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WORK DAYS - "SPECIAL" work days with "SPECIAL" problems and "SPECIAL" dates, August 15 and 16 and August 21 thru September 8. See "SPECIAL" information below. Please take note of these days, mark them on your calendar and give YOUR club your best response.

MONTHLY MEETING - August 21, 1987, at 7:30 P.M. at the Cordova Recreation and Park District Building, Rancho Cordova (Chase Drive next to the High School). The "Buffet Car" will be hosted by Connie Thorley and Lucille Spall. The program for the evening will be presented by Milon Thorley. Milon will be sharing with us, some of the slides that he took on his recent trip to China.

BOARD MEETING - The next Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20, 1987 at the park at 12:00 noon. Please take note of the different day, time and place.

RUN DAYS - Sunday, August 23, 1987. THERE WILL NOT BE A SNACK BAR! Remember we also have a run on the first Saturday of the month. The next one will be on Saturday, September 5, 1987. Again, NO SNACK BAR!

CLUB LOCOMOTIVE - THIS IS IT!!! Several months ago, when the membership was asked to share their feelings about the purchase of a new large Diesel Locomotive, there was substantial support voiced. At that time, we received promises of almost half of the approximately \$7,000.00 needed, in the form of shares. The shares will be repaid from the revenue earned by using the locomotive for extra run days. A decision was made to evaluate two locomotives offered by different manufactures and to pursue funds until the August General Meeting. At that time the project is to be re-opened for discussion about the progress made and the possibility of reaching the funding goal, as well as other potential sources of funds. As of the 1st of August, we have approximately \$3,300.00 in the Locomotive Fund. Of this amount, \$3,000.00 is in the form of shares, with the remainder from donations on non-scheduled run days. Many of the members who stated on the survey that they would buy shares, have not yet done so. Several members who have already purchased 1 or 2 shares have offered to buy more, up to the limit of five (5) shares per member. NOW IS THE TIME! As you will read later in this Bulletin, Railroad Supply Co. has very generously offered to loan us a Diesel Locomotive for use at the California State Fair Display. The Locomotive will be their G.P.-40 which is the Locomotive selected by the Board as the best choice for our Club Engine. Railroad Supply also arranged for very low cost shipping and agreed to work with us if we decide to keep the Locomotive. As you will also read in the State Fair Report, we have the potential

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to generate some funds during the State Fair. The amount depends on our performance. If we can boost the sales of shares among you, the members, perhaps the State Fair Revenues will be enough to put us over the top and we will be able to keep the engine. NOW IS THE TIME!

Please send your checks to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers

(Please note

P. O. Box 273

new zip code)

Rancho Cordova, California 95741

Make the checks payable to S.V.L.S. and mark them on the bottom for the Locomotive Fund. The shares are \$100.00 each with a maximum of five (5) per member. This dependable locomotive will be a great help on run days and will attract new members who do not own equipment. Let's face it, it is fun to run a train!

CAL-EXPO 1987 - The California State Fair and Exposition has approached our organization as a potential exhibitor for this years fair. With the approval of our Board of Directors, the offer was accepted. We will have a circle of pre-fabricated track, 100' in diameter. The track will be purchased by the fair and kept for future displays. We will operate trains from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily during the eighteen (18) days of the fair, Friday, August 21 thru Monday, September 7, (Labor Day). Many members have been contacted to display and/or operate their equipment and greet visitors to our display. We will have approximately 6 locomotives on display for the entire 18 days, with several more on hand for operation on a one or two day basis. We will be giving rides for which the fair will charge \$.50. After they deduct their expenses for ticket sellers, over-night security guards, our fuel, etc., they will split the net profits with us. The vast details have been explained to and accepted by your Board. If you would like to help with this gigantic project, please call Dennis or Judy Gramith at (916) 363-9045. We particularly need all the help possible on Saturday, August 15, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the fair grounds to assemble and position the pre-fabricated track. If you are able to help, contact Dennis or Judy for the instructions on, location and access to the site. We also will need help on the morning of September 8, for dis-assembly and removal of the exhibit. While this project represents a major investment in time and labor, it also will provide great exposure for our club and the hobby. Those members that have already volunteered will be receiving a "State Fair Packet" in the mail as soon as we can possibly get it together. It will have a map of the fair, location of our exhibit, where to park, etc. Thank you so much to all you wonderful people that have already volunteered. Your club and the reputation of this hobby will definitely benefit from your services. THANK YOU!!!!

We would like to send our best thoughts and prayers to Stan and Barbara Christianson for the loss of his mother on July 7, 1987.

One of our most devoted and hard working members, Lori Esselbach is a bit under the weather and has resigned as Secretary to the Board. Please keep an extra good thought for her return to good health.

Another member, Joel Segel, has a most interesting article in the latest issue of "Garden Railways" magazine. Congratulations!