

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



www.svlsrcm.org

July 2011

Volume 38, Issue 7

## VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

*By Bill Yoder*

At the last Membership meeting the members voted to change the July meeting to Sunday the 17th. This will be a member run day along with a pot luck lunch and a meeting at 12:30. So bring your train, or a big show and tell project, or just your smile and join your fellow members for a day of fun.

If this works to everyone's favor, then we will continue to have a Members run day with a meeting also.

Next month we will have Hot August Run (day/night) and a pot luck dinner on Saturday August 20th.

September is getting here quickly it seems and we will have our Fall meet September 16-17-18.

From the June Board meeting: • Stone cap for memorial wall would cost about \$500 so agreed to postpone until Jan. after looking at financials. • Application for AmeriCorps help for next year for 3 weeks is being done by Andy. • The RS3 needs new wheels other items - see report by Ross. • Hydro tester is broken, a new pump will be bought. • Air compressor valve will be ordered and replaced.

Matt Mason gave final report on the Meet. We had 57 engines of which 6 were 1" scale. Raffle went well, Dinner went well, Reverse running after a couple of problems went well. Several improvements are needed: 1. Water in lower yard; 2. New throws for park area to help with reverse running.

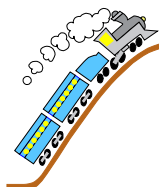
I am looking for a couple more members to be on the planning committee. The committee's task: to approve projects, prioritize them and plan them as needed for long term. If you would like to help - as this is your club - then call Bill Yoder.

We also have several projects that have been stuck due to lack of people power, so if you want to help please call.

Don't forget Fall meet is just 2 months away.

Any questions or need something to do then call me.

Keep it steaming....



## Road Foreman Diesels Report

*By Ross Crawford*

The Alco RS3 engine is not available for service due to thin wheel flanges on the power trucks (19 years old).

We have investigated the alternatives: new locomotive, new trucks, repair existing trucks and the Board of Directors has decided to repair the existing trucks.

I have ordered new steel wheels from Real Trains in Yucaipa but I am going to need help from the membership with the rest of the project. If you have mechanical or machining skills please call Ross Crawford at (916) 718-4162. I will provide drawings. I will need axles, journal boxes, side frames, equalizers, and assembly of parts.



Now here is a interesting railroad, one with a narrow right of way. Pikes Peak Cog, at 14,110 feet elevation. Yes that is a long drop (a few thousand feet) on the edge of the road bed.



## SVLSRM Calendar

July 2-4 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM  
 July 12 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall  
 July 15 Member meeting moved to Sunday the 17th.  
 July 16 Members Work Day  
 July 17 Member Run Day and Meeting at 12:30 at the track.  
 Pot luck Lunch - bring your train and run.

Aug. 6-7 Public run days - Noon to 4 PM  
 Aug. 9 Board meeting 6:30 - R.C. City hall  
 Aug. 20 **Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday.**  
**Pot luck dinner.**

**\*Mark your 2011 Calendar\***

**Hot August Run - All Day & Night Saturday Aug. 20**  
**Fall meet is September 16, 17, 18.**  
**Santa run December 3-4 & 10-11**

Public run day calendar available on-line.

**Don't forget about Tuesday work days,** Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site <http://www.svlstrm.org>.

*How will you support SVLSRM this month?*



Please check the SVLS web site: [www.svlstrm.org](http://www.svlstrm.org) for current information on SVLSRM activities.



The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. is organized and operated exclusively for public benefit charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. to the fullest extent allowed by law as provided in Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*The Golden Spike* is published monthly by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc., P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741. The SVLSRM track is located in Hagan Community Park, Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA. Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: [editor@svlstrm.org](mailto:editor@svlstrm.org). The deadline is 4 days after Membership meeting.

## Members News

New member:

Duke Klement - Grass Valley

(Sorry but we missed reporting this in May)



**Editor request:** This is your newsletter. I am sure you would like to see more news and train related information. I welcome any and all articles and news from the members. Please contact me if you have anything to add to the SPIKE. Deadline is 4 days after Membership meeting.

Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell? Then give the editor a call/email and we'll take pictures for a feature.

