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TIMETABLE

MONTHLY MEETING - Friday, October 19, 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 presented by Dick Bartel on Steam Locomotives.

WORK DAYS

PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE BY YOUR CALENDAR

The Maintenance Shed will be put up and the fence will be moved. These will be Work Parties by "Special Call". Please support your club and attend these "Special Work Parties". We would like to complete these projects before winter.

RUN DAY(S) - "FALL MEET"! October 19, 20 and 21, 1984!

BOARD MEETING - The Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 1, at the home of Ken and Nadene Willes, at 7:30 P.M.

FROM THE BOARD

At the last Board Meeting the Board decided to buy additional souvenir pens, a barrel of diesel fuel for locomotives in revenue service only, and discussed the dates for the 1985 Run Schedule.

FALL MEET 1984

This years Fall Meet will start on Friday, October 19, with a day of visiting and railroading, without the weekend crowds, for those who wish to arrive early. The Snack Bar will be open on Saturday and Sunday only. Unfortunately, because of inflation, we have had to increase the Snack Bar prices slightly. We still, however, have the best prices in town. The Snack Bar will provide morning coffee, tea and hot chocolate and donuts followed by hot dogs, beer, pop and chips, until 4:00 P.M. on both Saturday and Sunday. The Door Prize Drawing will be at 4:30 P.M. on Saturday. As always, there will be a wide and varied assortment of prizes for all tastes. Tickets will be available all day Saturday right up until the drawing for only \$1.00 each. Dinner on Saturday will be our traditional Pot Luck and B.B.Q. The grill will be hot and ready for cooking immediately after the Drawing. Please bring your favorite dish for the Pot Luck table and something to B.B.Q. Again, please bring your own eating utensils and plates. On Saturday night we will have a campfire for toasting marshmallows, singing and resting between trips around the track for an evening of Harvest Moonlight railroading. Overnight parking for R.V.'s, tents, etc. is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. We will run again on Sunday and the B.B.Q. will again be hot for those who wish to B.B.Q. Sunday Evening.

MAKING STEAM

On Saturday, September 22, the entire area was mowed, some weed spraying was done, the holding tank in the "green house" was replaced, and some track work was completed. Thank you to the following workers: Roger and Matthew Merkh, Warren Wagner, John Bailie and his Dad, Dick, Don Juergenson, Dick Esselbach, Amandus and Marilyn Drewes, Earl McKenzie, Dave Magaw, Pete Burkett, Howard Shrader, Dennis, Judy and Cricket Gramith. On Sunday, September 23, five engines were running providing rides for a moderate but steady stream of passengers in the park.

MAKING STEAM (CONTINUED)

The impromptu B.B.Q. provided a relaxing end for a busy day. A large group of our members visited Jacques Littlefield's track at West Valley on Sunday, September 30. They all returned with glowing reviews of the facilities and friendly people. Thanks to West Valley Live Steamers for your hospitality!

On October 6, the tough spots on the hill were mowed and more branches were trimmed. The Roundhouse was cleaned up, the bridge for the new siding was readied for track, the culvert extension was completed, the new trailing switch for the new siding was partially installed, two car loads of large rocks were gathered from areas near the track to help eliminate temptation for vandals and several wheel barrels full of debris and weeds were cleared by Howard Shrader and his nifty collapsible hoe. (Howard brings his own hoe with him on the bus in a small enough package that it's identity would never be guessed.) Thank you to the following workers: Howard Shrader, Jimmy and Scott Durham, Warren Sharratt, John Baillie, Dick Quiring, Roger Gustafson, Floyd Weinberg, Amandus and Marilyn Drewes, Dick Esselbach, Pete Burkett, Charles Corothers, Dennis and Judy Gramith. In between these two work parties, John Baillie spent many other days on his own out at the track doing additional jobs too numerous to mention. Thank you, John! And Thank You, Alan Shelley for rebuilding the two switches at home that have been brought out (by Andy Anderson every time, Thanks) for the new sidings. And thanks to the Sharratt Family for continual watering of the grounds. Thank you also, Dick Esselbach for the many extra hours that you spend at home on art work and graphics for the club. It is this unselfish giving of these members that help to make this Club all that it is today. THANK YOU!

BY-LAW CHANGE

At the September 1984 General Meeting, the membership unanimously approved the following change:

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

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 31. 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. Please adjust your copies of the By-Laws to reflect both the above change and the change printed in last month's Golden Spike.

FROM THE CAB - (PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS)

Signals are green and the track is clear as we highball toward the end of our 1984 operating season. Next stop, Fall Meet! With riding cars in good order and a new siding in the yard a couple of old problems should be eased. Improved visibility due to recent tree trimming, should improve security and safety. The door prizes and Snack Bar will be top notch. The Park is green and full of beautiful fall colors. Advance reports indicate many visitors from out of the immediate area are planning to attend, some with equipment. The weather is cooling off and is far more pleasant. We are "The Friendliest Club" around. Blend the above listed ingredients carefully and serve with a flourish on October 19, 20 and 21 as a delightful desert to top off the 1984 S.V.L.S. Operating Season. Don't miss "FALL MEET 84"!

NEW MEMBERS

Please add to your Roster.

Glenn and Bonnie McGhee
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DID YOU KNOW?

- Q. What are the principal causes of water being carried over into the cylinders from the boiler?
A. Priming and foaming.
- Q. What is the difference between foaming and priming?
A. Foaming is caused by the presence of some foreign substances in the water, such as alkali or oil, whereby a soapy mixture is formed that is very light. There are many other substances besides the two named that may cause this foaming, such as corn-meal, that is sometimes used to stop leaks, and mud.

Priming usually takes place where the boiler is being forced or where the steam space is too small to accommodate the amount being generated. This causes the steam, as it rises from the water, to carry the latter with it and over into the cylinders. This phenomenon may also be caused by defective circulation, whereby the steam does not have room to pass through the water but drives the latter ahead of it as it moves through narrow and contracted spaces.

"Locomotive Breakdowns" Emergencies and Their Remedies 1903
By Geo. L. Fowler

CLINKERS!

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

Watch where you are going? Especially at night, when the wildlife is on the move! We have it on good authority that Live Steamer, Ernie Allen of the B.C.S.M.E. recently hypnotized a small pair of eyes on the track during a night run at Los Angeles. Unfortunately, Ernie's locomotive rendered the hapless skunk "Useless and juiceless", thus ending a night run.

If you are interested in joining a group for a trip to Castro Point, on November 4, 1984, please contact Roger Merkh for details.

Patches, badges, pins, bumper stickers, etc. will be available at the Fall Meet from Lori Esselbach.

Please bring something from your shop for "Show and Tell" at the October Meeting. Let's show our visitors what we have been doing.

Dennis and Judy Gramith