

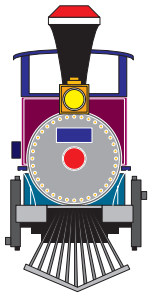
The GOLDEN SPIKE



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The annual Pacific Regional Spring Meet is May 18-20.

Please join us for 3 days of fun. We have over 6300 feet of main line, 33 steaming bays, 24 train sidings, 7 Steamer watering stops, RV and Camping available by reservation.

The Caboose will have a sack lunch available on Friday with extras, then breakfast & lunch Saturday & Sunday, with the traditional spaghetti dinner Friday and the big BBQ dinner Saturday. If you will be there for all 3 days of the Meet consider purchasing a meal ticket. \$40 covers Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, catered dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch. \$25 for a child's (under age 12) meal ticket.

We will need people to help set-up for the meet starting on Wednesday, May 18. We can use donations of goodies for the bake sale. Please let us know if you will help. Thanks, and will be great to see you at the meet!

Please contact Alison Berry to volunteer.
(916) 983-9712 E-mail: treasurer@svlsrcm.org



Secretary

By Alex Wilde

Hey folks it's that time of year again to prepare for our Spring Meet. I am taking reservations for steaming bays, sidings and RV spots. We had great attendance at last year's Spring Meet and expect the same or more this year. To prepare for this, we have added additional tracks to park trains as well as a reservation system to make sure everyone has a spot for their locomotive, train and/or RV. To reserve space, please contact me via e-mail secretary@svlsrcm.org or via telephone 916-361-7140 please leave a voice mail. Please be sure to include your name, e-mail address and phone number when contacting me. Also, when requesting a reservation, include anything you need such as air, water or power for charging, as well as the length of your locomotive and length of your train (if any). We will assign spaces as economically as possible to be able to fit every one. We tested this out at last year's Fall Meet and it seemed to work out very well. When you arrive at the Spring Meet to unload your trains, please check with the greeters to get your steaming bay/track assignments. If there are not any greeters present, keep an eye out on or near the lifts for a clipboard with the assignments attached.

Thank you for your cooperation!

President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



Here we are in April and things have been busy at the railroad. One of my first priorities was to find a replacement for our aging tractor. We started a fundraiser and raised about \$4000. Thanks to everyone that pitched in. A tractor fitting our needs came up for sale and we picked it up. It's a 1991 Kubota. 12 speed manual. 6 low and 6 high. 3 way hydrologic Gannon Box. With the purchase of this tractor we sold the Oliver for \$3000. The club has put in an additional \$2000. So we will keep the fundraiser going on our website. Hopefully we can get enough donations to cover the total cost of this tractor. It runs great and has plenty of power. If you would like to use it, we just ask that we give you an overview in the operation. I will gladly show anyone interested.

Next month is our Spring Meet. We will be taking reservations for RVs and track assignments. We did this last fall and things were a lot smoother and with the addition of the new SP Yard we will have a few more places to park your trains.

If you attended the March Member run/general meeting day you would know that a motion was made to bring back a separate run and work day. So now the third Saturday is a work day. And the third Sunday is the member run day. We have several projects that need to be accomplished and with just a few helping here and there they just are not moving fast enough. Don't worry we will send an email out prior to the third weekend to describe the task that need to get done that weekend. Since we have parties booked months out, our member run days on Sunday will be in conjunction with any parties schedule. We do not feel that the parties will interfere with the member runs. If they do we may makes changes in the future.



Don't fall in a hole and drop out of the club. Please renew now.

Pay on-line at svlsrcm.org.
or
Send your dues to:
SVLSRM
PO Box 273
Rancho Cordova, CA
95741

SVLSRM Calendar

Apr. 7 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Apr. 8 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 Apr. 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 Apr. 21 Member WORK day - please help on club projects.
 Apr. 22 Member RUN day - bring your train to run all day.

May 5 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 May 8 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 May 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 May 18, 19, & 20 Pacific Regional Meet

Dates to reserve on your calendar:
 Fall meet Oct. 19, 20, & 21

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



and password.

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 including associates* must be a **current paid member** to register and create a user name

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.

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

Remember 2018 dues are past due. Please remember to send in a completed membership form with your renewal. You can find a form easily on-line:
<http://www.svlsrm.org/documents/membership-form.pdf>

Any questions, contact the Membership Chair.



