

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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## President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

Our Dash 9 made its debut for the August Public Runs! Kevin did a great job of painting it and it's definitely an engine everyone was interested in this month. If you didn't make it out this month we have updated all test for qualified train crew. If you did not take a test this month please do so on your next visit. The test can be downloaded straight from the website. Bring it to the club to get on record. Our rule is that all train crews be qualified every two years.

Our Hot August Night Run was definitely Hot with temps topping 100 degrees. However we still had a great turnout of members and several bringing their engines to run into the night. Of course the potluck dinner kept everyone well fed. Thanks to everyone that attended!

With September here already the board is gearing up for our busiest and most important time of year for the club. The Pumpkin Express in October and Santa Train in December have become a major source of income for the club. Without these events the club cannot continue to make major improvements to the club. With these well attended events we rely on membership to step up and help in various ways. Helping with train crews is just a small portion of what is needed to pull off a successful event. During our Santa Train we provide cookies to all that attend. Last year we had 1830 riders. Considering most take two or more cookies, that is a lot of cookies to make. Close to 4000 cookies are needed. Member can contribute cookies anytime. We have large freezer space where we can store cookies. This is just one way to help out. As the time gets closer we need help setting up, crowd control, kitchen help, ticket takers, etc. So any member can help in some way. We will also be looking at adding track side attractions for both events. If anyone would like to give me hand at decorating or providing some display that would be more than helpful.

Our Fall Meet is October 19-21. This last Spring we decided to try out reservations. It worked pretty good. So we are in the process of streamlining it to make it easier for all involved. The reason for reservations is create less confusion upon arrive so everyone knows where to go. Stay tuned for more info to be published on the web and in the October edition.

August 21 I had the pleasure of meeting the owners of Accutie. They flew out here from Ohio for a meeting and afterwards had some time to kill. So I gave Marty and his wife the grand tour of our facility and enjoyed a couple of laps on the Dash 9. They were impressed with our area and are pleased to see us using their product. Just like to say thanks for coming by!

## SVLSRM Calendar

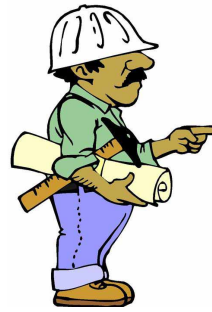
Sept. 1 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM  
 Sept. 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM  
 Sept. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.  
 Sept. 15 Work Day  
 Sept. 16 Member Run Day

Oct. 6 Pumpkin Express - 11 AM - 3 PM  
 Oct. 7 Pumpkin Express - 11 AM - 3 PM  
 Oct. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.  
 Oct. 19 Membership meeting 7:30 at track.  
 Nominations for 2019 board.  
 Oct. 19-21 Fall 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?*

Do you like running trains? We are in need of conductors, engineers and hostlers for both steam and diesel. If you are interested in joining our operating crew, please contact Alex Wilde at [secretary@svls.org](mailto:secretary@svls.org) to be added to our email list. We are in the process of creating updated tests to match our latest rule book release earlier this year. On the job training is available!




*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 ask, then volunteer.*

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

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.



**Help us save money.**



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.

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



**2018 Railfest Project**

*By Alison Berry*

**Help Needed!**

SVLSRM will be participating in the Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad 2018 Railfest on Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, September 30. We will have a static display showcasing Ed Zeis's steam engine and the club caboose posed on a table. We will be under a 10 x 10 canopy so plenty of shade. We need people to hand out our Pumpkin & Santa Train flier as well as our club flier. We will have chairs and an ice chest with water. We will be located on the backside of Hampton Inn and will have access to real bathrooms. Hampton Inn is located at 155 Placerville Road, Folsom, CA 95630. The hours are 9-5 on Saturday, 9-4 on Sunday.

Please contact Alison Berry (aliberry@yahoo.com and/or 916-956-4597) if you can, come down for a few hours either day to help represent our club at this fun event.

link <https://www.psvrr.org/folsom-railfest/>



**Track Superintendent Report**

*By Dennis Bowie*

Another installment of looking down the track... With August almost over and Hot August nights behind us you would think cooler days are on the way. But there's still plenty of warm day to do track work. I was at the Club today looking at the track; you can always find something that needs a



little TLC. I did find that one of the switch throw handles was snapped off and will need to be repaired.

And I was looking at the track sidings that go to container 4, (container 4 is the storage for the work train) this looks really good and the concrete support for the end of the track is a first rate job. All that's needed is some finishing touches for the loading ramp and we can get the work train in and out of the container.



**Train Masters Report**

*By Peter Welch*



We finally have the new dash 9 all ready and in service. We are updating our records and need everyone to retest so please set aside some time to get certified to pull public if you haven't done so already.

