

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Dale Fowler

I have some sad news to report... Long time live steamer, SVLS member, State Museum volunteer, and collector Berry Garland passed away on Saturday October 4th due to a long illness. Several SVLS members were in attendance at Berry's Funeral service where retired Channel 3 newsman Harry Martin, Ed Yungling, Milon Thorley and Ken Yeo, offered remembrances. On Sunday the American and SVLS flags were flown at half staff during the SP Historical Society Special Run in his memory. Berry was an inspiration to so many and he will be sorely missed.

With the Fall Meet bearing down on us attempts were made at last minute completion of projects. Pete Arney, Bill Yoder, and Lee Frechette completed filling in the electric trench in the caboose area. A cement pad has been poured and an electrical box placed next to the caboose. Paul Clifton, Pete Arney and Bill Yoder secured a new transformer and mounted it in the roundhouse, placed a disconnect box in there as well, and installed a breaker box in the outside electrical box housing, and made the connections. Mean while I was able to finish installing the sheetrock ceiling in the bathrooms and placed

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SP Historical Society Run

The SP Historical Society special run took place on Sunday October 5th as the final event in their several day convention in Sacramento. In attendance were some 85 members of that group, some from as far away as Arizona, Washington, Ontario Canada, Illinois, Connecticut, Tennessee, and New Zealand. Two of the visitors were steam locomotive Engineers Mike Nichols and Bill Colley from Durango and Silverton steam railroad. Our efforts were very well received, and everyone who attended seemed very happy that they had taken this tour as part of their visit. People were very impressed with our facility, and our hospitality. They all took rides and expressed their appreciation with a group donation of \$400 and another \$95 or so in individual donations as well. They were able to participate in a raffle for the SP/DRGW desktop pen set which raised another \$250 and one person purchased a long sleeved SVLS denim shirt. The Society had arranged a catered lunch for themselves and included the SVLS members and guests as well in the meal. It was a great day for all and I think we had just as much fun as they did!

I want to recognize the following SVLS members for participating with equipment and/or displays: George Potter with his Pacific Coast 4-4-0 #6 (wood burner), Don Yungling with

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CALENDAR

Nov 3 Board Meeting (park building n 6:30 PM)
 Nov 8 - 9 Rail Fair at Roseville
 Nov 21 General Membership Meeting and
 Elections - come and vote.
 Nov 22 Club Work Day
 Nov 24 News letter deadline
 Nov 29-30 Special Santa run

Dec 1 Board Meeting
 Dec 19 General Membership Meeting
 Dec 20 Club Work Day
 Dec 22 News letter deadline

Don't forget about work days, every Tuesday and most Saturdays. Contact a committee member for information on needs. There are always things to be done to support YOUR club.

How will you help your club this month?

**International Railfair's
 annual NORTHERN
 CALIFORNIA MODEL
 RAILROAD SHOW!**
November 8 - 9, 2003
 Saturday 10 am - 5 PM
 and Sunday 10 am - 4 PM

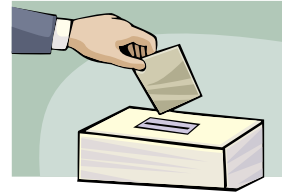


SVLS will have inside display and Steam engine running outside. To help SVLS in this event please call a board member.

Have a neighbor or a friend who has an interest in Live Steam? Invite them to join SVLS. Take the Membership form on the back page and give to a friend to join SVLS.

ELECTION

The November meeting (21st) is the SVLS election and all members are encouraged to attend and vote.



The nominating committee Marilyn Drewes (Chairperson), Milon Thorley and Lee Frechette have nominated for President, Joel Corbin; for Secretary, Keith Berry; and for Trainmaster, Ross Crawford.

Please read candidates statements on page 4.

Nomations will also be accepted at the meeting.



SANTA RUN on November 29 & 30th we will be having our annual Santa run for the kids. A great time was had by all last year and we would like it to be as great this year too. If any one has any suggestions on decorations, or anything else your input is greatly appreciated. Please contact Marilyn Drewes (916) 725-3525. **We need some help on furnishing cookies for the kids - lots of them!!**

MEMBERSHIP

By Cindy Wilmunder

It's getting to be that time of the year again! Time to start paying your S.V.L.S. dues for 2004. Pay your dues before January 1st, 2004 and pay only \$27.00 for Individual membership. \$15.00 if you qualify for Associate membership. After January 1st yearly dues are \$30.00.