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

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

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM

Revised rule book will be available in April. See page 5 for condensed April 1 addition.

Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum Safety and Operating Rules April 2018



Founded in 1968 By David Hall



The club needed a newer tractor - one that will run and be easy to use and do the work we need done. We bought one but are short \$2000 dollars. Therefore we are still asking for donations to complete our purchase.

Please donate at:

<http://www.svlsrcm.org/donation-tractor.php>

Thanks!



FLOYD EPPERSON'S "BIG BOY" BLOWING DOWN

HELP IS NEEDED FOR SPRING MEET

Please contact any board member to volunteer. Thanks

There are plenty of projects to work on at the railroad so you need to come out and give time to your organization.



Come and help, Your help is needed. Don't know what to do? Then call a board member and volunteer.



SVLS Members were helping on work days at the park on one or both of the following workdays. Thank you!

February Work Days 2-24-2018 2-25-2018

Dennis & Ryan Bowie, Dennis Gramith, Paul Skidmore, Alison Berry, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Steve Milward, Andrew & Kevin Sach, Butch Floyd, Peter Welch, Keith & Gloria Berry, Chris Smith, Don Yungling, Victor Owens, Colton Snell, Bill Yoder.

March Run Day Helpers 3-3-2018 3-4-2018

Dennis Gramith, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Andrew & Kevin Sach, Harry Voss, Butch & Bill Floyd, Tom & Stacy Reese, Peter Welch, Dennis Bowie, Colton Snell, Paul Skidmore, Keith Berry, Steve Milward, Paul Brink, Richard Lutrel, Andy Berchielli, Chris, Paul & Eli Donhost, Rob & Cody Sharratt.

Work Day Helpers 3-10-2018

Paul Skidmore, Dennis Bowie, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Bill Yoder, Andy Berchielli, Richard, Sarah, Breanna Lutrel, Peter & Jim Welch, Glen Wilson.

Members Run & Work Day General Meeting 3-17-2018

Paul Skidmore, Bill Yoder, Dennis Gramith, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Bill & Butch Floyd, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Alison Berry, Mark Cundiff, Harry Voss, Rob & Cody Sharatt, Peter & Jim Welch, Marty Carapiet, Scott Jepson, Chris, Paul, & Eli Donhost, Barbara & Gordon Moser.



Help us save money.

Save SVLSRM some money and read the news letters on-line. Tell Membership that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.



10 Years ago: In our newsletter for March, we outlined our application to the City of Rancho Cordova for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The \$100,000 grant would provide for a platform loading area for our new station and track relocation. The grant application was scaled back from an original request of \$150,000 that would also include restrooms, a small ticket room, and storage areas. All

five of the City of Rancho Cordova Council members support SVLSRM in our efforts to build the total station concept. The CDBG allocations were presented at the March 17 City Council meeting. Due to the limited funding available, city staff recommended awarding \$20,000, or 20%, to begin the design and environmental review process. We plan to apply for additional monies next year during the next CDBG funding process.

20 Years ago: FROM THE 3/21/97 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Milon also called to our attention that he had brought out some blocks and had started a retaining wall reface on the curve coming out of the passenger station. Take a look, and if you like what you see and would be willing to contribute additional blocks, they would be gladly accepted.

Amandus reported he has spent 2/3 of his allotment for ties. We have enough ties for awhile. The Oasis Yard is coming along. Anyone who can and is willing to do track work is welcome. Amandus is willing to train! Major main line improvements are in process. Switches have been installed and bridges updated.

30 Years ago: (from the board) A check will be presented to the Rancho Cordova Rotary for the donations received from the special run, "Polio Plus Project". Rotary President, Ted Thames informed us that 1,500 children will be vaccinated against polio with the money that we earned for Polio Plus on Sunday.

The picnic table frames have been purchased and are at the track. The wood for the tables is also there. Anyone wishing to put them together, please do so. The repairs and re-painting of the riding cars has begun.

We now have three riding mowers and three push mowers in working order. All we lack are willing operators to help with the mowing. Cutting of the grass is a club effort and is a club project that must continue all year around.

40 Years ago: The California Department of Parks and Recreation will have a ground-breaking ceremony for the California State Railroad Museum Railroad History Building at 11:30 am April 21, 1978 at the Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station in Old Sacramento State Historic Park.

