

The Golden Spike

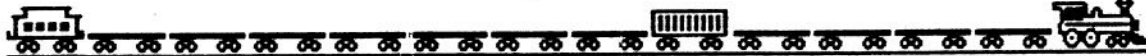


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Next month's deadline for articles to THE GOLDEN SPIKE will be Friday, August 8

TIMETABLE

WORK DAY

Saturday, July 19, 1986 at the track.

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

Monthly Meeting: Friday, July 18 at 7:30 P.M. at the Cordova Recreation and Park District Building, Rancho Cordova, California (Chase Drive next to the High School).

RUN DAYS

Sunday, July 20 Run Day, Snack Bar Open

Saturday, August 2 Run Day (I don't know if Snack Bar will be open)

COMING EVENTS

WANTED: New Golden Spike Editor. Your present editor has decided it is time for a change in editors and is looking for a volunteer to take over the SPIKE. At this point I am willing to continue on through the October issue, so if the mood to be a newsletter editor strikes your fancy, I would heartily encourage you to call me for further details on what the job entails (the sooner, the better). My phone is 362-3603.

Also in regard to last month's issue, I heard comments are the vagueness of the 4th of July Run Day. This was because I did not hear anything official from any of the Board as to whether or not there would even be a run. So since I did know there were a few of us definitely planning on being at the track that day, I took it upon myself to put the little blurb in about the 4th. Also a few of us (myself included) did not know the snack bar wouldn't be open, so we made-do with what we had. My apologies to those of you who came prepared to eat at our lovely snack bar.

To those of you in charge of the various functions of the Club: Remember, if you don't let me know what is going on, I can't pass it on. The only means of letting our members know what is going on is the NEWSLETTER.

GGLS: SVLS was very well represented at GGLS - 50th Anniversary run days. They had a tremendous turn-out of engines and people from all over. The food and fellowship was a delight. CONGRATULATIONS GGLS ON YOUR 50th.

YANKEE ROBINSON RING of Circus Model Builders will be joining us again this year for a joint meeting on our July 20th Run Day. Several of our members are also members of this ring.

Lori Esselbach

The following report on Chiloquin was submitted by Lori Esselbach.

Overheard at the "Over-the-Hill" Live Steamers: "Those Sacramento Valley Live Steamers are the travelinest club. One runs into them everywhere. Wonder when they get time to run on their track?" (It was said as a compliment)

SVLS strikes again! June 14th and 15th found Warren, Robby and Christy Sharratt, Keith and Helen Kirstein, Stan Hindsley, Dick and Lori Esselbach, John Bailie, Al and Mary Shelley, Ed Spall, and Robey and Betty Roberson (of Idaho) swatting mosquitos at Ed St. John's in Chiloquin, Oregon. This is a good railroad now and if all their plans become a reality, it should be the largest 7 1/2" road in the world. Your reporter was most impressed with what one man had accomplished in such a short time. He did have some help, but most of it was done by Ed. It is a very fast and loose operation and excitement was generated by a couple of rear end collisions due to speed. Saturday night we had a barbeque and potluck dinner and lots of good fellowship. There was TV coverage and on Saturday the whole town turned out to ride the trains. Also a local church group erected a snack bar and sold hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. and was a real convenience and much appreciated. Those travelin' SVLS folks will be back again next year.

APOLOGY to Ted Olds. MBR, 7357 Daphne Dr., Roseville, CA 95678, (916) 791-4012. He was accidently omitted from the roster uup-date pages. Please add him to your roster.

Lori Esselbach

NOTICE OF IMPORTANCE Enclosed with your Golden Spike is a separate 1/2 page that fits perfectly into the last page of your RULES, REGULATIONS AND BY-LAW book. It is an update of all changes since May of 1983. Also, in the near future we will be mailing the up-dated roster sheets to those who did

RULES AND REGULATIONS CHANGES

- #214 Trains hauling passengers must be operated by qualified engineers and trainmen who are members of S.V.L.S. or any other live steam club.
Per Board action of October, 1985
- #227 & #228 The trainmaster or his designee may waive the four car limit on a case by case basis if in his opinion, the locomotive is capable of safely stopping a heavier train.
Per Board action of October, 1985

BY-LAWS CHANGES

ARTICLE V SECTION 2

The annual dues of this organization for regular and associate 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 1 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.

ARTICLE V SECTION 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies of this corporation and maintain an accurate record of income and expenditures; pay out funds for authorized expenditures; present a financial statement at each meeting and at other times when required; maintain an accurate account of all properties owned by the corporation or in its custody; 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 31st. The completed report shall be submitted to the corporation not later than December 31st 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.

ARTICLE XIII SECTION 4

[e] Upon winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 [c] [3] of the Internal Revenue Code.

[f] No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall ever inure to or for the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.

[g] Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 [c] [3] of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

not pick them up at the Spring Meet. Please cut each page on the fold line. FOLD lengthwise first and cut. Then cut across and punch holes. Use an old sheet as a guide for placing the holes. The additional changes and added equipment you will have to write in. They will be found on a separate page along with a list of non-paid or lapsed memberships. -Lori Esselback

The following letter was received too late for inclusion in last month's Newsletter:

"An open letter to all the employees of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers: This is a letter of appreciation and thanks to all the employees of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers who gave of their time and energy so that our Spring Meet went so well. No names are going to be mentioned. You employees really made this train run go on schedule.

To all the operating crews who helped with the motive power, and did the roundhouse work, and operated your equipment in good fashion to keep all the trains running a big vote of thank you for a job well done.

A big vote of thanks also goes to the maintenance of way employees who had the track and yards in running condition. Without all your work and help this run couldn't have been as good as it was.

Thanks also go to the trainmaster employees for all their effort and assistance in seeing that our passengers were loaded properly and given a little rules guide information. Also that the trains left on time and returned without getting lost. Sometimes it is a thankless job, but you all should be proud of the jobs you did.

There is one thing about a railroad and passenger service, you should always operate with a dining car. Thanks to the "Dining Car" employees who made this a fun trip by keeping all the employees and guests and friends well fed and free of thirst on this trip. It takes a lot of effort, time, and a good gift of gab to keep everyone in the dining car happy. Without all your help this trip would not have been as enjoyable.

When the end of the run is completed and all the work is done it's time for the cleanup crew to come in and kind of shut things down and put things away until another day. Many thanks to those employees that took part in seeing that this was done. You're great and deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done.

So once again, Thank You, for all the effort and time that you so freely gave to make this Spring Meet of our railroad, The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, a great success.

A special thank you to all our friends and visitors who decided to spend a weekend with us. To those who came from far and near we hope you enjoyed Sacramento and our facility. We enjoyed your company and fellowship and hope you will come back and visit us again."

Signed: An Employee