

# The Golden Spike

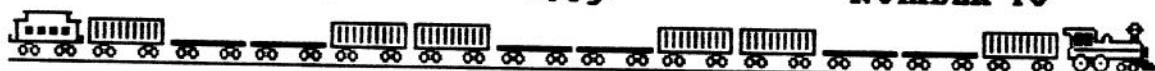


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Next month's deadline for articles to THE GOLDEN SPIKE will be Friday, December 6.

## TIMETABLE

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### WORK DAY

**Saturday, November 16, 1985 at the track.**

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SVLS Track Location: Paul Hagen Community Park, Rancho Cordova, CA.

Monthly Meeting: Friday, November 15th at 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 Betty McKenzie and Rose Stefani. Program for the evening will be presented by Barry Garland who will show a film on modern coal burning locomotives.

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### RUN DAYS

Sunday, November 17th: Run Day

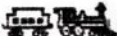
Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Dennis Gramith's Home

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**COMING EVENT:** November 30th and December 1st, and 8th and 9th are the dates of the SACRAMENTO MODEL RAILROAD CLUB Golden Spike Celebration and Open House at 1990 Grand Ave. Sacramento, CA, 927-3618. \$1.00 for adults, \$.50 for kids under 12 years, and kids under 5 years old are free.

**FALL MEET '85:** Another big success. People from far away and nearby. It was good to see friends from Perris, California, from Lemoor and Fresno, and from Oakland. We were glad to see Frank Smith who has been "under the weather" for quite awhile. It was also good to see Vickie Simmon without her walker, wheelchair or even crutches. Marilyn Drewes foot is all healed and crutches put away; but I guess both Al Shelley and Randy Merkh decided to take up the fashion of crutches and each had their own pair; Al with a broken foot and Randy with a sprained ankle.....Our potluck dinner was as usual a feast to rival the best Thanksgiving dinner..... Evening saw many engines with that beautiful glow (as Dennis says) from the firebox..... The weather cooperated and it didn't rain until Sunday night.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT!** Verne Guess was robbed on October 19th of his power tools. They were marked "Alacon" with black-white-black stripe. Others are marked "Verne Guess" with orange paint on them. Keep a lookout at flea markets and other such likely places where they might turn up.

**WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS:** 

Mr. Dick Anthony and wife Rosana  
Children: Michelle, 11; Elizabeth, 8; Lauren, 3  
6212 Low Court  
Roseville, CA 95678  
Phone: (916) 791-2732

Mr. Mike Mulder, and wife Wendy  
2230 S. Mitchell  
Turlock, CA 95380  
Phone (209) 632-5696

**CHANGES IN BY-LAWS TO BE VOTED ON IN NOVEMBER MEETING:**

**ARTICLE V SECTION 2**

The annual dues of this organization for regular and association membership shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership at a General Meeting, following publication. The dues are due and payable January 1st of each year. Associate members must reside 100 miles or more from the club facilities or be a member of a recognized Live Steam Club.

**ARTICLE V SECTION 3**

Non-voting membership in the organization is automatically extended to dependents of members. The spouse of any member may achieve full membership by paying annual dues as indicated in Section 2 without paying the Initiation Fee. Children of regular members may also achieve full membership without paying the Initiation Fee, if they have passed their 18th birthday and have not yet reached their 22nd birthday, by paying the annual dues as indicated in Section 2.

**STEAM EXPO'86**

I am reprinting a copy of a letter received from the British Columbia Society of Model Engineers in regard to the Steam Expo '86. If you are bringing an engine, and you wish a copy of the registration form, please contact Joan Merkh. Also, in regard to accommodations, the Registration Form states that "If you wish us to arrange accomodation for you party, please indicate your preference for hotel or motel; of if you are coming in a camper or motor home. We will, with warning, arrange a place for you."

Again, I would like to thank the British Columbia Society of Railroad Engineers for doing such a great job of organizing this event and of keeping us so well informed.

We are inviting owners of Live Steam locomotives to come to Vancouver and bring their engine. The locomotives will be stored at our track where they will be under security guard. We plan to operate the track for the 10 days of STEAMEXPO, so outside of the run-by on the 24th there will be opportunities to try out our track during the other nine days.

