

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, October 21, 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 Phyllis Feil and Judy Gramith. The program for the evening will be presented by Bob Bonswar on his recent "piggyback" trip by rail to Mexico.

Work Day - Saturday, October 15, 1983, will be a work day to prepare the track and grounds for our up-coming Fall Meet. Please come out and give your club an hour of your time.

Run Day - Because it is our Fall Meet, there will be run days on both Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23.

Board Meeting - The Board Meeting will be on November 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ken and Nadene Willes.

FROM THE BOARD

The bathroom plan was again discussed, this time with a little more finalization. The Board also discussed a last minute "ballpark" figure given by a local contractor. Final preparations for the Fall Meet were also discussed.

MAKING STEAM

At the printing of this bulletin, Warren Sharratt had cut up over 500 new ties. This represents a little less than half the tie material that he has to work with. We appreciate the tremendous work that goes into the cutting of ties. Our heart-felt Thanks to Warren. Anyone who has not been to the shelter area recently, will surely notice the tremendous difference. Thanks to Marilyn Drewes, the picnic tables (all the tables) have been painted. Thank you, Marilyn! Also a special big THANK YOU, to Superintendent Jimmy Durham and his crew (Amandus Drewes, Bob Lovell, and Scott Durham). They have straightened the inbound curve and did a beautiful job. A week later Jimmy was back out at the track to finish up the job with the help of Don Juergenson, Dennis Gramith and Scott Durham. The work party on September 17 included: Claudia, David and Crissy Dreiling, Dana and son Ben Dyer, Bob and Carol Bonswor, Don Juergenson, Jimmy and son Scott Durham, Warren, Robby and Cristy Sharratt, Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. Since it was Cricket's Birthday, we celebrated at the work party with Hot Dogs, Chocolate Cake and Fresh fruit. We had a wonderful turnout on Sunday, September 18, for our Run Day. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we did fairly well at the "gate". Thanks, are also in order for Earl McKenzie and Ed Yungling. They have been working evenings on rebuilding and repairing some of our riding cars. To date, they have completed four cars. Thank You, Earl and Ed!

FALL MEET 1983

The year's biggest event! Don't miss it! All signs indicate that we will have good attendance with lots of visiting equipment for our Fall Meet. There will be a night run on Saturday for those who wish to enjoy the serenity of a peaceful evening in a beautiful park accented by the sights and sounds of railroading at it's best. This year we will hold the Door Prize Drawing at the close of our public running at 4:15 p.m. so that Engineers and Traincrews may attend. We have many extremely nice prizes this year, so be sure to purchase your tickets. After the Drawing, we will once again have our "do-it-yourself" B.B.Q./Pot Luck Feast. The B.B.Q. will be ready by 5:00 p.m. and will be available until about 7:00 p.m. As in the past, please bring whatever you wish to B.B.Q. for your family and a pot luck dish to share for the table. Again, please bring your own eating utensils and plates. We will have facilities available for those dishes which need to be kept chilled. Again this year, the Snack Bar will be open (Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) with prices as low as possible. The Board has decided that the Snack

FALL MEET 1983 (Continued)

Bar operation is primarily a convenience for those attending the Meet and not a fund raiser. A signup sheet for helpers during the Meet will be at the Friday night meeting, as well as at the park Saturday and Sunday (See Dennis or Judy). Please do your part for your Club, and park your equipment or have someone else operate it for that one hour that is so important to a successful Meet.

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

If you ever have the opportunity to visit the Golden Gate Live Steamer's beautiful track in Tilden Park, and during your trip around the track should happen to notice a large orange washer, don't be a "good samaritan" and pick it up. The washers are placed around the track as markers for locations requiring maintenance. Our own Superintendent, Jimmy Durham, can probably tell you all about it. Speaking of Jimmy Durham. Ask him about those "full scale" pliers welded to his Caboose ladder. Is Don Juergenson building a steam operated lawn mower? or does he just repair broken down club mowers? Thanks, Don we really do appreciate the mower repair jobs! Add Dana Dyer and the Colonel to the ranks of those who have recently purchased lathes. Let us know when the chips start to fly, fellas! A new bright spot at the track was created when Alan Shelley was followed home by his long neglected trailer!

KEN V. SPICER

JUNE 29, 1903 - SEPTEMBER 24, 1983

It is with great sorrow that we report the loss of a dedicated Live Steamer, and good friend, Kenneth V. Spicer. Almost 30 years before our Club, had it's start Ken was working on his Mikado which is still running today. As one of the founding members of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, he erected a temporary track in his backyard to permit other members of the newly formed Club to operate his locomotive. The operation of this locomotive back and forth on approximately 40 feet of track provided a real motivation to have a Club track, hence the present location of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers in the Cordova Community Park. For many years Ken and his Mikado ("Old Faithful") provided the mainstay of passenger operation on our railroad. Unfortunately, poor health prevented Ken from doing as much railroading as he would have liked during the last few years, but friend and stranger alike were eagerly treated to glowing descriptions of the Live Steam Hobby and our Club. Among Ken's most treasured possessions was the only engraved brass Life Membership Card ever presented by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers. Ken will be fondly remembered at the throttle of "Old Faithful" steaming through Cordova Community Park.

