

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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TIMETABLE

Monthly Meeting - Friday, April 20, 1984, 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 Marilyn Drewes and Frances Quiring. The program for the evening will be provided by Don Juergenson, "Cast Iron - Biography of a Metal". It is cast iron and casting of metal.

Work Day - Saturday, April 21, will be a regular work day. There is much to do in preparation for our "Golden Spike Ceremony" the following Saturday (April 28). Won't you please join us and help to do some vitally needed maintenance work.

Run Day - Because our regular Run Day falls on Easter Sunday (April 22) we have canceled it and decided to celebrate the "Golden Spike Ceremony" on the following Saturday, April 28 with an additional Run Day on Sunday, April 29. Please join us for a two-day run on that weekend.

Board Meeting - The Board Meeting will be on Thursday, May 3, at the home of Dennis and Judy Gramith at 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE BOARD

Major decisions will be made on the Bathroom. Please attend the General Meeting (April 20) for details, and to voice your opinion.

MAKING STEAM

On March 17, the regularly scheduled work day, found Don, Jeri and Britancy Juergenson, Dick Esselbach, Keith Kirstein, Stan Hindeley, Darrel McWhirk, Earl McKenzie, Clair Brinker, Dan Woolverton, Cricket Judy and Dennis Gramith, carrying the load. There was a tremendous amount of work done including: restacking of lumber, disposal of debris, trimming trees, mowing grass cutting weeds, initial aligning of posts for the new steaming bay and planting trees. Thank you all, again for your support. On March 18, at the Run Day there were five engines running and the weather was perfect for a most enjoyable day. On Saturday, March 24 a small but constructive work party installed two new switches in the meadow near the river. Those in attendance were: Scott, Cheryl and Jimmy Durham, Amandus Drewes and Mark, John and Bob Lovell. On Saturday, April 7 another work party was again called. The project for the day was construction of track sections. Those in attendance were: Terry, Nadene and Ken Willes, Mark, John and Bob Lovell, Scott and Jimmy Durham, Alan Shelley, Dennis and Judy Gramith.

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

At first glance, the people attending the March 18 Run Day thought Ed Spall had "permed" his hair. Investigation revealed that dirty flues had caused the flames to leave his fire box via the door in front of which Ed had his head! Speaking of Ed Spall, he very generously instructed Jimmy Durham on the care and feeding of the "Jolly Green Giant" and allowed him to run it all day. Thank you Ed Spall! Bill Manley is working with renewed fervor on his "Allen Consolidation" after drying the tears caused by parting with the "Consolidation" which he sold to Dennis Gramith. "Short Memory Award" to Alan Shelley who on Saturday talked about the Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday (arranged specifically for his convenience) then proceeded to forget to attend on Tuesday. Shame, Shame, Alan!

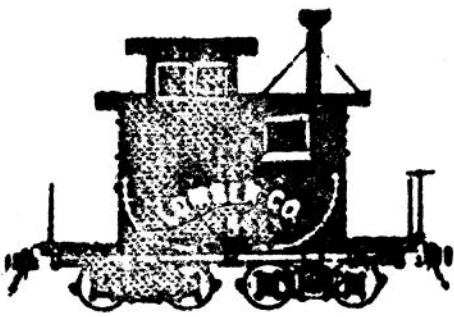
BATHROOM BUILDING FUND

At the last Run Day (March 18) our "Anonymous Donor" struck again. There was another \$100.00 contribution to the Bath Fund in the little caboose at the passenger station, wrapped in the same familiar note. Thank you, Mr. Anonymous! The club also received a donation from Dick and Dorothy Bartel. Thank You!

RR Caboose 1890s

USA 11c

Bulk Rate



AN 1890S railroad caboose is featured on this Transportation Series stamp.

new stamp

Transportation series

As the 13th issue in the continuing Transportation Series, the USPS will release an 11-cent stamp featuring an 1890s railroad caboose Feb. 3 during the Chicago Philatelic Fair.

The caboose depicted on the stamp is similar to one used during the last century by a logging company railroad in the Sierra Nevada.

Used to transport equipment and crews to and from logging sites, the tiny cabooses played an important role in the development of the West. Today, only a few of the cars are still in service, operating mainly as tourist attractions.

NEW STAMP

The postage used on this month's bulletin includes the newest stamp in the transportation series. Please see above for an explanation of this stamp.

