

The Golden Spike

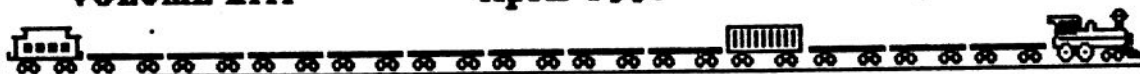


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Next month's deadline for articles to THE GOLDEN SPIKE will be Wednesday, May 7

TIMETABLE

WORK DAY

Saturday, April 12, 1986 at the track.

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

Monthly Meeting: Friday, April 18th at 7:30 P.M. at the Cordova Recreation and Park District Building, Rancho Cordova, California (Chase Drive next to the High School). Program will be by Barry Garland. Buffet Car will be hosted by Matthew Merkh. If there is anyone who would like to assist Matthew in the Buffet Car this month, please call him at 362-3603. He would really appreciate the help as this is a big project for an 11-year old to handle.

RUN DAYS

Saturday, April 19th &

Sunday April 20th

2-day Run (Snack Bar Open)

COMING EVENTS

April 19

GGLS 50th Anniversary dinner at the RR Museum

May 6

SVLS Board Meeting at Amandus Drewes

May 10

WORK DAY for Spring Meet (Please note date)

May 17 & 18

SPRING MEET

June 14 & 15

SVLS invited to Over-the-Hill Live Steamers in Chiloquin,

Oregon for a two day Run. Ed St. John is planning TV and news media coverage for the event. Clubs will be there from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. There will also be a barbeque. If you were there last year, I'm sure you remember the marvelous food and fellowship we had.

DON'T FORGET YOUR 1986 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

FROM THE CAB:

This is the word of your President. We must get behind our superintendent when he puts out the call. Since we are having a two-day run, April 19 and 20, the work party day has been moved up one week to April 12.

The club must start moving on a tie renewal program. We have sections of track that the ties are well eroded and decayed. It is the consensus of the Board that this program be given a top priority. Because if the FEDERAL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION inspector sees it, he will lower the speed limits and being unable to make the time, we will lose our mail contracts.

I, for one, do not know how we can stand to lose these lucrative contracts and continue to run our railroad.

It is with a sad heart that I mention the fact that our roundhouse was broken into and we sustained serious losses to our tool inventory. Your Board has already started the process to replace the missing items. We want those of you that report for work to have the proper tools. I would cry with tears if anybody showed up and had to return home for the lack of tools. If you are planning to attend the work party, you may want to contact the superintendent (AMANDUS DREWES 725-3525) as to the availability of tools.

The security of the roundhouse was considered by your Board of Directors, and it was agreed that a mercury light with a light sensitive controlled switch should be installed to light up and protect the roundhouse area.

NEW ITEM!

Let's not forget the dinner of the GOLDEN GATE LIVE STERAMERS, April 19. Those of you who have sent in money, your name will let you in at the door. You will not receive tickets back in the mail.

Alan Shelley, President

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

A big thanks for the turnout for the work party last month. In attendance were Dennis Gramith; Ken, Nadene and Terry Willes; Howard Schrader; Warren and Robbie Sharratt; Jim and Scott Durham; Mike O'Connor; Dick Quiring; Warren Wagner; The Earl of McKenzie; Darrell McWhirk; Dan Carter; Amandus and Marilyn Drewes.

Since we are having a 2-day run weekend this month, April 19 and 20, there will be a work day on April 12. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. There is still cleaning up and trimming around the compound area, more preparation for the placing of the boxcar and caboose, and a big need for some track work to be done. Everyone of us has a special ability or interest in the physical maintenance of our club, so let's try and have a better showing at our work days. How about some of you ladies coming out with your husbands for an hour or so? We can really use your help at jobs like cleaning the restroom or helping with some of the trimming or raking.

Amandus Drewes, Superintendent

FROM OUR ROSTER LADY, Lori Esselbach:

Lori would like to announce to you all that there will be pages at the Spring Meet for an update to your Roster Book. Please be sure and see her and get your pages. There have been a lot of changes since our book first came out.

NEW BADGE AND REGISTRATION BOOK LADY:

Colleen Gramith has volunteered to take care of issuing name badges. If you need a new one for whatever reason, be sure and contact Colleen Gramith. Colleen will also be taking care of the registration book for our meetings. Thanks Colleen for the help!

FOR SALE

320 Feet of 1 1/2" scale aluminum rail. Includes rail joiners, spikes, nuts and bolts for joints. \$185.00 Contact Floyd Weinberg at (916) 726-4012.

FROM YOUR EDITOR:

If you have not yet paid your dues for 1986, it would be much appreciated by your editor if you could do so as soon as possible if you intend to keep your membership in the club. It will necessitate a lot of extra book work in regard to the Newsletter if your name must be removed from the mailing list and then returned to the list at a later date. The "Powers that Be" have granted an extra month of grace to those who have not yet paid-up and that is why you are receiving this month's Newsletter.

I understand that if there are any hardship cases that this has been provided for in our by-laws and a person needs to contact the Board in regard to this and special arrangements (as I understand it) can be made.

Also, remember this is **YOUR** Newsletter and all contributions are gladly accepted and appreciated. I will now be working full-time as a secretary, so the best time to call in any information you may have will be in the evenings. If you have read an article or wish to write an article of interest, please feel free to drop it in the mail. Whatever information is in the Newsletter is here because someone took the time to either write it and send it to me by mail or call it in on the phone.

My deep thanks and appreciation to Marilyn Dreves and Frances Quiring for taking over the big job of running off the newsletter and doing all the work involved in getting it mailed out. Since the Newsletter must be run off during the day, I am no longer free to do this portion of it. Thanks gals!

Joan Merkh, Editor

SPRING MEET - May 17 and 18

Work Day -- May 10