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)

I am sure that almost everyone realizes the very important position that a locomotive holds in it's owner's heart. With this realization in mind, and because of the respect for these feelings, very few people would have the intensional fortitude to walk up and ask permission to touch someone's locomotive, much less ever dream of asking to run it. This may at times account for what appears to be a lack of interest in a piece of equipment. If the truth were known this casual observer of your locomotive may really be turning inside out hoping that you will say, "Would you like to learn how she operates". Several locomotive owners have mentioned to me that at times they would just like to sit in the station and enjoy the sights and sounds of their locomotive passing by. Or that they wish someone else could run it while they stopped for a cool drink or a sandwich. Have you considered the group of members that work so hard keeping the track and grounds in shape? In many cases, these members do not own equipment of their own and would be thrilled beyond words for a chance to run an engine. No one would ever be condemned for feeling uncomfortable turning his pride and joy over to a novice. If on the otherhand, you could teach someone enough about your equipment that you would feel confident in their ability to operate it, you too could step back and enjoy your treasure passing by. At the same time you will have done much to increase the overall pleasure of the Live Steam Hobby.

DID YOU KNOW?

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- A. By a head-light of about 40 to 75 candle-power placed in front on a bracket having a parabolic mirror by which its rays may be directed in a practically parallel beam striking the track in an elliptical area at some distance ahead of the engine.

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CLINKERS!

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RAILWAY ETIQUETTE

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A STORY ABOUT FOUR PEOPLE

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LOCOMOTIVE WORD PUZZLE

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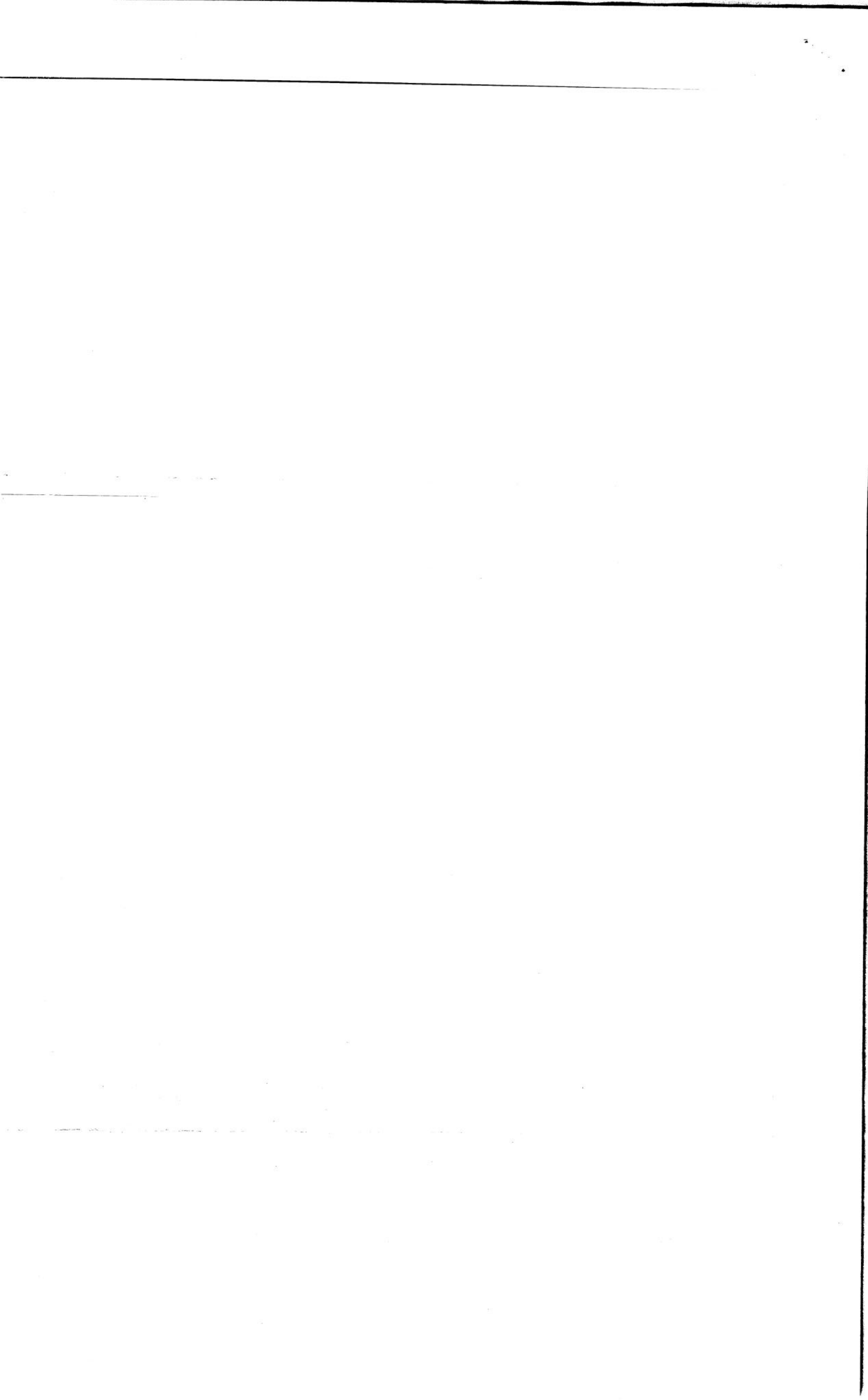
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Dennis and Judy Gramith



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