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TIMETABLE

MONTHLY MEETING - Friday, January 18, 1985, 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 Frances Quiring and Mary Shelley. The program for the evening will be presented by Don Juergenson and will answer the question, "What is a Stump Dodger?"

WORK DAYS

PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE BY YOUR CALENDAR

WORK DAY - SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1985. Weather permitting, we will once again attempt to move the fence and get started on the construction of the "Maintenance Shed".

RUN DAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1985. We will have our regular Run Day if the weather is cooperative.

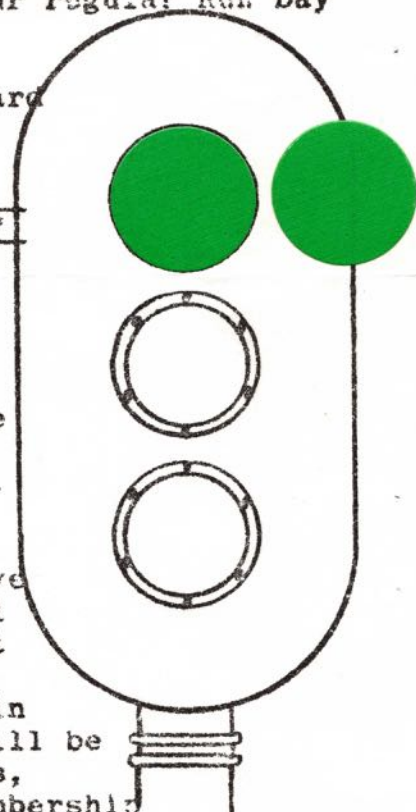
BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1985. The Board Meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Amandus and Marilyn Drewes.

FROM THE BOARD

Member, Les Wilmunder, brought details of the Pipe Organ/Railroad Program planned for February 3. This function will be explained with more details below. The following items were also discussed: the possibility of hosting a Super Power Meet in April, financial procedures, and proposed facility changes.

DUES ARE DUE!

If you have already paid your dues and they have been received, prior to January 11, 1985, the signal at the right will be "green". If your dues have not yet been received, the signal at the right will be "yellow", signifying "Warning", your membership is in danger of lapsing, and the February GOLDEN SPIKE will be the last one sent to you. If you have any questions, please contact, Judy Gramith. New Members, your Membership entitles you to a copy of the Club Roster and the Rules and Regulations. If you have not received them, please contact, Judy Gramith. For those members who have lost or misplaced their copies, they are available for \$1.00 each plus postage.



RAILROAD DAY AT FAIR OAKS

Your club and the Sierra Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society proudly present "RAILROAD DAY AT FAIR OAKS"! The program includes silent films presented against a backdrop of Bob Vaughn at the mighty Theatre Pipe Organ. For details please refer to the attached flyer. We will need equipment to display and people to help set up and clean up. Contact Alan Shelley. You can help with publicity by posting the attached flyers on the Bulletin Board where you work or perhaps at a local store. Please plan to join us for a day of fun and nostalgia.

MAKING STEAM

On December 21, 1984, at the General Meeting, we had a "GIANT SHOW AND TELL"! It was wonderful! Everyone really seemed to enjoy the entire evening. Our traditional New Year's Day Run was very well attended with sunny skies and a definite nip in the air! Seven Engines ran all day with plenty of people to watch and ride.

FROM THE CAB - (PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS)

Now that the New Year is here, and the Holidays behind us, it is time to stoke the fires, adjust the Johnson bar, and pull the throttle for the 1985 plans and projects. High on the list of priorities is the acquisition and placement of a Box Car for rolling stock storage. Before we can place the Box Car, we must move the coal pile. Before we move the coal pile, we must move the fence and build the new gates, which will also allow us to build a Maintenance Shed for mowers, etc. And the leg bone connects to the ankle bone! The Bathroom project has made a definite step forward with a generous offer by new member, Vernon Guess, to help with the plans and required approvals. It seems that Vernon is a contractor and this is right up his track. While we are on the subject, of getting things moving, may I take this opportunity to remind you one and all that YOUR Club will need YOUR help to achieve even the smallest of goals in 1985. So please plan to lend a hand on some of the Work Day Projects. You and your club will both gain from your attendance at Work Parties.

ROUNDHOUSE RUMORS

Even without the sunshine on New Year's Day, our track would have been the brightest spot in the County thanks to the wide grin on John Baillie's face as he and his dad proudly unveiled the work done on his newly acquired 0-4-0. Jimmy and Scott Durham appeared to be making record breaking progress on the partially completed Clishay they recently acquired. It reportedly runs, whisper smooth on extremely low air pressure. President, Dennis Gramith, discovered a super form of engine brakes on New Year's Day when the crank pin dropped out of a rear driver and the side rod tucked neatly up under the running board. Sure stops quick!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Q. When it has been determined that the boiler is foaming what should be done?
- A. The cylinder cocks should be opened so as to prevent the knocking off of the cylinder heads as the result of the entrained water. The surface blow-off, if there is one, should be opened. The left injector, as well as the right, should be put to work to raise the water level. Steam should be shut off at frequent intervals, and the water allowed to settle, so that its true level may be known and not allowed to rise too high or fall too low, and the speed should be reduced if necessary.

"Locomotive Breakdown: Emergencies and Their Remedies"
By: Geo. L. Fowler, M.E. 1903 Edition

CLINKERS!

Dick Esselbach wishes to thank the Club for the beautiful flowers that he received during his recent stay in the hospital. Dick is at home and recovering well!

FOR SALE: Contact: Robert Williams, 1304 Eastridge Dr., Modesto, Ca. 95355
(209) 529-0191 After 5:00 P.M.

1½" scale "Little Engines" Pacific-prints, frame material, springs, wheels, cylinder block and many other castings. All castings in brass, bronze or iron, no aluminum. Some machining work and silver brazing completed. All work is top quality.

1½" scale, 6 wheel Commonwealth tender trucks by Orange Valley Western. Prints, castings, springs, bearings and Nelson Gray journal boxes assembled. Also comes with bronze clasp brake shoes and related castings. Some machine work completed.

Palmgren #250 V Milling Attachment - Fits 8" - 10" lathe. Brand new, never used. EVERYTHING GOES FOR \$2,000.00

Dennis and Judy Gramith