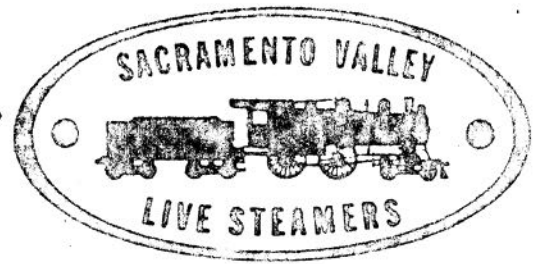


# *The* GOLDEN SPIKE



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## TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, September 16, 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 Jeri Juergenson and Shirley Durham. The program for the evening will be presented by a representative from Cal/Gas on propane burners.

Work Day - Saturday, September 17, will be a work day for our usual track and grounds maintenance.

Run Day - There will be a regular Run Day on Sunday, September 18.

Board Meeting - To be announced at the General Meeting (9/16).

## FROM THE BOARD

Due to Holidays and difficult scheduling, this months "Golden Spike" was run off before the Board Meeting. Results will be announced at the General Meeting (9/16).

## MAKING STEAM

The work party on August 20 included: Ben Jennings, David, Crissy and Claudia Dreiling, Earl McKenzie, Warren Wagner, Jimmy, Shirley and Scott Durham, Bob and Carol Bonswor, Amandus and Marilyn Drewes, Ken, Nadene and Terry Willes and Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. We had a good turnout for the Run Day on Sunday, August 21. Those of you who attend the work and run days share, not only the labor, but also the benefits and pleasure offered by your club. Those who choose not to attend, just simply miss out! We also had a good Run Day on Saturday, August 27 at the Golden Gate Live Steamers' track (see below). The Colonel has recruited a little day time help. One of our newer members, Dana Dyer, has been helping Ken at the track.

## SVLS DAY AT GGLS

On Saturday, August 27, approximately 40 members of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers accepted the gracious invitation of the Golden Gate Live Steamers to be their guests for a lunch, Pot Luck B.B.Q dinner and a day of Railroad fun and friendship! As word of the fun and friendship of these inter-club visits gets around, perhaps the attendance will increase. At any rate, all of us there, thoroughly enjoyed the day. Also there visiting were Ralph and Marian Tucker from Illinois Live Steamers. They were vacationing in California and knew about our SVLS/GGLS Day so they stopped by to visit all of us. They are a delightful couple. Ralph is the Editor of a fairly new publication, "The Midwest Interchange". Thank you, "Golden Gate Live Steamers", for a wonderful day!

## ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Last months Spike mentioned the "Orient Express" operated by Ken Willes and Earl McKenzie for Japanese Exchange Students. Rumor has it that Earl McKenzie was having such a good time posing for pictures that the fire went out in the engine from lack of attention. An embarrassed Earl was later seen pushing the engine back to the steaming bays. It seems that Bob Bonswor and his gas weed-eater and Jimmy Durham are competing for the earliest start time on work days. They were both out there working around the track while the sun was still on it's first cup of coffee! Run every weekend? Warren Wagner and Dan Woolverton have been coming pretty close. On the day after our visit to GGLS, Warren and Dan brought Warren's engine out to the park and spent about three hours giving rides, which produced a rattle in the donation box. Thanks guys, every little bit helps! Anyone wishing to run on a weekday, please contact Ken Willes or Warren Wagner for company. Anyone who has seen Howard Schrader's work on display at the park might well imagine the quality built into his "home made" milling machine. Imagination simply does not do it justice. You must see it to believe it. It is a beautiful piece of craftsmanship!

HELP WANTED

Track gang needed to re-align switches approaching yard/station and ease the curved approach track. Please contact Superintendent, Jimmy Durham for time and date.

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FALL MEET 1983

This year's Fall Meet will be held on October 22 and 23. Preparations have been started. Mark your calendars so that you won't miss out. Details and further information will be forth coming in the October "Golden Spike".

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FROM THE CAB - (Presidents Comments)

I am happy to report that: A Master Plan Committee was re-formed at the August General Meeting and is headed by Keith Kirstein. If you have any comments or input, please contact Keith. Marilyn Drewes has graciously volunteered to take over the total operation of the Snack Bar, including purchasing. If you would like to help, please contact Marilyn. Warren Sharratt has located a possible source of redwood tie material and has volunteered to do the cutting and possibly the notching. If you would like to help, please contact Warren. This spirit of digging in and getting active is precisely what this club needs to provide a strong base from which to operate if we are to continue to grow and prosper. Surely in a club of this size there is a special task that you could handle. Someone would be more than happy to help you learn the ropes and get you started. Please don't be afraid to speak out and ask for help to get active. I realize that this is just a hobby, and that some people have more time to give than others. I also know that the more you put into this club, the more you will get out of it.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. How high should the stack be?

A. The higher the better, by reason of the greater draft which can be given; but this is limited by the tunnels and bridges, etc. along the line, to 14 or 15 feet above the rail. Of course in such an engine as the Wootten, the central line of the boiler of which usually stands about a foot and a half higher than in other engines, this makes a proportionately short stack, and proportionately less draft, which must be made up for by other means.

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

CLINKERS!

A gift for the man who has everything! Bob Church received a unique birthday gift in the form of a Caboose. A 12" = 1' scale Caboose.

A change of address card received recently, indicates that Keith Brownfield is back in town after working for some time in southern California. Welcome back, Keith. Hope to see you soon!