

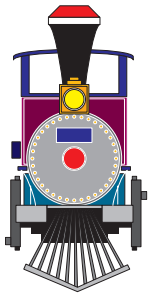
The GOLDEN SPIKE



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

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

We are now only three short weeks away from our Spring Meet. I appreciate the many emails and voicemails I have received requesting reservations for RV parking and sidings/steaming bays. I am in the process of sorting through them and making assignments. Each of you who has reached out to me will receive a follow up phone call or email confirming your reservation and other details. Due to the number of last minute requests, I don't finalize the assignments for sidings and steaming bays until the week of the meet. I appreciate your patience in this process as it is a little time consuming!

To reserve space, please contact me via e-mail secretary@svlsrcm.org or via telephone 916-361-7140 and please leave a voice mail. 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).

When you arrive at the Spring Meet, there will be clipboards around the steaming bays and lifts with each steaming bay/siding assignment. If you can't find the clip boards or don't understand your assignment, be sure to get a track map and/or find someone who can explain it to you.

President's Report

By Andy Berchielli



In March the membership voted on changing the member run day to a work day on Saturday and a run day on Sunday for the third weekend of the month. So April this took effect and we had a great turnout for the work day. Over 30 members helped clean up the grounds. Tree limbs were pruned, pine needles picked up, tree and leaf debris pickup and lots of line trimming was taken care of. Also work continues with the new yard being created by the quarry. Thanks to all that helped pitch in to maintain the facility.

One major project that has been talked about for a long time is the need to have a concrete pad for our gravel storage. This will prevent loss of rock in the dirt. The pad was poured on Friday the 13th. We still need to add RR ties on three sides to contain the rock. This should be completed by the meet.

May will be a busy month for the club. We have the public runs the first weekend, then our 45th Spring Meet and birthday party runs. Help us always needed for these events. Feel free to step up with any needs you can provide.

For the meet we will continue to assign spots to trains attending. A cone or marker is helpful when you are running to preserve your spot. Contact us to reserve your spot. You can also prepay for your meals. Check out the notice on the website.

The end of May construction will begin on completing our irrigation project. This is covered by Measure H grant and will be done by outside contractors. Expected duration will be about 2 weeks. During this time frame portions on the Sugar Pine line will be unavailable due to the fact that a panel or two may have to be removed for trenching into the park area.

Meet Registration Hours:

Friday & Saturday - 9 am -4 pm, Sunday - 9 am -12 Noon.

All members & guests attending the meet need to stop to check-in at registration.

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.svlsrcm.org/history2.php>

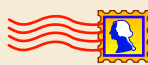
SVLSRM Calendar

May 5 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 May 6 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

June 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 June 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
 June 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
 June 16 Member WORK day - please help on club projects.
 June 17 Fathers Day - Member RUN day - bring your train to
 run all day.

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?



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.



Please check the SVLSRM web site www.svlstrm.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.



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

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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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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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



The following people were helping out at SVLS on one or both Public Run Days - April 7th & 8th.

Butch and Bill Floyd, Barbara & Gordon Moser, Steve Milward, Dennis Gramith, Alison Berry, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Richard Lutrel, Colton Snell, Dennis

Bowie, Peter Welch, Dale Dennis, Glen Wilson, Tom & Stacy Reese, Andy Berchielli, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Harry Voss, Dean Sheets, Toy & Don Yungling.

Friday the 13th of April - Concrete Slab Crew.

Dennis Gramith, Alison Berry, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Steve Milward, Andrew Sach, Glen Wilson, Peter Welch, Andy Berchielli, Rob Sharratt, Jeff Hickman, Bill Floyd, Bill Yoder.

Saturday April 21 - Work Day A Big Thank you to all who showed up.

Alison Berry (Lunch lady), Dennis Gramith, Bill Yoder, Marshall Post, Arnt & Kay Tonnessen, Tom & Stacy Reese, Paul Skidmore Evan Guinta, Chris Smith, Robert & Wendy Forren, Harry Voss, Glen Wilson, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Andy Berchielli, Steve Milward, Dave McFarland, Jacob Farnsworth, Syd Madden, Bill & Butch Floyd, Dennis Bowie, Craig Griffin, Doug Keiser, Christopher Roberts, Dale Dennis, Colton Snell, Harold Walters Richard Weitzenberg, Craig Griffin, Peter Welch.

Members Run Day - Birthday Party Helpers April 22, 2018.

Barbara and Gordon Moser, Harry Voss, Bill & Butch Floyd, Dennis Gramith, Glen Wilson, Marshall Post, Alison Berry.