When you pay your dues please fill out a membership form so we can update our membership records with your current information (form included in news letter).

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the last of the insulation in the attic. The panels of plastic ceiling covering have been cut and glued in. Finishing touches remain to be completed.

Then came the Fall Meet. And what a meet it was! This was the kind of meet that we always hope for with lots of steam, and a good deal of that from out of town. Two outstanding examples were Joe Yetter of Salinas with a brand spanking new GS-2 SP Daylight and Carl Hovanitz of Arroyo Grande with an SP GS-1 in gray livery. Carl mentioned that his engine was built by Dick Thomas and had been lettered Georgia Short Line.



I didn't even recognize it because of the extensive detailing to transform it to its current SP appearance. In addition there was Bill Cody, Joe Pickett, Bob Paxton, Cal Tinkham, Ken Schroeder, and others from Nevada, and Bob Lovell from Arizona. These guys are always good for lots of action on the high iron. We had other visitors too such as Bruce John, a member of the Portola Valley & Alpine club in Menlo Park, and Charles Dockstade of California Valley. There were lots of GGLSers too, such as Bruce Odelberg, and President Ken Brunskill among others. There was lots of rolling action from our local members as well, including Frank Delosso and his track "speeders", Don Yungling and the big 4-8-4, Doug Fulton with his mogul, Milon Thorley with pacific "Jolly Green", Paul Caldwell's Tweety Lines mike and the Big Smokey RR beam engine, Red Hadler and



"Goob", and lots more. We had shays, we had 0-4-0s, we had 4-4-0s, we had diesels, and we had electrics. This gives you just a brief look at the phenomenal turnout we enjoyed, and the best part was getting to see all those people that we don't get to see enough of.

Thanks go to the following: Fall Meet Chairman Lee Frechette. Track Superintendent Pete Arney. Paul & Lois Clifton for handling the all important meal reservations, organization and purchasing. Marilyn Drewes, Norinne Murphy, and Vern & Clio Geyer for working the breakfast production and helping with the dinner services, and Barbara Moser for her work in the caboose kitchen. Milon Thorley and Les Wilmunder for supervising unloading. Gordon Moser for cleanup and pickup duties. Cindy Wilmunder and Clio Geyer for their work on registration. Joel Corbin for taking on the raffle prize purchasing and organizing the raffles. Newsletter editor Bill Yoder, and Webmaster Dale King for their behind the scenes efforts in the area of publicity. Butch Floyd, Les and Cindy Wilmunder, Vern Geyer, and Don Hyberg for their work at the passenger station. A couple of final items... We can thank Vern & Clio Geyer and Marilyn Drewes for the fine condition of the Club picnic tables. A few weeks ago they took on the task of sanding and painting the tops and seats. They look great. Also, a special thanks to Bob Bell for donating the material and making new seat sections and table top sections where needed. And... Les and Cindy Wilmunder have donated a 45-foot shipping



container to be used for storage.

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SVLS FALL MEET 2003

This will be a welcomed addition. Many thanks to you all.

Now we can turn our attention to the Halloween Fright Nights of October 30th and 31st. We are hoping to have a couple of dozen people to man the VIP night and Halloween night trains for our part of this joint effort with Jewel Performing Arts Center. This is something new for us, operating the public after sunset, and we want to have this well staffed. Thanks again to everyone for your participation. You are all just great!

Lastly, the Santa Train will be operating the two days of the Thanksgiving weekend. We can use people to help decorate and to lend ideas. We also can use engines and engineers. Marilyn Drewes is the Chairperson for this event. So by all means let her know if you are willing to help in any capacity. We had a ball last year.



A busy station but all in a day of fun for everyone.



Cal Tinkham's #26 4-6-0



Paul Caldwell - Tweety Lines mike #250



Matt and Son pulling out of the yard.

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SP GS-1 #4403 and reefer, Darrel Tilcock and his niece Christina with SP SW-7 diesel #4609 in tiger stripe,



Red Hadler with El Gobernador, John Hanes with his newly completed Governor Stanford in 1" scale, Les, Cindy and Casey Wilmunder and their 1" 0-6-0 #1206 as well as a display of SP lanterns and photos, Gordon and Barbara Moser with their CliShay, Matt and Nick Schroedle and their Shasta Pacific "geep" 50 and train, Milon Thorley with the Southern PS-4 "Green Giant" as well as his WP SW1500 switcher and train, and myself with three wooden freight cars, and Marilyn Drewes with a comprehensive display of SP memorabilia from the collection of Amandus Drewes.

