

# The Golden Spike

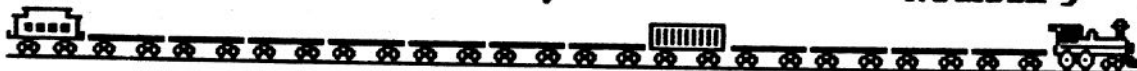


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Next month's deadline for articles to THE GOLDEN SPIKE will be Friday, June 6

## TIMETABLE

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### WORK DAY

Saturday, May 10, 1986 at the track.

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

Monthly Meeting: Friday, May 16th at 7:30 P.M. at the Cordova Recreation and Park District Building, Rancho Cordova, California (Chase Drive next to the High School). Buffet Car will be hosted by Judy Gramith.

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### RUN DAYS

Saturday, May 17 & SPRING MEET  
Sunday May 18 2-day Run (Snack Bar Open)

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### COMING EVENTS

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.

June 21 & 22 June Run Days. snack bar open

SPRING MEET: Our big days are coming up; May 17 and 18. Be sure to save those days. Come and meet with old friends and make some new ones. I'm sure the barbecue will be lit and all ready to go on Saturday night for an informal barbecue. So if you feel inclined, bring some meat and a dish for the potluck table and we'll all eat together and trade train stories. I'm sure some will want to stay and run engines at night.

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***

**SEE LORI ESSELBACH!** Lori has updated our roster sheets. Please, please pick up your sheets from Lori at the Spring Meet. She will be there on Saturday and Sunday. It is expensive to our club to mail out so many sheets, so your cooperation is greatly desired. Remember - **SEE LORI !!!!!**

**FROM THE CAB:** The Board of Directors discussed the problem of delinquent members. We will have more on this problem at a later date.

The problem of lighting our roundhouse and turntable area was discussed and plans for this project are in the works.

We are moving along on the tie renewal program. There are a lot of ties to be replaced. Our fast-passenger and timed-freight traffic will have to be slowed down unless this program can be pushed through and as you know, with slow schedules this business can be lost to our competitors, **THE TRUCKS!**

I understand that we will be ready to move the box car and caboose in place sometime in June.

The idea of a Saturday run day that was voted in at our last general meeting was also discussed at the Board meeting and it met with approval by all Board members.

Alan Shelley, President

**FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER:** WE HAVE A SET OF LIVE STEAM MAGAZINES (DONATED BY BILL FISHER) GOING BACK TO ALMOST THE BEGINNING OF THE MAGAZINE UNTIL NOW. THESE WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING (MAY) AS A COMPLETE SET TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. COME TO THE MEETING AND PUT IN YOUR BID. THEY ARE WELL WORTH IT. THANK YOU BILL FISHER FOR DONATING THE MAGAZINES.

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:** Many thanks to those who came out for the work day on April 12. Those who came were: Dave Magaw and son; Jim and Scott Durham; Vern Guess and son, Scooter; Warren Wagner; Ed Spall; Bob Lovell; Earl McKenzie; John-Bailoy; Dennis, Judith, Colleen and Cricket Gramith; Dick Quiring; Mike O'Connor, Howard Schrader; and Amandus Drewes.

We finished the grading for the box car and caboose. All of the fence post holes were dug to move the fence by the box car site. There were some ties renewed and the grass was cut. On Sunday morning the fence posts were all set in concrete by a hard-working crew. Matthew Merkh and Robbie Sharratt took it upon themselves to work for a couple of hours getting rid of weeds around the track. (Believe it or not, they did it without even being asked!). We are trying to keep up with the present work, but it is going to take a better work day party in order to progress with the planned new projects of making our facilities bigger and better. Hope to see you there next month.

Amandus Drewes, Superintendent

**GGLS PARTY REPORT:** According to all who attended, the food and fellowship were great; the band was a great high-stepping jazz band. SVLS had a good turnout and a plaque was presented to GGLS from SVLS by Al Shelley in honor of GGLS' 50th Anniversary and wishing them many more successful years.

**TO ALL OF YOU GOING TO VANCOUVER-** Have a good time and bring back lots of pictures for those of us who can only dream about what it would have been like. Maybe someone will share the pictures at one of our meetings.

# RIDE THE STEAM TRAINS

## 1986 RUN DATES

[ WEATHER PERMITTING ]  
11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

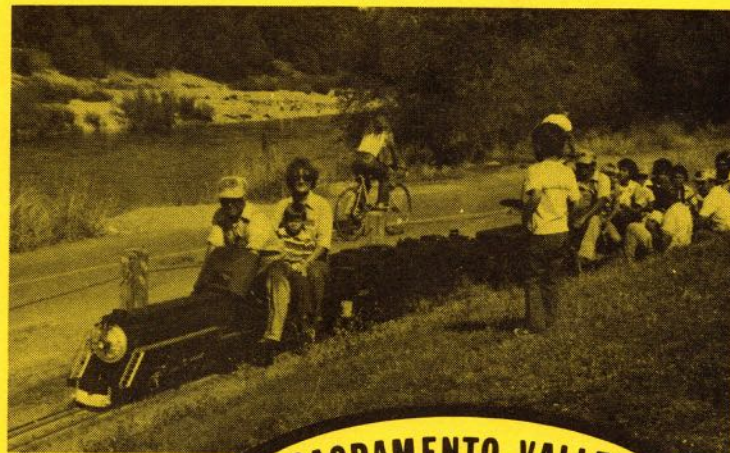
MARCH 23	JUNE 22	SEPT 21
APRIL 20	JULY 4	OCT 18 OCT 19
MAY 17 MAY 18 SPRING MEET	JULY 20 AUG 17	FALL MEET NOV 23

### STEP INTO HISTORY..... AND ENJOY THE RIDE

In 1863 Theodore Judah built California's first railroad, the Sacramento Valley Railroad. Southern Pacific trains still operate over the original right of way along Folsom Blvd. a few blocks from our track which runs along the beautiful American River whose waters yielded the first bits of "color" that started the 1849 gold rush. The river is still mined for the precious metal and much of the new construction in our area rests upon the tailings from the giant gold dredges which operated until a few years ago. Come aboard and absorb some of the romance of times past.

YOU WILL FIND A MAP ON THE  
OTHER SIDE TO HELP YOU FIND US

## HAGAN COMMUNITY PARK RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA FORMERLY CORDOVA COMM. PARK



COME RIDE WITH US.....  
IT'S FREE AND IT'S FUN

Most of our engines are small LIVE STEAM LOCOMOTIVES that burn coal, wood or oil to generate the amazing power to haul passengers around more than a third of a mile of track. Each is an accurate hand built copy of the big engines that worked for so long on the railways of the world. For those too young to have known the great romantic days of steam railroading it will be a new thrill, for the rest of us, a trip into the nostalgia of yesteryear. Smell the smoke and steam, hear the whistles and the click of wheels over the rail joints. Those who have more interest in today's railroading will find that represented here too.

We're a hobby club for the whole family. Our members are from all walks of life and include many trades and professions. You don't need a train to enjoy the hobby with us. We can use all kinds of skills and labor. Working together is a big part of the fun and the friendliness of this club is extraordinary. If you are interested talk to any member or write to Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, Ca. 95670. Don't wait, do it now and enjoy the thrill of railroading as it was then and as it is now!

THE RIDE IS FREE WITH NO OBLIGATION  
WE DO ACCEPT DONATIONS TO HELP US  
MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE RAILROAD.