Bill Yoder

### Board of Directors

- President: Lee Frechette (916) 205-6791  
E-mail: [leefrechette@yahoo.com](mailto:leefrechette@yahoo.com)
- Vice President: Bill Yoder (916) 652-7113  
E-mail: [byoder@vfr.net](mailto:byoder@vfr.net)
- Secretary: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154  
E-mail: [vern78@onemain.com](mailto:vern78@onemain.com)
- Treasurer: Lois Clifton (916) 722-8514  
E-mail: [loisjune1@comcast.net](mailto:loisjune1@comcast.net)
- Track Superintendent: Darrell Gomes (209) 786-0623  
E-mail: [dggomes@caltel.com](mailto:dggomes@caltel.com)
- Yardmaster: Andy Berchielli (916) 348-7252  
E-mail: [ajberchielli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ajberchielli@sbcglobal.net)
- Trainmaster: Bradley Jones (916) 687-4866  
E-mail: [actioniron@msn.com](mailto:actioniron@msn.com)

### Committee Chairpersons

- Safety Committee: Ed Zels (916) 861-0917  
E-mail: [drgw463@aol.com](mailto:drgw463@aol.com)
- Special Events: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154  
E-mail: [vern78@onemain.com](mailto:vern78@onemain.com)
- Caboose Ops: Lois Clifton (916) 722-8514  
E-mail: [loisjune1@comcast.net](mailto:loisjune1@comcast.net)
- Newsletter Editor: Bill Yoder (916) 652-7113  
E-mail: [editor@svlstrm.org](mailto:editor@svlstrm.org)
- Membership: Dale Dennis (530) 406-8600  
E-mail: [denclan2@wavecable.com](mailto:denclan2@wavecable.com)
- RFE - Steam: Karl Mahler (916) 334-8283  
E-mail: [karlemahler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karlemahler@sbcglobal.net)
- RFE - Diesel: Ross Crawlford (916) 718-4162

**Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**

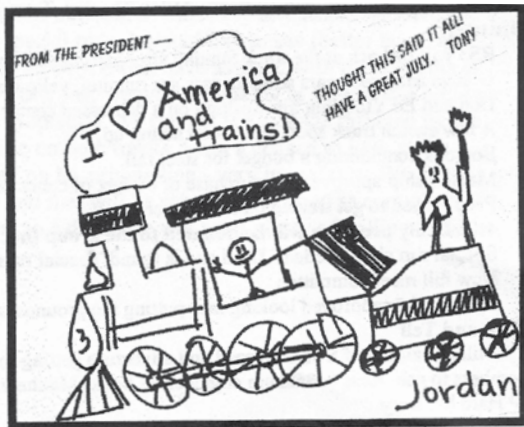


**10 Years ago:** General Membership Meeting: • The RS3 will be back at the track Sunday after getting new trucks. Don will run it and check it out Sunday. • Orange and green straddle cars are running, yellow are still out of service. Watch for leaning passengers. • Don and Ed Yungling are working on a depressed center prototype for passenger running. • Board is considering a budget for steel rail. • People need to get trained on the mower. • Membership approved looking into putting the grounds on an automatic watering system.



**July Members Meeting is Sunday July 17 at the track.**

This will be a Members Run day so bring your train. Bring Food for a pot luck Lunch. There will be members meeting at 12:30.

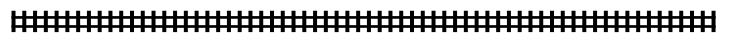


**20 Years ago:** *Super Scoop:* Because SVLS is located in a popular public park, work gangs always attract attention. Usually, before the first tie is dug out, visitors gather and the questions come hot and heavy. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions (along with favorite responses):

1. Do you ever sing "I've Been Working on the Railroad"? NO, why should we. Everyone else subjects us to their out burst of song. The record, to date is 12 second after the work train stopped moving.
2. Are these trains real? They are authentic scale replicas.
3. Are the trains electric? Usually no, but we do have some that are powered with 12 volt batteries.
4. Why are there 3 rails? We offer two gages, 4 3/4" and 7 1/2".
5. When do the trains run? Here is a schedule of our run days.
6. Do you charge? We gladly accept donations to help maintain our railroad.