Other SVLS members who participated by helping with setup, cleanup and service, and helped with the trains were: Joel Corbin, Mike & Claudia Dreiling, Marilyn

Drewes, Paul and Lois Clifton, Dick Esselbach, Lee Barnett, Pete Arney, Rich & Amy Lutrel, Al & Mary Schelly, Butch Floyd, and Lorra Fowlar. A big thank you to all of you that made it happen and another thanks to photo and sound vendors Russ & Jerri Gaal for providing souvenirs for visitors to purchase as mementos. Good show!



Butch giving parking directions.

SVLS FALL MEET 2003



Paul Moser with his Super Mac engine.



Ken Schroeder with his Centerville & Western Nevada RR steam engine # 3



Andy Clerici's Dry Creek #1 from Golden Gate

ELECTION

Joel Corbin, Statement for President

I was pleased to be asked by the Nominating Committee to run for President of the SVLS. I trust I can depend on you for your vote.

Over the Past year as Vice-President, I have helped with a number of changes made by the Board of Directors and they were implemented by many of you. So many have contributed, it is hard to recognize everyone. I have, however, seen that the SVLS members have worked together very well. There is also a need for a cohesive direction so that we all continue to work together with the same goals in mind. Emphasis on the Live Steam hobby is very important in order to continue the organization into the future as long as we can. We need a focus on building all types of equipment and to get folks together who can help each other with their special projects and needs. We also need to encourage participation in all of the SVLS events. My activities as Chairman of the Spring 30th Anniversary Golden Spike Meet was an attempt to get our members, other clubs, vendors, Park and City officials and guests together for fellowship and experiencing the excitement of our operation and contributions to the community. Everyone I spoke with was very happy with the outcome of the Meet. I hope you were too. This is an example of what we are and what we should continue to be.

From a business perspective, I have been in the insurance business for over thirty-five years and have managed several office operations within my field. Recently, I found a replacement source for our SVLS insurance when we were threatened with having no coverage due to our agent's actions in Oregon. I have served on the Board of Directors of several Live Steam clubs and this includes SVLS back in the seventies when our group was getting started. I started and named the SVLS Golden Spike newsletter.

I have had a 1" scale Camelback steam locomotive, which I sold and now have a half finished 1 1/2" scale Mogul. I have a complete shop and have taught

woodworking skills to a group of friends in Southern California before moving back to the Sacramento area in early 2000. I am familiar with construction and currently hold a California Contractors License.

I am prepared to consider you and to contribute as much as I can to the SVLS. For this reason, I would appreciate your vote for the office of SVLS President for the coming term.

Keith Berry, Statement for Secretary

I am pleased to accept the nomination for Board of Director membership as Secretary. Previously, I have served the SVLS as Secretary, Superintendent, and President.

As your Secretary, I would commit myself to attending all Board and General Membership meetings., and will assure the membership of accurate, objective, and timely processing of meeting minutes. Additionally, I will strive to maintain an informed membership, and effective Board of Directors stewardship of SVLS assets. Lastly, I will respect and respond to all communication from interested individuals, other clubs within our hobby, and agencies having jurisdiction over our incorporation.

Demonstrating my belief in a working Board membership, I will continue to support our track Superintendent, and will serve on such planning committees as I am invited to attend.



SVLS FALL MEET 2003



Roy Anderson and his Oregon Pacific Rwy #2 a 2-6-0



Steve Alley with a Shay



Paul Quiring stopping in the station with # 927



Stathi Pappas running SP # 2509



Don Bruner with Cal Northern Pacific #1622 a 2-6-0



Joe Yetter with SP GS-2 1st time moving under steam

Track Superintendent

by Pete Arney

Your humble Track Superintendent appreciates the involvement of a great many individuals in maintaining our track, buildings, bridges, and steaming bays, all within the purview of the Superintendent. The following are some of the notable accomplishments of those individuals and will serve also as the Track Superintendent's monthly report to the SVLS membership.



Paul Skidmore has donated another lot of redwood and kiln dried pine ties. Paul took the deck material from a friends deck and cut it into 1-1/2" square stock by 16" long. Paul also took all of our 2" x 4" PT wood lengths that we have had on hand and cut them into tie stock as well. Thanks Paul. You're keeping us alive.