Train Masters Report

By Peter Welch

Club equipment for our spring meet will be our diesels and riding cars. Riding cars are for all to use. Please do not keep them with your consist. When you are done using

the riding car or cars please return to boxcar yard. The diesels will be available to those familiar with the equipment. Anyone under 15 must have a adult certified member on the train.



Spring Meet Saturday Dinner

You must RSVP for Saturday dinner or buy ticket online by May 13th.

Buy your meal tickets on-line at:

<http://www.svlsrcm.org/meet-notice.php>

or you may RSVP by Calling Alison Berry (916) 983-9712 or E-mail: meet@svlsrcm.org

Lunch is 12-1:30 Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Sack Lunch on Friday (limited number available), burgers and hot dogs served Saturday & Sunday

Breakfast is served on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8-10. If you did not purchase your ticket the day before, breakfast tickets sales will start at 7:30 AM both days.

Dinner is served from 6 - 7. Dinner Friday night is a spaghetti dinner. Saturday is the catered BBQ dinner - reservations and prepayment are required for it. Last day to reserve your Saturday dinner is Sunday, May 13 (by 8 PM). Contact Alison Berry to reserve your dinner.

Stop by the Registration booth to pay for your meals (cash, check, or credit card). There will be some new t-shirt colors available for sale. Thirsty or want a snack? The Bake Sale and drinks are also located in the Registration Tent.



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!

April Board Summary

by Alex Wilde, Secretary

- Peter will be replacing one of the check valves on the 1973. Little Blue" needs a new blow down.
- SP caboose yard tracks are coming along nicely.
- New rule books have arrived.
- Club will look into switching insurance providers for property coverage.
- The tractor is now stored inside of container #3 along with the trencher.
- We can start building switches and building up the ground to get into container #4.
- Track sidings and station signs will be made. This will help those less familiar with our club to know where to park your train during the Spring Meet.
- Purchase of a new grill was approved.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR SPRING MEET

Please contact any board member to volunteer.

Thanks



10 Years ago: Donations. Our new sea container is scheduled to arrive around the first few days of May and will be located next to the present sea container. A donation of track ballast will be made by Loring Brunius of Sierra Rock in Placerville. An area must first be cleared at Quarry for the material. More on this donation in the next issue.

Saturday April 25 was a very busy day in Hagan Park. It was KIDS DAY and there were certainly a lot of kids and their families. We started giving rides at 11am and ended a very long, hot and tired day at 4pm. We rode a total of 620 riders in a 5 hour period and everyone seemed to really have a good time.



20 Years ago: The V.P. Comments: Are you a giver or a taker? With the Spring Meet upon us I hope everyone has a fine time. As you enjoy the activities and our well manicured track and grounds, be aware of the man hours necessary to accomplish this event. Come on and have fun, but also volunteer to help with some of the meet chores. The same small group who put in their time week after week can use some assistance during the actual event. Your Board Members and fellow members will appreciate your help.

30 Years ago: Bob Lovell is still working very hard on the siding that will connect the new transfer table to the mainline, hoping to have it completed by the Spring meet. Ed Spall has built the steel bridge that will connect the transfer table to the new siding and has also continued his one-man project of putting together 10' sections of track so that it will be ready to put down.

Erich Quiring has been busy with weed control and fixing and replacing leaking and broken faucets and doing other miscellaneous repairs on the riding and push mowers. Ed Yungling, Hal and Les Wilmunder picked up our lathe and brought it out to the facility and placed it right in front of the door so it will be ready to move in as soon as we get the manpower together. A "standing ovation" goes to all these dedicated members who continually work hard to keep this club going.

Paul Hagan

August 14, 1918 - May 1, 1988

It is with much regret that we must report the passing of

Paul Hagan on Sunday, May 1, 1988. Paul was the original administrator of the Cordova Recreation and Park District serving until his retirement in 1985. Paul was a true friend to the SVLS. Paul spoke with pride about our contribution to the Park and Community. Those of us that knew Paul, know that the Community is a better place because he was here.

40 Years ago: The management of the Deer Creek Railway is pleased to announce that at 1 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, May 6th, 1978, the line began revenue service. The 12" gauge lines only engine "Chief Crazy Horse" with a fully loaded, three car train, traversed the entire main line trackage of the line without incident and arrived at its destination with a happy load of passengers at 1:07 p.m. the same date.

The management requests that notice of this historic event be published in the "Golden Spike" newsletter for the benefit of members of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers.

Sincerely
 Milon Thorley
 President, General manager, Engineer, Fireman, Conductor, Hostler, Track Gang, etc.
 Connie Thorley
 Vice-president, Ticket agent.