If this isn't enough to draw you, remember that in addition there are tracks on Vancouver Island and in Washington State that you could have a run on. Besides this, the regular Royal Hudson trips to Squamish on BC Rail will be operating using Consolidation #3716, or you can take the trip to Lillooet in the BC Rail Budd car and back seeing the spectacular Checamus Canyon. On Vancouver Island you can visit the Cowichan Valley Forest Museum with its operating 3" gauge railway - motive power is a Class B Shay or a Porter saddle tank loco.

For further information contact:

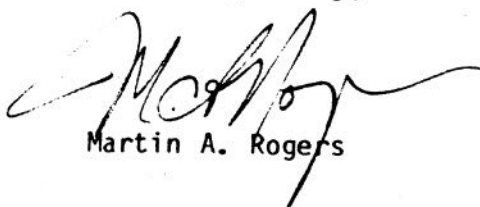
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(Mark "Attention: M. Rogers")

To help organize this event, please register your intention of coming as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,



Martin A. Rogers

P.S. Although our main track is 7-1/2" gauge, we also welcome locomotives of all the smaller gauges on our raised track.



### PLACES TO TAKE A TRAIN LOVING HUSBAND (OR WIFE):

In response to a desperate wife's plea we are publishing a list of those Live Steam clubs with whom we exchange monthly newsletters. This way if you have a husband (or wife or son) who is a little reluctant to go anywhere unless there is a train around, you could (maybe) lure them to one of the following clubs and thereby get away yourself! Also listed is any information we may have on the cost of membership in the club. The addresses given may be the club's mailing address and it may be necessary for you to contact the club to get the track address and run days of their club.

Carson City R.R. Association, c/o Box Car Ben, P.O. Box 2245, Carson City, NV 89702

Chula Vista Live Steamers, c/o Ace Wischstadt, P.O. Box 369, Chula Vista, CA 92012 Regular membership, \$30/yr and have CM certificate; Non-Resident Member, 25% of Regular Member dues and reside 75 miles from track; Junior Member, no dues and must have CM Certificate and is the direct responsibility of a parent/sponsor member.

Golden Gate Live Steamers, c/o Bill Tuggle, 531 Michele Court, Pittsburg, CA 94565. Track location Tilden Park, Berkely

Galeta Valley Live Steamers, c/o Seymour Johnson, 3030 Vista Linda Lane, Montecito, CA 93108

Illinois Live Steamers, c/o Dave Decho - Secretary, 1559 Portsmouth Avenue, Westchester, IL 60553. Regular members, \$50 initiation fee and monthly dues of \$6/month. (Regular members first join as an associate member on probation to become a regular member in a year.) Affiliate memberships available only to those who live beyond a 60 mile radius of Lemont, IL. Dues are \$8/yr.

Los Angeles Live Steamers, P.O. Box 2156, Toluca Lake, CA 91602. Track location is in Griffith Park, 5200 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles. Resident Membership, initiation fee is \$75 and \$40 for annual dues; Non resident Membership, \$25/yr if you live more than 100 mile radius from Griffith Park. Minors are not eligible for membership, however, they may share their parents' membership and wear the club badge. Parents are held responsible for their (minors) action on club property.

Maricopa Live Steamers, 7339 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, AZ, 85253

Pacific Northwest Live Steamers, Jim Sanderson Newsletter Editor (until Jan. 1, 1986), 3017 SE Tolman Street, Portland, OR 97202. Dues: \$20/yr for full membership; \$10/yr associate membership if you live more than 100 miles from Molulla (track location).

Riverside Live Steamers, P.O. Box 5512, Riverside, CA 92517

Sierra Mountain Railroad Club, P.O. Box 6515, Auburn, CA 95604

British Columbia Society of Model Engineers, 4900 Deer Lake Avenue (Club address and track site), Burnaby, BC, V5S 2C4, Phone 604-433-0176. Station Phone 604-291-0922. Dues: \$20/yr, \$25 /yr family membership; Associate Membership (60 km from track) \$12/yr; Senior (over 64) and Jr. (under 19), \$10/yr.

Vancouver Island Mod. Eng., c/o Bill Southworth, 8978 Mainwaring Road, Sidney, BC V8L 1J7.

West Valley Live Steamers, c/o Dick Thomas, 516 W. Remington Dr. #4B, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

Over-the-Hill Live Steamers, c/o Ed St. John, Route 1, Box 1030, Chilliquin, OR 97624, Phone 503-783-2554.