Paul Clifton found a source that has donated a significant amount of treatment oil. The oil will be combined with linseed oil and thinner to treat our bridges and trestles. Paul's son donated a number of 5-gallon cans to store the oil in. The oil will provide us a superior mix to apply twice a year or so at much less total cost.

Bill Yoder donated a large 208 volt mercury-vapor light fixture for use at the steaming bays. Bill erected one of our tall square polls, installed the light, and wired it to a spare electrical breaker in the Roundhouse. The light successfully lit up the whole steaming bay area obviating the need to use the small portable light poles we've used in the past during the meet. The installation is temporary but will be made permanent soon. Bill also designed and installed car stops at the ends steaming bay tracks. The device is made out of angle and bar stock with an arm that swings up to engage couplers if desired. Bill welded the devices to those tracks that didn't have any stops already installed.



The new electrical line to the caboose has been completed. Thanks to Paul Clifton, Paul's son Rod, Richard Lutrel, and especially Bill Yoder for the demanding work of installing the new electrical cabinet and breaker panel at the caboose, and the conduit and new transformer within the Roundhouse. Bill also installed several convenience outlets outside the cabinet and these are currently being used by the haunted house. The caboose now has a full 120/240 volt supply that won't dim when someone turns on the restroom lights. Along with this effort, all of the

remaining trenches were filled in, the old direct buried wire to the caboose abandoned, and the caboose area returned to normal. Thanks to all for their patience during the several months of construction.

Locks and combinations have been changed. New locks have been installed on the restrooms. If someone requires a key for a special purpose, please contact the Superintendent. Gate lock combinations have been changed as well. A number of people were notified by phone by Lee Frechette and others. Contact a board member if you need the new gate lock combination.

A boarding pad about forty feet long was constructed by Lee Frechette along East Hill to assist in loading Halloween revelers at the Jewell Performing Arts' haunted house. This will be left in place for future events and next year's haunted house.

Vandals tore off the switch throw handle for the upper/lower yard tracks in the park early in October. Lee Frechette welded the assembly together and provided a husky bearing surface for the throw instead of the bar stock previous used.

Vandals also bent the switch point tie bars on the two remote switches in the park a day or so before the meet so that the switches would not fully throw either direction. Thanks to Mike Presson's help in repairing the switches.

Tie replacement continues. Thanks to Keith Berry for replacing ties in the mainline approaching twin bridges and in the old park section. In the old park past the ponds bridge to the south, thirty feet of steel rail was installed replacing a well-worn stretch of old aluminum rail. Thanks to Richard and Amy Lutrel, Mike Presson, and Keith Berry for their efforts.

Mike Presson spent the Friday before the meet installing the signals and batteries as well as placing bonding straps around joints on much of the north track. The signals worked fairly well despite discharged batteries and open wiring connections due to recent track work. Thanks Mike.

On Sunday morning of the meet, the inbound track to the lower yard was leveled and reballasted to eliminate some sinks that apparently occurred during heavy park watering. Thanks to Les Wilmunder and Richard Lutrel and his guests. Les also repaired the switch throw on the inbound track 1 - 2 switch to the lower yard.

Projects planned for the near future are:

- Completion of grade crossing installation at Oasis and at the north end.
- Addition of a second track to access the transfer table, paralleling the existing track, allowing inbound and outbound lead tracks.

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- Renovation of the station track, pending a decision of the Station Committee on proposed station locations.
- A new and expanded signal system.
- Your Superintendent's choice: steel rail, tie plates, and plastic ties. [just dreamin']

Work days are usually held on Tuesdays and the scheduled monthly work Saturday. Many other Saturdays are work days as well. E-mail (parney@pacbell.net) or call (916-988-2000) the Track Super to confirm a workday if you would like to be involved. Emphasis will be on tie replacement, tie screw tightening, gauging, and roadbed leveling with some limited rail replacement and switch repair for the rest of this year.



Dad and sons (engineers to be) enjoying Fall Meet

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Trainmaster Report

by Ross Crawford



To continue from last month with realinement of axles when they are not parallel. Take the truck apart and measure between the bearing holes on each side and mark the long side.

1. Put some braze in one long hole and rebore it so that the bearing holes will be equidistant.
2. Try JB weld then step 1.
3. Rebore the long hole to proper location and install a 1/4-20 set screw in the end of the frame and into the bearing hole to hold the bearing in its new position. Be sure to leave .010 clearance for the bearing to float (for equalizing) then loctite the setscrew in place.
4. Replace all the bearings with the next larger size that will still fit the journals and rebore the holes.