At the April general meeting, John Haines displayed a 1 1/4" scale 6 1/4" gauge, 4-4-0 engine which he generously donated to the California State Railroad Museum for display. It has quite a history. Built in 1882, at Gold Run, Cal., by Captain Davison who was employed there as Agent for the Southern Pacific Company. The Davison family later located to Auburn where the locomotive is remembered as having operated over an oval track, pulling its engineer on a trailing flat car.

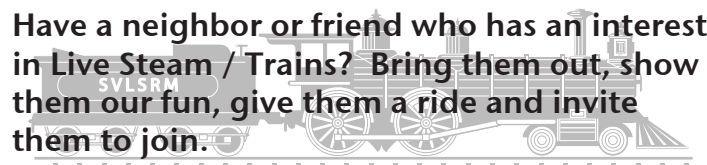
Prior to about 1930 the model was displayed at the Oakland "Mole" terminal, the old headquarters building of SP. The Telegraphers Union office in the Pacific building and even in Market Street parades.

The engine passed through several people before John bought it in 1972.

Those attending the Ground Breaking Ceremonies at the California Railroad Museum, in April, no doubt will agree that it was a fine show with good speakers, excellent John Kennedy Hi Band, free lunch, programs and souvenir Golden Spike stick pin to commemorate the event. We wish them well in their goal to open the new museum in 1980 and offer our aid as a club wherever we can be of assistance.

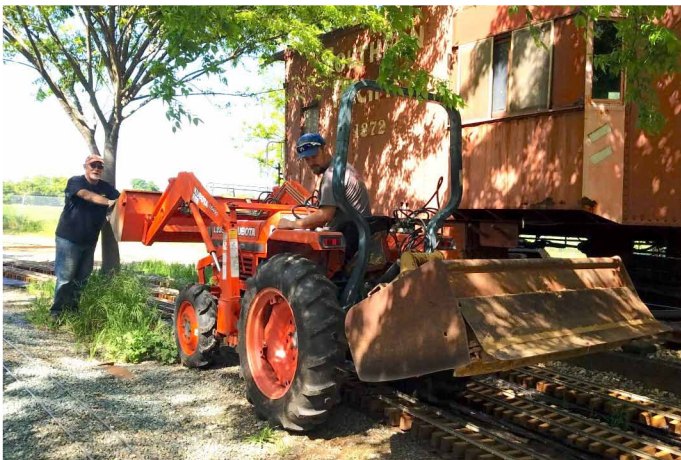


Have a neighbor or friend who has an interest in Live Steam / Trains? Bring them out, show them our fun, give them a ride and invite them to join.





Start to finish new gravel slab.



Steve and Andy using the new tractor to work on the new siding by the SP caboose.



Landscaping project for the SP caboose. Using railroad ties, build short wall around caboose then fill with gravel.



The new Quarry yard and Quarry longer siding. Quarry yard has 3 tracks from 57 to 65 feet for trains.



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.



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.

Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

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

1.03 Passengers and Visitors

General public, when permitted within the steaming bays, shall be escorted by a SVLSRM member. General public who need to get close to tracks for photography shall have an escort to keep a lookout for oncoming trains or equipment movement.

2.01 Ashpan

Steam boilers burning solid fuel shall have an ashpan constructed and installed to prevent dropping of burning ashes or fuel along the right-of-way. Except in emergencies, ashes shall be dumped only at the steaming bays. Engineers shall be responsible for immediately extinguishing burning ashes dropped on the track, wherever they are dropped.

3.02 Responsibilities of the Conductor

Each conductor shall have a whistle (police type) and a red flag or light in their possession at all times while acting as conductor. They shall assist in loading or unloading passengers on the train. They shall be certain that all passengers on their train have been informed of the safety rules before signaling to the engineer to proceed from the station. They shall enforce all passenger safety rules while the train is in motion. They shall enforce rules and shall prevent any passengers from throwing any trash, garbage or other refuse from the train along the right-of-way. They shall align all switches (turnouts) for the mainline after use of such switches by their train. They shall assist the engineer when necessary and shall call for help when necessary to enforce any rules.

4.11 Conduct of Passengers

The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling the public shall ascertain that all passengers are informed of passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station.

Passengers shall remain on the train during unscheduled stops unless otherwise directed. Engineers and Conductor are responsible for orderly passenger conduct.

The train crew shall inform the passengers to:

- A. Remain seated facing forward at all times while the train is in motion.
- B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.
- C. Not to lean out or reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.
- D. Keep hands and feet within the boundaries of the riding car at all times while the train is in motion.
- E. Not to yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.
- F. Do not lean over or turn around while taking



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