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"HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

TIMETABLE

MONTHLY MEETING - Friday, December 21, 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 "EVERYONE". As has been our standard practice in the past, everyone is requested to bring a "little" something for the refreshment table for this Christmas Meeting. The program for the evening will be a GIANT "Show and Tell" presented by "EVERYONE". (See below for explanation).

WORK/RUN DAY - Because of the Holiday season and the possible poor weather, there will be no Work or Run Day for the month of December.

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

FROM THE BOARD

At the December Board Meeting the following Officers were elected to serve in the following capacities for 1985:

PRESIDENT	Dennis Gramith	TREASURER	Stan Hindsley
VICE PRESIDENT	Dick Esselbach	TRAINMASTER	Alan Shelley
SECRETARY	Jimmy Durham	SUPERINTENDENT	Amanda Drewes

The Board also discussed the offer from the local Organ Society Chapter to co-sponsor a "Railroad Day" of organ music and silent films. Details will be published as soon as available.

FAMILY "SHOW AND TELL"

For this December Christmas Meeting we would like to have a "Family Show and Tell" instead of the customary program. Men, women and kids alike, please bring a current or recent project and share some of the details with your Club. All projects are welcome, including crafts, school projects etc., as well as, those mechanical steam related, or other model projects. Please, everyone, participate and bring something to share.

***** NEW YEAR'S DAY RUN *****

Let's all come out and start the New Year on the right "rail" with our best "wheel" forward. Mark January 1, 1985 on your calendar and be sure to attend the S.V.L.S. Annual New Year's Day Run. There will be free coffee, a warm fire to chase the chill, marshmallows to toast and brisk weather to highlight those beautiful plumes of steam (and diesel exhaust).

RAILFAIR 84

The S.V.L.S. booth at Railfair was very popular with the spectators and produced several interested prospective members. The Club was well represented by: ATLANTIC (Dick Quiring), BRASS CLISHAY-"THE RARITAN" (Henry Stefani, 0-4-0 (John Bailie), CAB FORWARD (Ed Yungling) C-19 UNDER CONSTRUCTION (Al Shelley), STUART BEAM ENGINE (Al Shelley), CABOOSE (Jimmy Durham), ELECTRIC ENGINE (Terry Willes), 0-4-0 (Ken Willes), S.P. DIESEL COW & CALF (Warren Wagner), W.P. MALLETT 2-8-8-2 under construction (Earl McKenzie). Kay and Bill Fisher were selling their book "Baggage Car With Lace Curtains and also Bob Church's books at the table next to ours. Thank you all for your support!

DUES ARE DUE...NOW!

The dues for 1985 are due January 1, 1985. Regular membership is \$20.00 or \$18.00 if paid by December 31, 1984. Associate membership is \$10.00. Please fill out the yellow "Membership Information Sheet" and return it with your paid dues.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Dennis and Judy Gramith