If you are going to do this make sure all four bolster guide surfaces are equidistant from the nearest hole otherwise your truck will run crooked. But that's our subject for next month.

The latest news is the club engine went "in the ditch" on Sunday of the meet because of a loose tire on the pilot truck. I hope to have it fixed for the Halloween run. I will probably heat the tire and re shrink it on the wheel center with a .002 shim. Then, this winter we will make new wheels.

The meet went well with minimum supervision. I kept my fingers crossed.

For questions call Ross at 916 718-4162



Please check the club web site www.svls.org for current information on club activities. Also visit Matt's on-line diesel discussion group. www.groups.yahoo.com.

SPIKE editor request ideas for articles. I am also looking for members that would like to spotlight their projects - in progress or finished. Please call or E-mail the editor. - Thanks.



FOR SALE:

Barry Garland's family has for sale Barry's 1.5 scale steam engine, cars and many parts, magazines and much more. Call Ross Crawford at (916) 718-4162.

- Mogul \$20,000
- Gondola with riding seats \$800
- Box Cab electric \$4,000
- Wood Caboose (working doors and windows) \$900
- Wood flat car (circus style) \$800
- Also a real Caboose stove.



FOR SALE: Winton Mogul #8
Contact Marilyn Drewes (916) 725-3525



For Sale: 3 ton arbor press and 6" Enco milling vise both good condition. Best offer.
Call Ross Crawford 916 718-4162

NOTICE of stolen caboose painted in U.P. yellow. Caboose was stolen from Jimmy Durham along with a trailer.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DUES INVOICE**

To be filled out upon application for membership and/or membership renewal



NEW RENEWAL DATE: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: INDIVIDUAL
 FAMILY
 ASSOCIATE

YOUR NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILDREN
LIVING AT
HOME
(Names _____
and
month/day
of birth): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP+4: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

OPERABLE LIVE STEAM EQUIPMENT: _____

LIVE STEAM EQUIPMENT UNDER CONSTRUCTION: _____

Do you have track at home? Yes No Someday Gauge: _____

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLS: _____

Other railroad club affiliations: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DUES TO:

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS

Attn: Membership

PO Box 273

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95741-0273

Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers

DUES RATE: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (Individual or Family) is \$30.00 per year payable and due on January 1 or \$27.00 per year if paid by December 31st of the preceeding year.
ONE TIME INITIATION FEE: \$30.00 (In addition to the regular membership dues)


ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 per year (NO initiation fee) Must live 100 miles or more from track or belong to a recognized live steam club. An associate member who moves into the 100 mile radius must convert to a regular membership by paying the \$30.00 initiation fee.

Membership is conditional for a period of six (6) months, at which time acceptance as a regular member will be voted upon by the general members at a regular meeting. In the event of a negative vote, the initiation fee and 1/2 of the yearly dues will be refunded.

Amount Paid: _____ Check _____ Cash
 Name Badge Roster Rule Book Card



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**SAFETY RULES FOR
THE MONTH**

229. Chains will be installed between any riding car on which the Engineer is riding separate from his locomotive. Chains will also be installed between any fuel cars and the locomotive which it supplies. Chains will be installed on all cars carrying the general public.

309. All operating personnel, while on duty, shall have a copy of these operating rules in their possession. (See rule #118).

420. Car and truck bolsters shall be constructed to provide three or four point suspension for the car body. Side bearing clearance shall allow trucks to swivel freely, and provide stability for the car body with maximum load shifting. King pins for unequalized trucks shall be loose enough to allow equalizing with

Caboose Menu	
Chili Burger	\$3.00
Chili Dog	\$3.00
Hamburger	\$2.50
Hot Dog	\$2.50
Grilled Cheese Sandwich	\$2.00
Bowl of Chili	\$2.00
Nacho's	\$1.50
Meal Deal (includes Chips, drink, salad & dessert)	\$4.00
Special of the Day	\$4.00
All hamburgers & sandwiches come with: Tomato, lettuce, & pickle. Onion upon request	
Drinks / Dessert	
Soda	\$.50
Gatorade	\$.75
V-8 Juice	\$.75
Water, Ice Tea, lemonade	\$.50
Hot Chocolate	\$.50
Coffee & Tea	Free
Ice Cream Bar, Ice Cream Sandwich, Crunch Bar	\$.50
Drum Sticks	\$.75
Popsicles	\$.50
Candy Bar	\$.50