

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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*Thank you*

to the following people who helped me make our Breakfast, Lunches, and Dinners so successful during our Spring Meet. Gordon Moser - Shopping for food supplies Jennifer & Chris Roberts - Potato Salad, Green Salad Lisa Moser, Jessica Bouchey, Rob & Tammy Sharratt, Andy Berchielli,

Lee Frechette, Breanna & Sarah Lutrel, Dennis Bowie, Stephanie Huntingdale, Steve Milward, Bill Floyd, Toy Yungling, Janet Lee, Evelyn Donhost, Kevin Sach, Matt Hall, Judy Berchielli, Beth Hickman, and Thank you to anyone else I missed.

I appreciate and enjoy working with all of you.  
Barbara Moser

On June 23 and 24 Portola Valley and Alpine Railroad will be hosting their third annual meet with GGLS and SVLS. This is a beautiful railroad located above Palo Alto. If you wish to join us I need you to contact me with names and if you are bringing any equipment. There are 2 spots available for RV (self contained) if interested. Let me know ASAP if you plan to attend, e-mail: [president@svlsrcm.org](mailto:president@svlsrcm.org)

## President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

People came from far and near to attend our 45th Spring Meet. The weather was great and we had almost every siding full. A special thanks to the SageBrush group who showed up on Wednesday and were ready to help. Many branches were pruned to make way for the RVs. Then on Thursday I got a group



of about 10 from the Sagebrush group to help finish a drill track and siding for the new Quarry yard. A much needed addition to the RR. Thank you to all that helped pitch in to make this meet a success.

The reservation system for RV, steaming bay and siding seems to work well. I will make improvement for the next meet to make things easier to understand. However I believe we will stick with this reservation system to create less confusion on the RR. It works if everyone sticks to the plan. If you attended the meet you would have noticed the new falls under Twin Bridges. This project was spearheaded by the Welch family. This new feature was most enjoyed by all. Thank you for your time and effort.

Our tractor just became more efficient with a set of pallet forks. We can now move heavy things with ease. A special thanks to Reno Farinelli for donating the forks and to Peter Welch for fabricating the bracket. Being President, people come to me with many ideas. One that I believe we will start to do right away is to identify major projects that need funding and create a fundraiser for said project. I had many people willing to donate if they knew it was going to a certain project. One of the first steps to do is to create a Master Plan, which is already underway. Then we need to set a time frame and approximate value to the project. From there we can move forward. Again thank you to everyone who contributed their time to make this RR what it is today.



New water falls at Twin Bridges

## SVLSRM Calendar

- 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.
- July 3 Fourth of July special run day - 4 PM to 8 PM  
 July 4 Fourth of July special run day - 4 PM to 8 PM  
 July 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.  
 July 21 Member WORK day - please help on club projects.  
 July 22 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?***



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.

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## MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

### Welcome Our New Members

David & Karen Cladianos, Sacramento - Regular  
 Gordon & Peggy Dunham, Sacramento - Regular  
 Bernard & Elaine New, Carmel Valley - Associate  
 Ralph & Paula Orlandella, Elk Grove - Regular  
 Tim & Debbie Willard, Bakersfield - Associate

*Thanks to all the members who renewed their memberships at the recent spring meet.*



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





**Kids Day in the Park**

Steve Milward, Dennis Bowie, Harry Voss, Dave McFarland, Jim Welch, Dennis Gramith, Butch Floyd, Richard Weitzenberg, Paul Skidmore, Dave Cladianos, Ryan, Tyler, Thomas Vellanoweth,

Gordon & Barbara Moser.


**May 5, 2018**

Dennis Bowie, Peter Welch, Marty Carapiet, Harry Voss, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Bill Floyd, David Arrow, Dennis Gramith, Alison Berry. Dale Dennis, Steve Milward, Paul Skidmore, Andy Berchielli, Rob Sharratt, Bill Yoder, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Andrew Maret, Colton Snell.

**May 6, 2018**

Cliff Gertz - Visitor from American Flyer Club Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Bill & Butch Floyd Aaron, Lisa, Cora, & Will Hoerner, Harry Voss Barbara Rhors, Barbara & Gordon Moser.




 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!



New gravel pit off Quarry siding



  
**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.



**Director - Steve Milward**

Hello all. I'm hoping that by now, everybody has recovered from our Spring Meet. By most measures it seems to have been a great success. We enjoyed fantastic weather, large and friendly groups of visitors and a fine variety of locomotives and equipment. As always, none of this could have happened without a LOT of time and hard work from some of our most dedicated members. Without their efforts we would've fallen well short of our desire to make this a memorable experience for our guests. Of course, we've learned to expect the unexpected. Some electrical gremlins caused some difficulties for some of our guests, and we were understaffed at the registration and sales tent. Others had to wear many hats thru the course of the weekend.

One thing we must keep in mind - These meets aren't for SVLS, rather, they're about SVLS. It's our chance to put our best foot forward and be there for our guests. Even if that means stepping away from the trains for awhile and helping with some of the seemingly mundane tasks that always need doing.

