

SPRING MEET 1987 (CONTINUED)

new (soon-to-be) switch yard, transfer table, steaming bays Box Car and Caboose, we have considerably less parking inside the fenced area. RV's, campers and trailers are still welcome, but it will have to be a "first come, first serve" basis. We will do our best to accommodate you. As usual the Saturday night Pot Luck/B.B.Q. will take place right after the Big Door Prize Drawing. Again, please bring a dish to share for the Pot Luck Table and something to B.B.Q. You will also need to bring your own eating utensils, plates, and beverages for the dinner. The "Best in the West" hot dogs, and other delicious items will be sold in our Snack Bar on both days by the ever smiling, ever cheerful Marilyn Drewes. The Snack Bar will close on Saturday at 4:00 P.M. so that Marilyn may prepare the area and her own foods for the evening Pot Luck/B.B.Q. Afterwards we definitely plan to have a "night run"! In addition to the normal events of our Spring Meet, this year we will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of the driving of our Gold Spike. We have invited the Cordova Park District Board of Directors and several dignitaries from the Rancho Cordova Area. Please help your Board of Directors make these people feel welcome. Remember, we are "The Friendly Club"! The ceremony will take place at approximately 12:00 noon.

The following was submitted by your President, Warren Sharratt.

SATURDAY RUNS

On May 2, we began running on Saturdays. We had three engines on the track and there was a lot of fun to be enjoyed. Ken Willes, Terry Willes and Warren Sharratt provided the engine power. Our thanks to the several who came out to play as well as work. The following day found Ed Spall and Amandus Drewes putting the "Jolly Green Giant" through the paces.

NEWS OF OTHER CLUBS

The Los Angeles Live Steamers will hold their annual Spring Meet on May 23, 24 and 25, of this year. They will be dedicating the Joseph F. Nelson Memorial. (Tunnel Number 1)

The Over-The-Hill Live Steamers are having their annual June Meet on June 13 and 14. We are all invited to join with them in a weekend of food, fun, and enjoyable railroading. Limited space is available for camping at trackside and lodging is available nearby.

FROM THE CAB (PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club membership for the great support that they have given me in the past few months. I am proud of the cooperation that has been obvious in the different projects that are under way. The steaming bays have been cleaned and painted, the transfer table is in, the caboose renovation is well under way, the box car is progressing nicely, the tracks for the top yard have been designed. There is many hours of work that are behind the scenes too. Switches are being built, signal lights are being created, ties are being cut and tracks for the box car are being prefabricated.

In times like these, there are often differences of opinion and nerves grow thin. We only have to stop and consider the fact that each project is an important link to the future layout of our site. It will be only a matter of time until we can see real progress.

This is a truly exciting time in the history of our club. We are on the threshold of expanding our track and there are many tasks that are ahead of us. I would only encourage you, that if you have not

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caught the excitement that I feel, and that the others that have given so many hours feel, you need to get involved. Come on out and join the fun.

Remember, a work day is not all work anymore, the trains are running.

SIDELINES - REPORTER: DENNIS GRAMITH

Come out, come out where ever you are! Where did everybody go? I have been led to believe that there are in excess of 100 members in this club. Why is it that the same SMALL handful of people are still doing all the work for the rest of YOU???. The projects listed above by Warren indicate that a very, very large amount of work has recently been put into the facilities for YOUR club. What is not evident is that the major portion of the labor was supplied by less than 10 people. While there are different people coordinating projects, in most cases the few people doing the work are working on more than one project. If your shinning face has not been seen at the work day recently, perhaps it is time for you to re-evaluate what your fair share really is. While most of you will enjoy running and visiting at the Meet, please remember that a lot of work has been done to help make the Meet a success and any help you can provide during the Meet will be greatly appreciated. When you look at the major changes in YOUR club's facility, please realize that most of these projects will still require a tremendous amount of labor to complete after the Meet is history.

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Locomotive and Tender 1" scale model USRA Light Mountain 4-8-2 with lift transporter and blower. Some tools and track. \$2,000.00
Call Art Buck (916) 6892470 or write him at 7409 Beret Lane
Sacto. CA 95828

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For further information on either of these, contact Lori Esselbach