

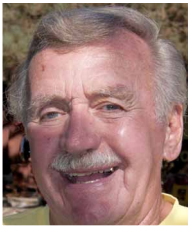
# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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## Vice President's Report

By Dennis Gramith

**HEY YOU!!! Hands OFF THE RED VALVE COMING OFF THE AIR COMPRESSOR!!!**

If you need air in the steaming bays or for the hoist, just go to the electrical box on the East side of the round house (outside, under the light), and turn the timer knob to the amount of time you will need air. The red valve in the roundhouse is for EMERGENCY USE ONLY in case the electric timer or valve fails. Leaving the red valve turned on causes the compressor to run much more, which will greatly shorten its life .

The forms for the footings for the containers were completed. The rebar is in and tied. The concrete was delivered Monday September 25. A huge THANK YOU to the crews that got er done! We Hope to place the containers on Saturday 9/30. The plan is to move the containers into place late Saturday after the Birthday party and petting zoo runs.



Building footing forms



SAT. AND SUN, OCTOBER 7 & 8

11AM- 3PM

\$5/PUMPKIN AND TRAIN RIDE

\$2 DONATION FOR TRAIN RIDE ONLY

HAGAN PARK, RANCHO CORDOVA

## November elections:

### ELECTION

Would you like to serve SVLSRM and be a part of our decision making team? We're looking for Board of Directors nominees for this November's elections. Four of the nine Board positions are up for election this year: President, Secretary, Trainmaster, and Director #2.

The Nominating Committee is looking for dedicated individuals who would like to contribute to our organization in a meaningful way. We would like to have at least two names for every position. This is your opportunity to put into play your ideas and leadership skills for SVLSRM. Contact Chris Donhost to offer your talents to SVLSRM.

*Nominations to date, nominations are still open.*

*President - Andy Berchielli,*

*Secretary - Alex Wilde,*

*Trainmaster - Peter Welch,*

*Director 2 - Steve Milward and Richard Lutrel*

*Heidi Bowie and Chris Donhost are not seeking reelection. Fall Meet's Friday night 7:30 at Oasis will be a general meeting for nominations.*



October 7 & 8 are our last two public run days this year. Special Pumpkin express train is running. Please come out and help. Also don't forget to volunteer at the Fall Meet as we need many members helping.

## SVLSRM Calendar

- Oct. 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM Pumpkin Express
- Oct. 8 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM Pumpkin Express
- Oct. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Oct. 20 7:30 PM Membership meeting at track, business items  
and Nominations for election.
- Oct. 20, 21, & 22 Fall Meet
  
- Nov. 10 Railfair setup in Roseville.
- Nov. 11, & 12 Railfair running, tear down at end of day.
- Nov. 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Nov. 18. 1:30 PM Annual General Membership Meeting &  
Elections - at track.
- Nov. 18 Members Work & Run Day.
  
- Dec. 16 Annual Christmas Dinner

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



Please check the SVLSRM web site [www.svlsrcm.org](http://www.svlsrcm.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.



The club need more members to be active with our public ride days, and our special events like Parties, Santa Run, and Railfair. **These events provide our main source of income so please come out and help.**

**Be a volunteer and enjoy the fun of sharing the hobby.**

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.

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## MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

*New Member Welcome  
Glee Willis, Reno NV*



That Time Again!

2018 renewal of your SVLS membership begins in October. We are requiring everyone when renewing to include a completed membership form. We would like to update everyone's record; we have found many E-mails & phone numbers are wrong and other information incomplete or incorrect. A blank form is included in the newsletter. They will also be available at the Fall Meet. If you want to pay through Paypal, you can still do that but we asked you to send in a completed form through the mail or scan & attach to an E-mail addressed to the [Barbara Rohrs, the Membership Chair](#).

Any questions, contact Barbara.