There you have it, a small sample of railroad public relations. Seriously, the time spent teaching young and old alike about railroading is one of the finer aspects of the hobby. We model in miniature scale but people's enjoyment with our hobby is definitely full-size. Enjoy - Keith Berry, Superintendent

**30 Years ago:** For the third time in as many months vandals



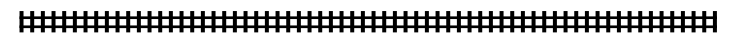
**Track Superintendent Report**

*By Darrell Gomes*

In July, The track crew will be working on Midway North Yard. We will be building one more switch, Two switch throws, and completing the rest of the sidings.

The drill track at Cordova Junction will need some shovel work before track is laid . These are the areas that I would like to complete for the Fall Meet.

See You At The Track!

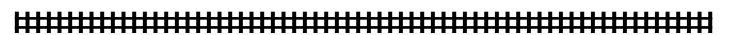


**Special run schedule**



**Please help by volunteering your time. Call Clio to help.**

| Date     | Time         | Event type     | Num. | Engines |
|----------|--------------|----------------|------|---------|
| July 30  | 10:30 - 2:30 | Johnson Party  | 25   | Diesel  |
| Aug. 14  | 10-Noon      | Mohr Party     | 25   | Diesel  |
| Aug. 27  | 3-5 PM       | Carr Party     | 25   | Diesel  |
| Aug. 28  | --           | Toalgas Party  | 25   | Diesel  |
| Sept. 10 | 11-1         | Canavera Party | ?    | Diesel  |
| Sept. 24 | Noon-2       | Bratchar Party | 25   | Diesel  |
| Sept. 25 | 2-4          | Domico Party   | 25   | Diesel  |



have torn up the 100 feet of track approaching Riverbend. The last time it happened it was relaid by Warren Rose and John Livesay, who worked at it for about eight hours during the height of our heat wave the last weekend in June. It must be very discouraging to a dedicated vandal to see his best effort so consistently and promptly put back into operating condition.



# FOR SALE

Metal working lathe (Harbor freight brand) - \$300  
Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162



Wards (Logan) Power-Kraft Model 25TLC-2136  
Back Geared Screw Cutting Lathe with Quick-change Gear Box  
10" Swing - 1-1/2"-8 #3 MT Spindle Bore  
50" Bed Length - 31" Between Centers  
Spindle Bore 25/32

Includes: 3-Jaw & 4-Jaw Chucks, Jacob's Chucks for Headstock & Tailstock, Collet Set, 6" Face Plate, 110 Volt Flat belt drive \$1000  
Contact: Mike Dreiling 916-729-2200 or 916-201-0888(cell)  
email [mdreiling@macnexus.org](mailto:mdreiling@macnexus.org)



1.5" scale, 7.5" gauge Clishay locomotive and riding car. Engine is a two cylinder double acting 1 1/4x1 1/2". Boiler upgraded from the original 8" diameter water tube to a steel 10" diameter propane fired fire tube boiler with 73 1/2" copper fire tubes. Pneumatic FWD/REV shift and brakes on locomotive. Usual Accessories: working headlight, bell, new whistle, two new relief valves, engine driven feed pump and a hand pump. New body and trucks on riding car.

Asking \$6,500, RTR. Reasonable offers considered.  
Contact Bill Cody at (775) 674-6512 or [steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net) for additional information/pictures.  
<http://www.svlsm.org/sale.php>



Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details.  
<http://www.svlsm.org/>



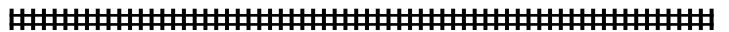
## Safety Rules Review

104. No engineer is obligated to haul any passengers on his train.

204. All engines must be run at reduced speeds in congested areas and in areas with close clearance, such as yards, stations, etc.

301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the organization.

418. Cars used to haul passengers that do not have built-in seats shall NOT have seats improvised with boards and objects laid across the sides of the car, except for the last seat which shall be reserved for the conductor. Passengers may sit on the floor of the car, to keep the center of gravity as low as possible.



### Come to the track for a Fun Time Train Run and Pot Luck Dinner.

Join us during the day and run your trains into the night for a good old-fashioned evening of Live Steaming SVLS style. Come early and bring the kids. Bring engine and some rolling stock and your favorite dish. The barbecue will be hot and the lights will be on for ya. So hang FRED on the last car and COME ON DOWN!



Your editor is looking for pictures or movies of SVLS activities so we can make a copy and add to our Historical collection. If you have some please notify the editor.

Thanks - Bill