GOLDEN SPIKE CEREMONY

April 28, will be the celebration of the 12th anniversary of our Golden Spike. The Ceremony will start shortly after 12:00 noon. This year's schedule includes the two locomotives that touched pilots 12 years ago, symbolizing the completion of our mainline. This ceremony will represent our first major event of the running season for 1984. We expect a large crowd of passengers and spectators, as well as many dignitaries from local service clubs and governmental agencies. We are also planning to have one of our "traditional pot luck/B.B.Q. feasts" on Saturday, April 28 after the days run. The Club B.B.Q. will be glowing. So bring whatever you wish to cook and a dish of your favorite recipe for the Pot Luck Table. As always please bring your own plate and eating utensils. Please plan on attending and help your club start the season on the "right track".

FROM THE CAB - (President's Comments)

Full throttle ahead! Reflect credit on yourselves ... bring honor to our organization. Credit where credit is due: to Jimmy Durham and Bob Lovell for many Saturdays of lonely work on crossings, switches, and track in general while so many others wilted away in front of the T. V. or what-have-you.

To Ken Willes and Earl McKenzie for the dirty hard work of repairing and operating the new mower.

Thanks, also to all those individuals who do their part either at the track or behind the scenes. Your efforts are appreciated. Enough flowers! Now for the weeds! Speaking of weeds, the new mower, the old mower and the weed sprayer will all help us make our facility one of the most attractive around. Unfortunately, all of these modern conveniences still require the human element to accomplish the task. While it may not always be possible for an individual to attend a specifically scheduled Work Party, you are always welcome (and needed) to visit the facility at any time that is more convenient to your schedule. There always seems to be something that needs to be done, and often it can be done by one. A "Job List" will be posted in the Roundhouse by the April 28th Run Day. Please feel free to attack any task you feel capable of handling. Also, please sign the list so that we may know who to thank. This is your club and it can only be as great as you are willing to help it to be. I hope to see you all at the "Golden Spike Ceremony" on Saturday, April 28, and on Sunday, April 29.

ROSTER

Attached to this issue of the Golden Spike you will find additions and replacement pages for your Roster. These pages represent many hours of work by Dick and Lori Esselbach, so please place them in your Roster before they are lost or destroyed.

ROSTER (Continued)

Please make these additional corrections to your Roster:

CRADDOCK, CRAIG	HOBACK, JAMES	SHIFLEY, ALAN
CLH ... Cindy (not Linda)	(209) 533-4070(hm.)	(408) 773-1015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGES

Secretary ... Roger Merkh
Trainmaster ... Alan Shelley

It is with regret that we must inform you that one of our members, Richard Miller, passed away during the middle of March 1984. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to his wife, Vermell Miller.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. *What are fireman's duties on arriving at engine before starting out on the trip?*

A. He should be on hand from one-quarter to one-half hour before the engine is to leave the round-house; have the cab and its contents made clean and free from dust, windows bright, deck swept, coal watered, oil cans filled and in place, water-supply looked to, gages inspected to see that they are in working order, lamps filled and in order. He should look at the number of cars and the load to be hauled and see what character of coal he has to do it with; see that the ash-pan is free from cinders; that all the supplies, flags, lanterns, torpedoes, etc., are in place and of the right character; that all tools are in place, fire-irons on the tender in their proper places, water-supply correct, and sand-box full of clean dry sand.

These questions are intended as a guide to the examiner and to lead him to others of more importance, and in gauging the qualifications of candidate.

"Locomotive Catechism" By Robert Grimshaw 1902 Edition

CLINKERS!

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3030 Vista Linda
Santa Barbara, California 93108

ANNUAL ADULT RUN
July 6, 7 & 8 1984

Details available at our General Meeting or from the Editor (363-9045)

COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILROAD OF TEHACHAPI SPRING MEET 1984
June 8, 9, 10 & 11 1984 Contact: Harry & Eula Haas(805)822-6514

Club Excursion - Bay Area Electric Railway Association - Open House
Tentative plans are for the Club members to meet somewhere in West Sacramento and then travel together to the Bay Area Electric Railway Association at Rio Vista Junction. Each will bring their own picnic lunch to enjoy down at Rio Vista. Details for this proposed excursion will follow. Anyone who is interested in this trip, please contact, Lori Esselbach. June 9, 1984 - Open House at BAERA-Rio Vista

Please don't forget to purchase your Club Pins, Patches and Name Badges. They are available at the Meetings and Run Days. All are priced at \$3.00 each.

Dennis and Judy Gramith