## Board of Directors

(##) Ending year of term

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**Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM**





**Track Superintendent Report**

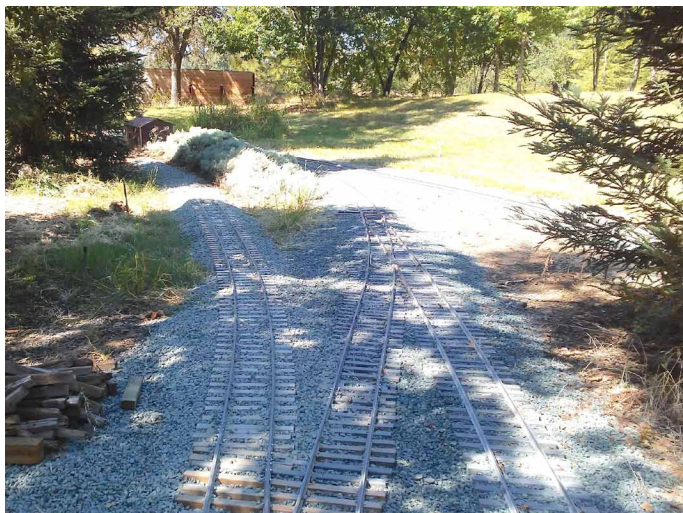
*By Dennis Bowie*

Another installment of looking down the track...

Well Yes it's been awhile since my last posting. Just to give a heads up on what's happening with track. I have been working on Re-verso over the summer; it's been my work out after work. The work out is almost as good as going to the gym. As you can see in the picture the passing siding is completed as well as one of the sidings for the feed and grain and the stock yard. (Buildings to come)



And from this picture below; you can see the progress on the siding that is next to the manure factory. (This building will need to be replaced as well)



Also preparations are underway for the sidings that will be added at the SP caboose. Thanks to the help of Rich, Alex, Steve, Peter, Bill, Dennis G, Rob and Andy things are under way. (Yes I think I have mentioned everyone that has put in time, prep work, and hard labor).

Also we have a delivery of 250 sticks of plastic lumber and should be here before the end of September. We will also be trying the ready-made plastic ties that are molded with the tie plates. This should make panel building easier.

And as always I want to give a big thank you to Paul Skidmore for all his hard work.



**HELP NEEDED!** The 41<sup>st</sup> annual International Rail Fair in Roseville is November 11th and 12th this year. We need lots of help with set up on Friday November 10th, Operations on Saturday and Sunday, and tear down Sunday afternoon. PLEASE, let's not leave it to the few regulars to do it all.

This event is a great chance to show off our hobby and recruit new potential members as well as a means to hand out fliers for Santa Run and our 2018 run day schedule. It is also a fun time to visit and talk trains with our members and the public.

I will be coordinating our participation this year so PLEASE E-mail me your names by October 20, so I can order your name tags which will get you free admission.

Dennis Gramith, [vicepresident@svlsrm.org](mailto:vicepresident@svlsrm.org)



***New Club Locomotive Purchase by Chris Donhost***

Trainmaster Peter Welsh notified President Heidi and the board about a 1-day only sale that Titan Trains was having, essentially saving \$4,000 off their "Dash-9" locomotive. I contacted Jim Humphrey, owner of Titan, and negotiated an agreement that made our deposit refundable. Once we received that agreement from Titan in writing, the board voted to approve via email the \$5,000 deposit amount. Subsequently, the check was sent to Titan Trains. The board will review and discuss any additions we want made at the October board meeting, all are welcome to attend that meeting October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Rancho Cordova City Hall.

The board's proposal will be brought to the General Membership for a vote on **October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** We anticipate the membership will approve the total purchase price. However, should the membership vote down the proposed expenditure, Titan will refund 100% of the deposit amount. This arrangement was made to take advantage of the tremendous sale price, while not exceeding the purchase authority of the board. Picture is included as an example of the locomotive; it will be shipped in primer only. For more information on the Titan "Dash-9" locomotive, visit [www.titantrains.net](http://www.titantrains.net)





