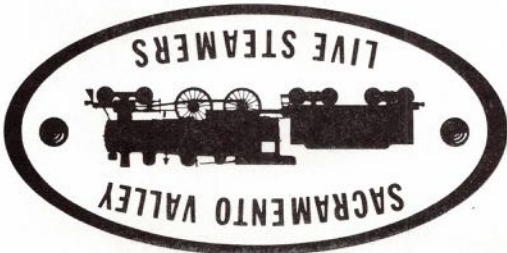


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TIMETABLE

MONTHLY MEETING - Friday, September 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 "Butter Car" will be hosted by Mary Shelley and Louise Yungling. The program for the evening will be presented by Milton Thorley on his recent trip to the Narrow Gauge Railroads of Colorado.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1984 - Depending on the size of the work party crew, we will be doing the usual grounds maintenance, some track repairs, switch installation, fence relocation, and start the building of the Maintenance Shed.

OCTOBER 6, 1984 - Maintenance and preparation for the up-coming Meet.

OCTOBER 13, 1984 - Last chance to prepare for the Fall Meet.

RUN DAY - Sunday, September 23, 1984, will be a regular run day.

BOARD MEETING - The Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 4, at the home of Dick and Lori Esselbach, at 7:30 P.M.

FROM THE BOARD

The Board discussed, an offer of rail for sale, the purchase of a cordless drill, a Snack Bar financial report, the construction of the new gates and the clubs financial picture in general. Amandus Dreves was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

FALL MEET 1984

Attached to this Golden Spike is a flyer of our up-coming Fall Meet. Please read it and them post it somewhere that others might benefit from the information. Several members have expressed an interest in having a three-day Run for the Fall Meet, especially those coming from a distance. So if you are free and able, please plan to join us for an extra day of running and visiting before the weekend crowds. More specific details on the Meet will be printed in the October Golden Spike.

MAKING STEAM

Largest work party in history! There were 32 S.V.L.S. members and kids, and 32 members of the Sheriff's Weekend Work Project. There was a tremendous amount of work accomplished. The area for the Maintenance Shed was cleaned off and the post holes were dug and posts were cemented in place. The switch for the new siding in the yard was installed, the holes were dug and the 6 new trees were planted, the line was repaired, the entire area (inside and out) was moved and trimmed, the mowing strips in the meadow area were dug and are ready for forms, dirt was hauled in and used to level off the steep, rocky bank on the Petting Zoo side of the compound. Thank you: Amandus and Marilyn Dreves, Craig Craddock, Glen Strawn, Dave Urana, Mary, Austin and Brian Knoff, Jimmy and Scott Durham, Bob, Mark, John, and Robbie Lovell, Stan Hindstley, Dick Esselbach, Dick and Eric Quiring,

MAKING STEAM (CONTINUED)

Henry Stefan, Roger and Matthew Merkh, Don Juergenson, Charles Corothers, Pete Burkett, John Bailie, Gerry Carney, Warren, Robbie, and Christy Sharratt, Darrel McWhirk, Warren Wagner, Lee Smoak, Dan Woolverson, Andy Anderson, Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith and the Sheriff's Weekend Work Crew. Again, THANK YOU, all very, very much for your support!

With seven engines running, we had a very enjoyable Run Day followed by a B.B.Q. topped off with large batches of home-made ice cream, each in a different flavor. If you weren't there, you missed a real treat. On the following Saturday, August 25, we escaped the heat of the Sacramento Valley with our Annual pilgrimage to visit our good friends in Tilden Park, the Golden Gate Live Steamers. This, the 3rd Annual S.V.L.S. Day at G.O.L.S., was a tremendous success this year. Each club had about two dozen people attending. The weather was crisp (brrrrrrr) and invigorating. The G.O.L.S. people went out of their way to make us welcome and show us a wonderful time. Our visit started with a beautifully bright "WELCOME S.V.L.S." sign and ended with a delicious, beautifully decorated cake in our honor. The Pot Luck/B.B.Q. dinner (to steal a phrase from our past) was . . . "Scrumptidiouslyicious"! Even with the chilly weather, we all had a full fun day of running on the G.O.L.S.'s scenic railroad, topped off with a fabulous ride on their next door neighbor's Big Live Steamer, which incidentally will appear in Sacramento for the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Thank you, G.O.L.S. for a memorable day! On September 6, a some what small work crew (John Bailey, Bob Bonswor, Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith) moved the hill and the inside compound. Alan and Mary Shelley, Bob Lovell and Warren Wagner tested the newly machined wheels (by Alan Shelley) on the articulated riding cars.

BY-LAW CHANGE

At the August 1984 General Meeting, the membership unanimously approved the following changes:

Article XIII Section 4 Paragraph "f" first sentence now reads . . .

(f) distribute any residual corporate monies in accordance with federal and state laws as they apply to tax-exempt corporations.

The balance of the wording of Article XIII, Section 4, Paragraph "f", shall remain unchanged and shall continue to read: "This distribution of monies . . . is completed."

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

Because your Editor's brain was on vacation the following By-Law Change should have been included in last month's Golden Spike. So, the following By-Law Change is also proposed:

Article IV Section 4 Clauses 5-6 (After the words "or in its custody")

CHANGED FROM:

Provide accounts to be examined annually by an auditing committee of two members appointed by the President at the November meeting and accomplished during the month of December; and shall perform dissolution proceedings in conjunction with the Secretary as set down in these by-laws.