Work Days Schedule - ALL WORK DAYS will begin at 9:00 A.M. Bring your lunch and marked tools. Saturday and Sunday 4-22 & 4-23 need good turn out to take up old track, build new track, and relocate where the sharp curve comes off the bridge. This will also require making a cut into the hill and resurfacing

the path where the track is removed. There will be no engines running during repairs, so let's turn out and get the job done on this week end.

Simple edge finder: submitted by Ross Crawford
For those of you railroaders who don't want to invest in a commercial edge finder (around \$7.00) here's an easy way to substitute. When milling and want edge of work piece, just put a #7 (.201) twist drill in the chuck, turn on the machine and move the drill over carefully until you can hear it hitting the edge of the part. AT this point stop the machine and move the table exactly .100 more in the same direction. Now the center line of the quill will be right on the edge of the part, give or take a couple of thousandths.



INCORPORATION
We are pleased to present a photo of the official signing of the incorporation papers of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers. The papers were signed on November 8, 1974 and mailed to the State Attorney General's office. Hopefully, the papers will be approved and go into effect by January 1, 1975. It has taken more than two years to get the papers completed, and now that they are, many thanks to all who worked many long hours to get them together. The incorporation is beneficial to us legally, since we are no longer individually responsible for the actions of the club.
Pictured in the photo are, from left to right: Al Shelley, Milon Thorley, Larry Badger, Ed Yungling and Howard Bull.



This May is our 45th anniversary as a club.

View Barry Garland filming (16 MM) of the original Golden Spike celebration May 1973. See Video history about SVLS at: <http://www.svlsm.org/history2.php>



Have a neighbor or friend who has an interest in Live Steam / Trains? Bring them out, show them our fun, give them a ride and invite them to join.



FOR SALE

South Bend 1929 engine lathe. 16x60 swing, 3 HP 240V single phase motor, threading gearbox, 3 jaw & 4 jaw chuck, steady rest, follower rest, 16 inch faceplate, belt drive, live center, 3/4 inch Jacobs chuck. Bearings rebuilt by Gene Allen in 1972. Lathe is great shape.

\$3000.

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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 to: steamboatbill@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](#)



Trolley for Sale. Price \$1500 OBO, plus engine stand for sale. Call: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

1.02 Speed Limit

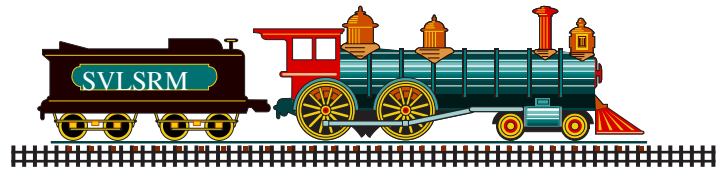
No locomotive shall be operated at an excessive speed, and shall not be operated at a speed greater than that at which the locomotive and its train can be slowed and stopped within a reasonable distance, depending on the traffic, track conditions, visibility and weight of the train. Train speed shall not exceed 7 mph. Trains transporting the general public shall not exceed 5 mph. All engines must be run at reduced speeds in congested areas and in areas with close clearance, such as yards, stations, etc.

3.01 Responsibilities of the Engineer

The Engineer is responsible for the safe handling of the train and the cars at all times. They must be in close cooperation with all other operating personnel, observing all rules and signals (whistles, hand, flag or light) given by the conductor and stationmaster. They must run their engine in conformance with SVLSRM safety rules at all times. They must see that any SVLSRM equipment used by them is returned to its proper storage space at the end of their run, unless another engineer takes over the responsibility of such equipment and agrees to see that such equipment is properly stored after its use.

4.04 Responsibilities of Stationmaster

The Stationmaster will have complete charge of the Station. The Stationmaster shall have a whistle (police type), red flag, and flashlight in their possession at all times while acting as a Stationmaster. They shall supervise the loading and unloading of all passengers at the passenger station. They shall discreetly refuse passage to passengers who obviously cannot fit or sit safely on a passenger hauling car. They shall make certain that all passengers have been advised and understand the safety instructions before the train leaves the station. They shall work in close cooperation with other operating personnel to keep passenger-hauling trains moving without causing congestion on the mainline.



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 the 24th of the month.

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/E-mail and we'll take pictures for a feature. Bill Yoder - Editor



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