I would like to give a special shout out and thank you to the Sagebrush Shoreline bunch. A large group of them jumped in and installed, ballasted and leveled two new drill tracks by the SP caboose in just about three hours! A great effort, to be sure!



**May Board Summary**

**Old:**

- Quarry siding complete, - Drill track to be added.
- Spring Meet Planning - Need to have propane tank filled, dumpsters moved, sign out process for club equipment, car stops fixed for boxcar tracks, & paper signs printed.
- Insurance - Property and liability now provided by one vendor.
- Sprinkler project - to begin after Spring meet.
- Memorial names - They will be added before meet (Thursday).

**New:**

- Steel rail to be bought now as Andy can provide transportation. \$1500. to purchased rail.
- New engine - Still waiting, Andy had discussion and set a final date for delivery of June 15th.



The club needs more members to be active with our public ride days, and our special events like Parties, Santa Run, and special events.

**These events provide our main source of income so please come out and help.**

Please volunteer by being added to the crew call list for hauling public to e-mail: [secretary@svlsrcm.org](mailto:secretary@svlsrcm.org).



**10 Years ago: Donations.** Thanks to weather, the 2008 Spring Meet will be remembered as a HOT ONE. The days before the meet had temperatures in the 90's and I would like to thank members Terry Willes, Bob Silva, Bill Noyer, Carl & Linda Kitzmiller, Bill Yoder, Jacob Stealman, Leonard Houpt, Gail Gomes, Paul & Tia Skidmore, Pete Arney and all who helped get the facility ready for the meet. The Tuesday

track crew will be building two switches for the new yard at Midway. I would like to thank Bob Silva for volunteering and building the entry switch for the new yard.



Bill Yoder has made and installed another Turnout motor on the track at Midway with remote buttons for operation when approaching siding. These motors seem to be working well so plans are to expand their usage. Also installed was a new light module for the top block signal. You can see the difference with the new light having a larger view area due to it fresnel type lens. The plan is to use this style for all signals.

**20 Years ago: ENGINES & ENGINEERS THAT VISITED US FOR THE MEET (1998)**

SW15 - Scotty Murphy, 440 VT - Bob McMullum  
 V&T #26 - Calvin Tinkham, Pacific - Norman Krueger  
 Pacific - Bill Cody, Pacific - Deon Carroll

4-6-2 Missouri Pacific - Jim Carroll  
 1500 Switcher - Bob Watkins, Consolidation - Dick Quiring  
 SW1500 - David Arrol, Shay - Ken Schroeder  
 4-4-0 #116 American - David & Geraldine August  
 CP 173 - Robert & Kim Beard, SP-PID - Joe & Tiny Yetter  
 Mich-Cal Shay - Don Juergenson, Falk #1 Shay - Henry Stefani  
 Electric - Karl Reichhold, 2-8-2 Sierra Pacific - Rick Zobelein  
 Baldwin/Westinghouse Electric - Herb Reichhold  
 Allen Mogul - Ralph & Mary Hutchens  
 Box Cab Elect. - Bill Quick, Lil Gasser - Robert Bergmans  
 SP AG - Charles Hunter, 3/4 Northern - Victor & Anita Owens  
 Baldwin Gas - Paul Garin III, GS-4 - Craig Craddock  
 Pacific - Dick Bartel. Coal Fired Pacific - Dale & Lorra Fowlar  
 GE Switcher - Bud Rogers & Chantel Wilkison

These are all those who registered their equipment with us. There were others there that did not register. The next meet you attend please be sure to drop by and register with us so we know you were there. Of those that registered, Thank you for coming by and hope you all had a good time 'playing' at our track.

**30 Years ago:** (I don't know what happened then, because we are missing news letters. - Editor is needing old news letters.)

**40 Years ago:** Sunday June 18th "See Father run. See Father having fun." This is Fathers' Day and it is also Run Day on the SVLS and what better way to please him. Bring a picnic lunch, let the kids go swimming or fishing and let Dad do his thing. We will be planning out some new additions to the SVLS to be started in the near future.

Joe and Jody Passentina have donated a new parachute to the SVLS and after the heat on Saturday at the spring meet and the welcome shade of our old parachute, we sure appreciate their gift. We'll put it to good use at the ever hot Fall Meet.



**SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH**

1.08 Mode of seating  
 Passengers must remain seated, straddling seat, and facing forward, on the cars at all times until the train returns to the station.  
 Arms and legs must be kept inside the cars at all times while the train is in motion.

2.02 Daylight Operations  
 All Locomotives shall be equipped with a whistle, horn, or other sounding device producing audible signals. Such sounding devices shall be powerful enough to be heard distinctly for at least 150 feet. All locomotives shall carry a red flag and whistle to warn traffic of emergencies and for passing on visual and audible signals.

3.07 Separation of Trains  
 Any engine following another train must keep at least 75 feet behind the train ahead. When entering mainline, yielded to mainline traffic.





*Photos thanks to Barbara Moser, Robert Forren, & Bill Yoder  
See more meet photos on-line at [svlsrm.org](http://svlsrm.org)*



## 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.

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