CHANGE TO:

Provide accounts to be examined annually by a non-member accounting source qualified to furnish the corporation with a signed financial statement of its operations for the twelve month period ending October 30. The completed report shall be submitted to the corporation not later than December 31 of the same year. The fee for this service shall be negotiated annually by the committee of two members appointed by the President at the September Meeting.

The Treasurer shall perform dissolution proceedings in conjunction with the Secretary as set down in these by-laws.

The remaining paragraph of Section 4 shall remain unchanged.

See Aug. 84 & June 84

The above change has been researched and prepared by Stan Hindsley. This change will be voted on at the September General Meeting.

FROM THE CAB - (PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS)

While National Elections and their usual campaigns seem to be blasting at you daily from Radio, T.V. and Newspapers, don't forget about the really important up-coming election, that of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, who will handle the business of your club next year. I have appointed Amandus Drewes as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. If you are contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee, and asked to serve for 1985, please consider your answer carefully. Being a good Board member is an honor that comes complete with an obligation to work hard for the good of your club. Every Board member should plan on attending the monthly Board Meetings. It would also be nice of you would attend the regular General Meetings and show your support for decisions made by the Board. Each year three of the six Board Members are up for election. This year they are: Jimmy Durham, Ken Willes, and Roger Merkh. Please notice that in the TIMETABLE there are work days listed for September 22, October 6 and 13. We need your help! We have some major tasks facing us in the immediate future, including completion of the new siding in the yard, the moving strips in the meadow area, construction of the fence and Maintenance Shed, as well as normal preparation for the Fall Meet.

BATHROOM BUILDING FUND

Thank you, "Mr. Anonymous" for your July contribution to the Bathroom Building Fund.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. How can the fire be urged when the engine is not burning and there is no exhaust blast?

A. By a jet of steam sent up the chimney from a pipe connected with the steam-space of the boiler and controlled by the blow-cock. Also, in some engines, as on the New York Central Railroad, there are steam and air jets in the fire-box above the grate.

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

CLINKERS!

SUPER POWER RUNS AGAIN! October 28, 1984 Tilden Park - G.C.L.S.

The new Railroad Supply Catalogue is out. Price \$5.95

The following is reprinted from the Blast Pipe from the Nutt Valley, Model Engineering Society in New Zealand.

"Does your pride and joy suffer from leaky steam from boiler fittings and the like leaving that tell tale white deposit over your nice shiny brass work? Well, here is a tip from Gavin (McCabe) that will eliminate those woes forever. He has been using a pipe jointing compound at work on air and water lines using a Loctite product that virtually guaranteed 100% leakproof joints even on the most ropey of threads. However that product was not suitable where heat was predominant. He got to thinking that surely in this day and age there must be a product that is suitable for steam that does not have all the drawbacks of the traditional pipe compound we have all used. A quick enquiry to the local Loctite agent revealed the availability of Loctite Pipe Compound \$567 that seals up to 260 degrees C that in his books would cover all applications in our M.E. field. Not only that, but in order to accelerate the cure time, a new catalyst cleaner called Primer N in aerosol form is available enabling sound joints in only 10 minutes. Combined price of \$21 for aerosol and 50 ml tube is not cheap, but when you consider the compound is aerobic (sets only in the absence of air), then that tube will last a life-time and will likely be the only one you will ever purchase. The aerosol is not absolutely necessary, but the curing will take about 15-20 hours

CLINKERS! (CONTINUED)

without it, and about half the cost. Gavin says he has used the compound all over his Clishey Boiler, even in the smokebox, and can vouch for leakfree results."

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For all those concerned individuals, yes the Colonel is well on the road to recovery. He wishes to thank everyone for their concern and good wishes.

Thank you, to Dick Esselbach for all his work in preparing the new Fall Meet Flyers. THANK YOU!

West Valley Live Steamers Run Day - September 30, 1984 at Jacques Littlefield's Map available at September Meeting

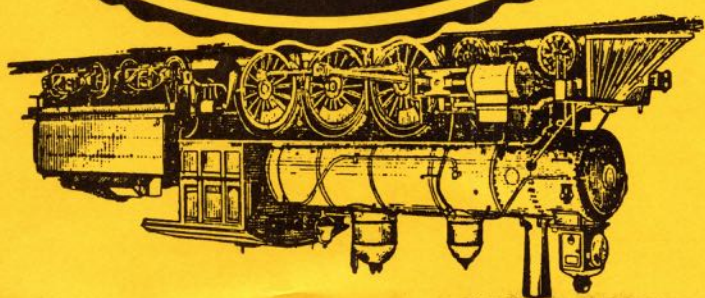
Dennis and Judy Gramith

1984

FALL MEET

COME HAVE FUN WITH US

SAT. OCT. 20
SUN. OCT. 21



A wonderful way to learn about and enjoy the great American railroad story - past and present. Engines and cars of all kinds traveling in a beautiful park setting along the historic American River. Lots of activity, with FREE RIDES FOR ALL. Donations accepted if you wish to give.

LIVE STEAMERS

Bring your equipment and enjoy our 4-3/4 and 7-1/2 inch track. We like stationary engines, tractors, boats, anything in steam, too. Display tables furnished. You'll find us the friendliest club you've ever visited - GUARANTEED! Come early for camp or RV space in the park. Motels nearby, snack bar for your convenience. You are welcome at our general meeting Friday night, 7:30 at the Park Rec Hall.

CORDOVA COMMUNITY PARK

