

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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Thank you to the following members who spent one or more of the following Work Days helping with track replacement, cleaning out the containers, working on books for library, working on fence at the station, raking up leaves and picking up fallen branches after the storm, working on and maintaining club engines, snow shed, plus miscellaneous other chores at SVLS facilities. Jan. 28 & 29, Feb. 4 & 5 Feb. 11 & 12, & Feb. 28,19.

Alison Berry - Heidi, Dennis, Maren, & Ryan Bowie - Grace Smith - Paul Skidmore - Steve Milward - Dylan & Marshall Post - Janet Lee - Ethan Volzer - Bruno Carr - Jeff & Reed Hickman Harry Voss - Gordon & Barbara Moser - Ross Crawford - Rob & Tami Sharratt - Andy Berchielli - Kevin & Andrew Sach - Tom Reese - Don Yungling - Mark Cundiff - Dennis Gramith - Peter Welch - Keith Berry - Bill & Butch Floyd - Colton Snell - Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale. THANKS



Loop now complete, new ties and steel rail replaced on the mainline.



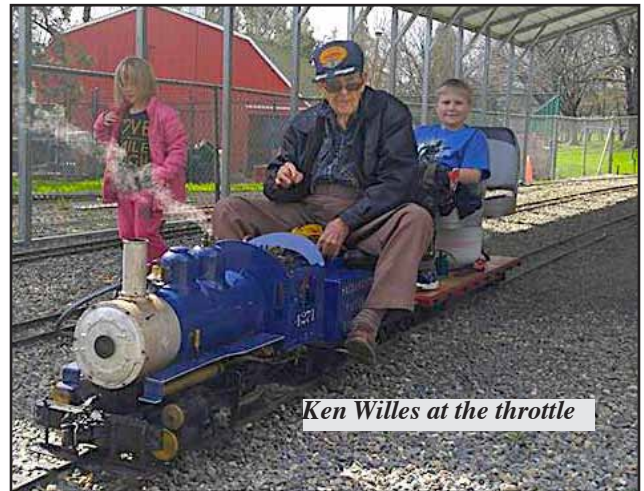
President Heidi says: March 4th & 5th is the beginning of our Public Runs (through October). Please consider helping out as part of a train crew (it is very easy to get qualified) or by being available for jobs around the facility on those days. Look for the Club e-mail to sign up. Another way to help the club is right from

your own home. There are projects that need someone with a bit of free time and a computer. Not every job requires a shovel or whistle! We would love to find a member who is interested in promoting the club through advertising/marketing. Making contact with businesses that might be interested in donating materials or supplies would be a huge help!

Train Masters Report

By Peter Welch

When 95 year old Ken Willes showed up at the track to look at his old engine, he got more than he asked for. Why would you come to Sacramento Valley Live Steamers to only look at a steam train when you can fire one up and run it? After a few minutes of boiling water and a quick refresher course on the controls, Ken took his 0-4-0 around the track for the first time in over twenty years. Tears of joy filled his eyes and a smile was seen from ear to ear. Experiencing that moment made all the hours spent rebuilding "Lil Blue" well worth it. It has been Ken's dream to be able to run his engine again.



Ken Willes at the throttle



Ken inspects his old rebuilt 0-4-0 engine

Ken became a member of this club in 1973, he continues being a member today and is a great supporter of SVLS. Thanks Ken!

SVLSRM Calendar

- Mar. 4 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Mar. 5 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Mar. 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Mar. 18 Member work day and run day. Please help in the AM
then run your train in the afternoon.

- Apr. 1 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Apr. 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Apr. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Apr. 15 Member work day and run day. Please help in the AM
then run your train in the afternoon.

Dates to reserve on your 2017 calendar:
 Pacific Regional Meet May 19, 20, & 21
 Fall meet Oct. 20, 21, & 22
 Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 16th.

Please volunteer to support the club events.
How will you support SVLSRM this month?

A **members only area** has been set up on our web server where we will keep a current version of the roster, and other useful documents for our members. To gain access, each *member (now including associates)* must be a current paid member to register and create a user name and password.

Please use the link on the web page in the top menu section called "Members only." This is a two step process to register as the system will send an E-mail to verify that it is you. You will then use the link sent to complete the process. Please note this is to register so you can then use your user ID/password to view the protected area via the link shown on the registration page.

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MEMBERSHIP

Charles (Chuck) Barnes of Modesto, CA passed away February 20th, 2017 after an illness. Chuck was a SVLSRM member since 2009. Our condolences to his family.

The deadline for renewing your membership for 2017 is now! Please renew.