**September Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary**

- New axels have been made for UP 649. However, the recent damage will set back the return to service, likely not until after the Fall Meet.
- The tractor’s starter has been rebuilt at a cost of \$190.
- \$5,000 approved for tie purchase. Both regular ties, and AccuTie material will be purchased.
- Nominating committee slate of candidates to date:
  - President: Andy Berchielli
  - Secretary: Alex Wilde
  - Trainmaster: Peter Welch
  - Director #2: Steve Milward and Richard Lutrel
- The floor will be open for nominations at the October General Meeting on Oct. 20th at 7:30pm; elections will be held at the November General Meeting on Nov. 18th at 1:30pm.
- Heidi wants all work/projects to be reported first to the person in charge of that area (ex. all track work should be cleared by Dennis Bowie before proceeding).
- Bill will accept on behalf of SVLS a donation of a 1950’s era handcar built for 7.5” gauge track.
- Uggie Hogg BBQ was selected to cater the Fall Meet diner.
- An FCR was approved to automate the safety speech given at the station on public run days.
- An FCR was approved to build out a new yard adjacent to the SP Caboose.

**Fall Meet information:**

In preparation for the upcoming Fall 2017 Meet, we are taking reservations for steaming bays, sidings and RV parking. Please contact the club by calling (916) 361-7140 and leaving a voice mail, or sending an email to [director\\_wilde@svlsm.org](mailto:director_wilde@svlsm.org)

For steaming bay and siding reservations, please include the (1) length of your train/locomotive, (2) gauge, (3) amenities needed (air, power, water, etc.) and (4) if you have a preferred location. Please also include in your request if you need more than one space (steaming bay plus a siding for cars). We will have your bay/siding reserved for the meet so it doesn’t accidentally get occupied by another train.

For RV/trailer parking, please include (1) the length of your RV/trailer, (2) amenities needed and (3) if you have a preferred location. We will have all the spaces marked ahead of time. This way you won’t have to worry about getting a spot if you are traveling from out of town or can’t get off work early.

We hope to get a good system worked out so that when the Spring Meet rolls around next year we are prepared.

Alex Wilde



*Brad Jones who moved #1 & 2 containers  
Tom Reese who dug our footings.*



*Concrete crew pouring theback end footing for all three containers.*





**10 Years ago:** The Sacramento Tree Foundation will be giving us 22 more trees to plant. Five will be going in at the station, five will replace the trees at Riverview, and the rest will be in and around the north end of the track by Memorial Grove.

The track crew installed 400 feet of steel rail and replaced a lot of bad ties. It's time now to get ready for the fall meet and help will be needed to clean up the right of way.

**20 Years ago:** The Club steam engine repairs/rebuild. It has now been taken down to the "bare bones" and is in the process of reassemble.

John Bailie showed the latest part he is building for his engine. Matt Mason gave an update on his trip to Train Mountain. He had taken his steel car, but it derailed and twisted in the process. It had been a great success up until then.

Thanks to the visit from Mountain Car Company, the RS3 Engineers car now has new trucks and brakes. The old trucks have been returned to Mountain Car.

New gearing and chain has been put on the 649 UP engine. Sure does run better.

**30 Years ago:** CLUB ENGINE We are very, very close to achieving the total price needed to purchase the Club engine. With already-purchased shares, special runs and State Fair proceeds, we have almost got it. We still need a few more shares to be purchased.. Please if you have not yet purchased your share(s) in the Club Engine, you may do so at the Fall Meet. Milon Thorley has been appointed by your Board of Directors to take care of testing prospective engineers for this engine.

**40 Years ago:** PLAUDITS & ACCOLADES AND BOUQUETS to all the SVLS members and guests who worked so hard before and during our Fall Meet to make it an enjoyable week-end and a successful one. The pre-meet preparation crews - McKenzie, de Freitas, Gramith, Spicer, Esselbach, Shelley and Quiring were all on hand. There are many people who are doing their bit to make a successful Meet: Ken Spicer and his "Old Faithful" 2-8-2 were there riding the folks. Clyde Johnson 4-6-4; Dick Fin 1" QLM Lackawanna 4-8-4; Ed Spall and the "Jolly Green Giant; Paul Quiring American and Diesel; Ed Yungling Cab forward (With new cab roof); Milon Thorley American.; Al Shelley 0-4-0 with the bright red cab; Glen Strawn 1" 4-6-2; and from LALS the Andrus with their 4-6-2. GGLS sent us Joe and Wayne Yetter with their Mallet, a Mogul engine and riding cars and John Haines, President of GGLS, with that neat brass 0-6-0 engine and cars. Ken Schroeder of Tahoe with a Shay. Quite an impressive showing of engines and equipment - 16 engines



**SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH**

**1.03 Conduct**

No one under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or illegal drugs of any kind shall be allowed to operate or ride on any train. Anyone consuming any alcoholic beverages, including beer, or use of any illegal drugs or

narcotics of any kind shall be requested to cease. Should they refuse, they will be asked to leave the facility. Use of abusive and Inappropriate language will not be allowed. All persons exhibiting any type of negative behavior may be subject to ejection from the premises.

**3.14 Dates of Inspection**

Inspection of boilers will be made on any day that arrangements can be made with a boiler inspector. Inspection on meet days for members, associate members and guests shall be at the discretion and willingness of available inspectors.

**44.11 Backing**

Any train or engine about to back up must give the correct signal. All trains or engines backing up shall run at reduced speeds. Engineer must have a clear view 50 feet behind the rear car to back up without a Conductor/Brakeman. Otherwise, a Conductor/Brakeman is required to walk 50 feet behind the rear car with a red flag. Any train of 7 or more cars is required to have a Conductor/Brakeman to walk 50 feet behind the rear car with a red flag.

**5.01.06 Brake Requirements--Large Trains**

Any train consisting of more than seven (7) cars available for passengers shall have at least one half of the cars equipped with operable brakes, such brakes to be operated by the engineer from the locomotive.

**MY JOB**

It's not my place to run the train  
 The whistle I can't blow  
 It's not my place to say how far  
 The train's allowed to go  
 It's not my place to shoot off steam  
 Nor even clang the bell  
 But let the damn thing  
 Jump the track....  
**AND SEE WHO CATCHES HELL!**





**FOR SALE**

**Little Engines 4-4-0 AMERICAN Train.**

Locomotive, 2 flat cars, bobber caboose. Locomotive is the S.V.L.S. Gold Spike Ceremony (both gold spike events) locomotive Built by Milon Thorley while on duty in Republic of South Viet Nam Coal burner, axle pump, tender hand pump, copper boiler, oil burning headlight Great steam project- short project list - ex. 2nd safety reqd. - reseal tender tank- axle pump rod cap missing Big enough for most to operate- small enough for easy transport. \$4900 Keith Berry- 530-642-0742

**6" mill vise and swivel base.**

It is in relatively good condition with only a couple of small holes drilled into the base. There are some wear marks on the hard jaws from rubbing end mills. There doesn't appear to be a tag as to the origin. I suspect this is a Taiwanese knockoff of the Kurt vise. I haven't used the swivel base in at least 25 years. There are keys in the bottom the vise that gets you within a couple of thousandths of an inch so aligning the vise to the table goes pretty quickly. My biggest complaint with this vise is the ends are not square to the faces on the hard jaws. Replacing the hard jaws might be a good idea for maximum accuracy. There is a hole drilled and tapped 1/2-13 in the top of the fixed jaw. This allowed clamps to help hold down odd shaped parts that the jaws couldn't do by themselves.



Asking \$100.00 Donald Yunling 916-482-6129  
Email: tmy1@att.net



**Trolley for Sale.** Price \$1500 OBO, plus engine stand for sale.  
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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. The engine is a twin cylinder double acting with a bore and stroke of 1"x 2.2" There are hand operated mechanical brakes on the engineer's riding car. Tools for firing up and 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](mailto: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](#)

Two RRSC 6 wheel pullman commonwealth 1/8 scale trucks - reconditioned. The pair \$2000 or best offer.  
Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

**0-4-2 Chloe project. \$5000 or best offer**



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