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TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, July 15, 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 Ernestine Corothers and Lori Esselbach. The program for the evening will be presented by Don Juergenson on metal forming.

Work Day(s) - Saturday, July 16 and 30, for our usual track and grounds maintenance and additional work on the installation of the automatic sprinklers in the steaming bay area.

Run Day - July 31 (July 17 canceled) See below for a more detailed explanation.

Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 3, at the home of Ken and Nadene Willes, 10041 El Pinzon Court, Rancho Cordova, at 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE BOARD

Because of a very, very small turnout of manower, the Board has decided to look into the feasibility of having some of the work on the Bathroom done by a contractor. The Board also decided to add a couple of additional pop-up sprinklers to the automatic system being installed in the steaming bay area. The club is also looking into the possible purchase of some high grade metallurgical coal. The old idea of portable track was once again kicked around.

MAKING STEAM

On June 11, Roger Merkh headed up a work party to put the roof on the new shelter addition. His crew included: Earl McKenzie, Ben Jennings, Henry Stefani, John Savarino, Amandus Drewes, Ken Willes, Warren, Robbie and Christy Sharratt. They also finished the work on the tables, fixed some track and did some mowing.

Our first annual "GGLS Day" at our track was a tremendous success. Many of our friends from Golden Gate Live Steamers showed up to help us celebrate a very pleasant day of railroading, visiting and dining on a delicious combined pot luck. Let's hope that this becomes a tradition to be continued for many more years. The President of GGLS enjoyed himself so much that he decided to join our club as well.

The day following "GGLS Day" was the traditional Father's Day Run. It was well attended and a very pleasant Run Day made brighter by Darrel McWhirk's smile as he gazed at the new water pump given to him by his wife Anita as a birthday/Father's Day gift.

On June 26 we had a special Run Day for the Safeway Picnic. There were over 2,000 people picnicking in the northeastern area of the park. Unruly kids from the Little League Picnic gave us fits and our donation box showed the smallest take for this year.

On July 2, our work party consisted of: Bob Weaver, Ben Jennings, Bob, Mark and Robbie Lovell, and Dennis and Judy Gramith. The Colonel, Ken Willes (confined to a reclined position because of a back injury) came out to cheer us on. Though few in number, the crew managed to mow the entire interior and hill, as well as trimming and general clean up.

July 4 found the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers represented by two Diesel Locomotives: Warren Wagner's powerful S.P. Cow and Calf and the Club Engine. These two non-steamers pulled over 700 passengers. The crews shut down from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a delicious B.B.Q. and a much enjoyed rest. We then pulled passengers for about another hour before enjoying the beautiful Fireworks display and toasting "smush-mallows" in our own private viewing area.

SPECIAL RUN - JULY 31

As mentioned above, the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce is hosting a big picnic in the park on July 31. They have asked us if we would consider running for them on this day. Since the Chamber of Commerce has supported us in the past, the Board felt that we should accommodate them in this request. Also, remember that the donations

SPECIAL RUN - JULY 31 (Continued)

that we receive provide funds for our future projects. We need all the people and equipment possible during these Summer Run Days to make them successful. Won't you please help us reach our goals?

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

After a few laps around our area, Roger Merkh has a true appreciation for "the Colonel's" contribution in the form of continuous lawn mowing for this club. What's the "magic fabric" in Maggie (Magdaline) Smith's sweatshirt? As soon as Maggie (wife of our newest member, Frank Smith) puts on the sweatshirt, she begins to bubble, smile and giggle. Neat Shirt, Maggie! Jimmy Durham and Amandus Drewes were seen eyeballing the in-bound switches. What's up guys? Rumor has it, that we might possibly see a "Northern" on our track in the Fall!

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)

Believe it or not! I am speechless!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please change the following operating rule: #214. Trains hauling passengers must be operated by qualified engineers and trainmen who are members of S.V.L.S. or any other live steam club. This change is per Board action on July 6, 1983.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. *What sort of strain is there on the fire-box?*

A. A strain tending to crush it in.

Q. *What resists the tendency to crush in the fire-box side sheets?*

A. To a very slight extent their own stiffness; to a very great extent the stay-bolts, extending from the inside fire-box sheets to the outside fire-box sheets.

Q. *Suppose that a fire-box has on it a pressure of 160 pounds per square inch, and that the stay-bolts are four inches between centers; what will be the strain on each bolt?*

A. There will be 16 square inches held by each bolt, making 19,600 pounds that the bolt will have to hold.

"Locomotive Catechism" By Robert Grimshaw, M.E. 1902 Edition

CLINKERS!

1st Annual "Feather River Railroad Days", Portola, California-August 26, 27 and 28. Parade August 27 - 11:00 a.m. Call 1-832-5912 for details.

KVIE Channel 6 - Starting 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19 - "Great Railway Journeys Of The World". This feature consists of seven journeys.

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New Member sheets will hopefully be sent out to you enclosed in the next month's Golden Spike, so that you may add them to your new Roster.