Please complete your membership form noting changes. You can download forms at svlsrm.org. Send check or pay on-line at: www.svlsrm.org/membership.php Send forms/check to: SVLSRM P.O. Box 273 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlsrm.org for current information. If you have not looked for awhile then you will have missed news or for sale items that are not in the newsletter.

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Yard Masters Report

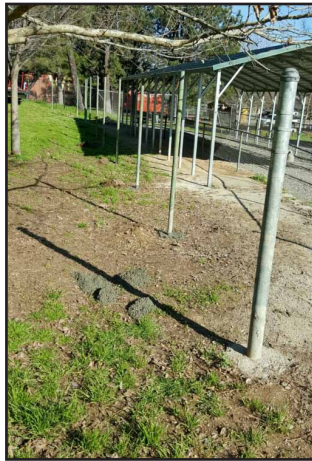
By Rob Sharratt



Hello fellow club members. We have been quite busy at our club installing a fence around the station. I would like to thank Andy Berchielli, Peter Welch, Keith Berry, and Gordon Moser for all the help digging holes

and cementing poles in place. I also was able to down a dead pine tree that was getting ready to fall over near the north gate. Thank to Kevin Sach and Andy for assistance making it fall the correct way.

We start running next week, there is always something to do. Train operations, yard work, many other jobs. So get involved, come help your club. Thanks to Dave McFarland and his grandson for the continued help with mowing and leaves.



February Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- Fence modifications around Cordova Station are progressing, as weather permits.
- SVLS board members attended the induction of the new Cordova Park District manager.
- Discussion continued regarding options concerning the electric-hydraulic hoist.
- Continued weeding out process of obsolete board agenda items.
- Board accepted invitation to attend the Portola Valley invitation with GGLS.
- Dennis G. will be adding paper towel dispensers to round-house and boxcar.
- Alison is working on creating special event binders to illustrate what needs to be done to the facility for each event. Binders will include instructions and photos.
- Hometown Hero Grant will be applied for the purpose of purchasing a container for the tractor.
- Funding guidelines clarified regarding the snow shed project.

Party & Events Chairperson

By Andy Berchielli



Our season is beginning. This means not only do we need crews for Public Runs, but I will also be asking for help with the birthday parties. These parties provide a good source of income for the club. I book parties the 2nd, 3rd, + 4th weekends of the month. Minus the member run day. Parties are 2 hours long. Some book an extra hour. Volunteers are asked to show up 45 minutes to an hour before party to prepare trains and usually stay there an half hour after party to lock up. If interested in helping out this year reach out to me via events@svlsrm.org. On our website you can click on parties & events to see what is booked so far. Thanks!

Special Events. For the second year in a row we have been invited to attend a private meet to Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad along with GGLS. This private meet will be held on June 24 + 25. The RR is located in the beautiful hills of Portola Valley above Palo Alto. This hilly railroad is very scenic and they have been undertaking some major projects to extend the RR. Make plans to attend this special weekend. If you wish to attend please contact me so I can add you to the list. It is a guarded entrance and will be checking names. There are a few RV spots available. Thanks!

Treasurer & Librarian

By Alison Berry



We have started cataloging the various donated books. We plan to group the books in the library using the Library of Congress classification system. Libraries in the United States generally use either the Library of Congress Classification System (LC) or the Dewey Decimal Classification System to organize their books. Most academic libraries use LC, and most public libraries and K-12 school libraries use Dewey. The board felt the Library of Congress Classification System will provide a more detail sorting system for our books. Cataloging the books is just the first step. Before the books can be shelved we will need to label the books, add pocket cards to be used for check out, and, to create clear covers for any books with dust covers.

We are still discussing how to handle the check-out process. We want our members to have access as well as check-out privileges. We are also hoping to find someone willing to act as club librarian. That person would be available when the library is open (probably our member work/run day), handle the check-out of books, track what books are checked out, check the books back in and re-shelve the books. If this sounds like something you can do to support the club, please contact Alison Berry as it would be great to make you part of the cataloging process to get familiar with the books.

At this time we cannot take more book donations. Please give us a chance to finish our current inventory.





Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

Another installment of looking down the track...

Let me be the first to say what a job. With the hard work of our members and all the time and energy put into this project, the main line is in. This project has seen the removal of almost 300 feet of some steel and aluminum track panels. This was replaced with all steel panels. Also the removal of old road bed and replaced with 3/4" crush for the sub road bed then track placed and 1/2" rock for ballast. Yes we still need to install the panels for the Placerville siding but this will be aluminum and can be done as a work day project. I would like to thank all who helped with this project, I know it sounds like a cop out when I say the list is too long to put every one down, but it's true.

