.

John Livesay is in the hospital at the Veterans Home. His address is: John C. Livesay He would love to hear from you!  
 Vets Home of California  
 Cal-Vet Hall, #6  
 Yountville, Ca. 94599

Tasks for Work and Run Days

Mow fenced interior and entire hill, including right-of-way  
 (This needs to be done twice a month MINIMUM)  
 Water - same areas listed above (At least once a week MINIMUM)  
 Trim, weed, cut back trees and shrubs (twice a month)  
 Price, purchase and pick-up items for the Snack Bar (Spring and Fall Meets ONLY - includes ice and fuel for stove, etc.)  
 Clean tables and area for Snack Bar  
 Put up shade covers and umbrellas, etc.  
 Set up Snack Bar  
 Install and hook up music  
 Hang signs in posted areas  
 Put out rope supports  
 String rope to keep unauthorized visitors out of steaming bays  
 Make arrangements for extra "little green house" and service for ours  
 Send out P.R. letters to T.V., Radio and various newspapers (Approx. 25)  
 Price, purchase and pick-up items for Door Prizes for Monthly Drawings  
 Price, purchase and pick-up items for Door Prizes for Meets  
 Put out garbage cans  
 Empty all garbage cans and return to roundhouse after event  
 Put all riding cars out on track  
 Return all riding cars to roundhouse after event  
 Hook up hoses and cords for engineers  
 Put out and hook up flood lights for overnight guests  
 Put away flood lights, hoses, cords etc. after event  
 Notify Sheriff's Office of overnight guests  
 Log in engines and verify boiler inspections  
 Test Boilers  
 Compose and print flyer for regular or special event  
 Continual program of spraying weeds along right-of-way and fence lines  
 Continually check track and switches for unexpected problems or damage  
 Put on table cloths  
 Remove, clean and store table cloths after event  
 Clean B.B.Q. - light and tend charcoal  
 Re-clean B.B.Q. and B.B.Q. utensils, wrap and store in roundhouse

This list, while not complete, should give you a fair idea of the tremendous amount of work involved in operating your club.

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