Now if you think "great I missed out on all of the fun", don't worry, I have other projects that you can be part of.



Scott Jepsen and Chris Donhost moving real railroad ties for the SP Caboose projects. #1 The ties currently under the caboose are in need of replacement. #2 With the new ties in place, we are looking to build a low retaining wall of some kind to keep the ballast from escaping into the grass and away from the ties. Thanks guys.



New panels ready to be joined



Steve Milward & Gordon Moser joining panels



Harry Voss & Dennis Bowie dumping ballast



Paul Skidmore joining panels



Track gang - screwing rails to ties



Phil Huntingdale, Kevin Sach, Steve Milward & Butch Floyd doing the tamping dance.

FOR SALE

You can be on the rails in steam for only \$5000/offer. I am offering my complete, RTR train consisting of a 7.5" gauge INVICTA locomotive, tender, engineer riding car, and tool car. Loco has a propane fired steel boiler with copper tubes, axle driven feed pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender as well as a axle driven mechanical lubricator. Slip eccentrics for forward/reverse. The engine is a twin cylinder double acting with a bore and stroke of 1"x 2.2" The tender water capacity is limited to 1 gallon so I built a 3 gallon water tank in the engineer's riding car along with an electric pump and battery to transfer water to the tender on the fly. There are hand operated mechanical brakes on the engineer's riding car. A 110 VAC blower for firing up is included along with tools to change out the propane tank, lubrication bottles, foot peg bar for tool car and misc fittings.

Contact Bill Cody at 775-674-6512, cell 775-233-1429 or email tosteamboatbill@sbcglobal.net
 Engine is located in Reno, Nevada and can be delivered for a fee. To see and hear a video on the engine being fired and run on the bench, click on this [Video link](#)



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



10 Years ago: Track Relocation Project
A BIG THANKS TO PETE ARNEY AND DARRELL GOMES who have gone far beyond the call of duty to build our new right-of-way, installed new ties and steel rail. They have spent



extremely long hours and many many days on this project, virtually every possible day in January and February. The help of others has also been much appreciated. The track is not only good looking but also has a very smooth ride on the new rail. Our thanks for an **OUTSTANDING EFFORT!**

20 Years ago: I am pleased to report that the year is off to a great start, regardless of the heavy rains and short days. Early January seemed to predict a wet winter with the possibility of flooding. Thankfully, this did not occur, in fact, no damage was incurred to our facilities and track. Track projects are underway on both mainline and a new yard at Oasis, the Twin Bridges have been upgraded, the trees have been trimmed, and the "vast prairie" new area, mowed and re-mowed. Locomotives have been serviced; a major annual on the UP engine, and parts ordered to replace the missing details. The property is beautiful, the days are longer, and this Spring promises to be a delightful time to run trains. **SEE YOU AT THE TRACK!** Keith Berry - President

30 Years ago: At the last board meeting, we had an update report from Keith Kirsten on the property expansion plan. Things are progressing nicely and a lot of problems are being ironed out. It all takes time. We also had an update report from Milon Thorley on the progress plan of getting the bathroom facility started. Come to the next general meeting and get more update information. Ed Spall was also there and gave a report on the transfer table project. Bob Lovell also reported on the progress of the box car and track and a switch layout for it. These members and all the others who are helping them a big thanks to you.

40 Years ago: Ed Yungling had his Cab Forward picture published in *Live Steam*,





SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DUES INVOICE

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

NEW RENEWAL DATE: _____

Type of membership desired: regular family associate

Your Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Family living at home (names and birthdates):

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (Spouse) _____

List E-mail on web? ____ (Y/N) List E-mail on web? ____ (Y/N)

Please select one of the following means of receiving your monthly issues of The Golden Spike news letter:
Receive E-Mail notice and get it on line at: www.svlsrcm.org or a printed edition sent US mail: _____ (on-line / Mail)

Occupation: _____

Operable live steam equipment or under construction:

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

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLSRM:

Affiliations with other railroads: _____

We have two classes of membership: Regular or Associate.

REGULAR class of membership (Individual or Family) is \$60.00 per year.

New regular membership includes a one-time track fee of \$40 and dues are prorated at \$5. per month from the month you join. For example: if you join in January, fee is \$100, in June \$75, or in October \$55.

New Membership includes one name badge with additional name badges available for \$10 each.

Regular membership is required for those living within a 60 mile radius of the club.

ASSOCIATE membership is optional for those outside the 60 mile radius who do not want the Regular membership.

Associate rate is \$30 per year with no track fee. Name badges are available for \$10 each.

Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION then send with your dues to:

Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.

Attn: Membership PO Box 273 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-0273

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