Big things are going down as I got the go ahead to start building a G gauge layout at svls. This will be a live steam and battery operated layout. Your help donating time and materials would be awesome to get this project going. I have already donated a few hundred feet of track and switches. It will be on a raise bed and tables/ bridges around the trees. The sw1500 is down for repairs. Remember if you notice a problem or have any question about the trains please give me a call and I will do my best to get it taken care of. Thanks

One of the side projects that I would like to work on is to reinstall the parking siding in Cordova station, this will consist of aluminum track. We used the steel track that was there on this last year's main line project. See you on the rails.

**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.**





**10 Years ago:** Long time member Darrel McWhirk Died on July 28, 2008. He was an active member for a number of years. He dearly loved pulling the public with his steam engine. Very few run days occurred without Darrel steamed up and running.

When his health did not allow him to participate any longer but still wanting to be involved in some way he donated his 4-6-0 steam engine (now SVLS 1973) to us. For that generous donation SVLS will be eternally grateful and his engine will be a remembrance of this generous man. - by *Milon Thorley*

I am pleased to announce the opening of the new Midway Yard this month. The three track yard includes one 90 foot, and two 60 foot sidings. I want to thank Paul Skidmore, Jack Friedman, Terry Wiles, Bill Yoder, Richard Lutrel, Jacob Stealman, Hunter Lohse, Andrew Ford, Jeff White, Vern Geyer, Pete Arney, Lee Frechette, Gordon Moser, Bob Silva, Keith Berry, and Gail Gomes for helping complete this project. The track crew has repaired and installed plastic ties on the switch for the Oasis sidings and both tracks are open. On Saturday, September 13 I am looking for members to help with track maintenance to get ready for the meet. See You Then! Darrell Gomes.

**20 Years ago: WHY DO YOU BELONG TO SVLS?**

Why do we join organizations? We all have a reason or reasons why we belong to any organization. We all have a reason or reasons why we joined Sacramento Valley Live Steamers. I would like to share my reason with you.

I was blessed with a railroad buddy - a bud that shared my interest in trains of any size. Prior to becoming a member of SVLS, I would bring my buddy to the park to ride the trains with me. We would wait in line at the station until it was our turn to ride and we would ride the trains as long as they were running. We also had to make sure that we rode every train that was pulled by a different engine. Sometimes I would have to go home early because my railroad buddy would be lulled to sleep in my arms completely happy. But we looked forward to the next time the trains ran in the park.

It is fun to have someone who shares your interest in trains. I often feared that some day I would lose my buddy as he became interested in other things that would push his interest in trains aside. I never thought that he would move away. Now I am again just another adult still playing trains. But wait...my railroad buddy has gotten his dad interested in railroading with him. So, hopefully, they will continue stimulating my railroad buddies' interest.

How about you? Do you have a railroad buddy with whom you share your interest in trains. If not, maybe you could find a buddy and add to your enjoyment by sharing your interest and knowledge of trains with him and maybe others by bringing him with you out to the park. I can go on and on and on.....

And to my railroad buddy --Jordan, happy rails to you in Oregon! (but I sure do miss you).

**Tony Rohrs - President**

**30 Years ago:** Expansion Up-Date - At long last we are able to report visible progress on the expansion. Park Administrator Neil Orchard reports that negotiations with Sacramento County regarding splitting the cost of fencing our new land are close to satisfactory agreement. By the time you read this, the park will have bulldozed all of the piles of dirt, rock and debris from the triangle outside the gate into the low area at the southwest corner of our new land. Neil is also working to eliminate the storm drain which dumps from the street into that area. The park has also used their big flail mower to cut and chop the weeds from the entire 6.5 acres of our expansion area. We have also received from the Operation Engineers Survey Section a computer printout identifying all of the center points, radii, degrees and tangent distances for our proposed track plan in relation to the property boundaries which they also identified. A scale drawing based on this information is expected very soon. The next step is to take this drawing along with the additions supplied by our volunteer landscape architect and the model built by Keith and Susie Kirstein to the Sacramento count Park Commission for conceptual approval.

**40 Years ago:** We are all spruced up (almost) thanks to many people who have been hard at work - the Gramiths have kept the grass and weeds cut and watered all summer; they planted 10 trees in the steaming bay area and we now have a nice green area. Water lines have been run out to the passenger loading area to use in the engines or for drinking and to the shelter area; also a line was run for irrigation use in the steaming bay area. Another new switch has been installed, road bed was worked over, rails straightened and lots of weeds pulled. There is still more to be done and we only have one more week end, so we NEED A BIG WORK CREW for SATURDAY THE 14th.

There will be cold beer and pop available at the meet, but no food for sale.

The Sacramento Model Railroaders will be sharing the steaming bay area with us for a picnic, so let's make them welcome. Some of our members are also members of this club and each one is a prospective future Live Steamer.



**SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH**



**1.15 Children**  
Parents or Guardians shall be responsible for the safety, supervision, and behavior of their Children at all times.

**3.13 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.





# Thanks

August 4,5, Public Run Day Helpers \* & guests

Glen Wilson\*, Dennis Bowie\*, Dennis Gramith\*, Gordon & Barbara Moser\*, Chris\*, Evelyn, Paul, Eli Donhost, Kevin & Andrew Sach\*, Keith & Gloria Berry, Colton Snell\*, Dale & Veronica Taylor, Lewis Donhost, Becky & Levi Edwards, Bill & Butch Floyd\*, Richard \* Amy, Sarah & Brianna Lutrel, Peter & Jim Welch\*, Paul & Stephanie Huntingdale\*, John Bailie, Dale Dennis\*, Jeff White, David Arrow\*, Steve Milward\*, Andy Berchielli\*,

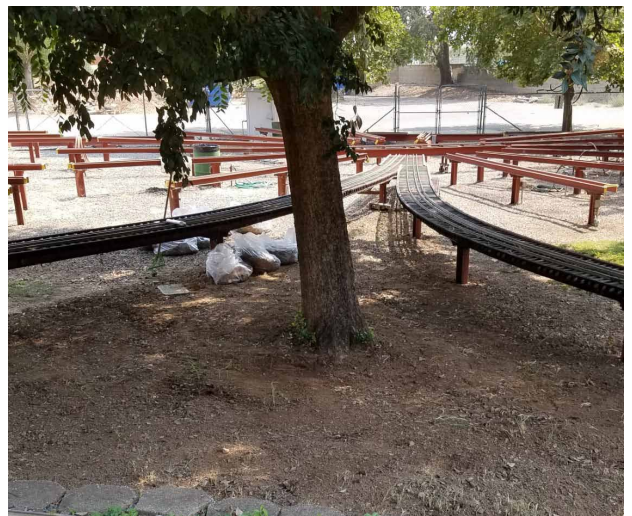
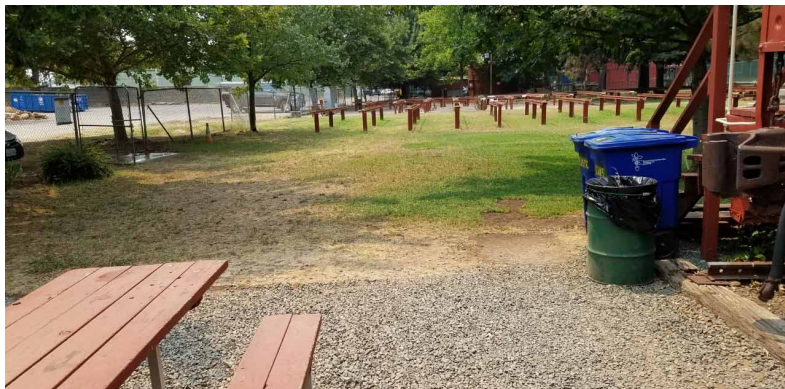
### Hot August Nights:

Dennis Gramith, Alison Berry, Andy Berchielli, Chris, Evelyn, Paul & Eli Donhost, Mark & Laura Strobaett, Amy, Sarah, Brianna Lutrel, Matt, Weasel, Abby Thomas, Cindy, Les, & Casey Wilmunder, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Chris Disney, Peter Welch, John, Michele, Evan Guinta, Butch Floyd, Lewie Donhost, Seth Hansen, Star, Arron, Snow, Jerel & Sharon Hansen - Kane & Darth, Kyle & Michele Winberg, Matt Mason, Rob, Tammy, Cody, Alexis Sharratt, Marty Carapiet, Dale Dennis, Andrew Maret, Harry Voss, Colton Snell, John Bailey



Keith Berry and Barbara and Gordon Moser have been getting together and cleaning up around the steaming bays on Tuesdays. They cleaned out the area between the turntable leads, Keith weed whacked the scraggly grass, He will spray next Tuesday, area best left for leaf raking

as tree will drop a lot of leaves in Fall.





**FOR SALE**

**7.5" ga. Morris EMD style switcher and car**

This is a Morris EMD profile locomotive and gondola riding car. The locomotive is rigged to run cab forward moving the noise, heat and exhaust away from the engineer. This is totally ready to run and needs nothing. The locomotive has been painted with prototypically correct, professionally applied automotive paint and fresh vinyl graphics. An upgraded hydrostatic drive has been installed as well as a pressure driven air brake system using a GAST 12 volt compressor. Mountain Car Company brakes are installed on the engineers car using Tom Bee controls. The brakes have proved a must for handling trains with five adult passengers down the grades at Train Mountain.



Features included: Rigged to run cab forward, may be changed to hood forward Head lights Horn Reliable Honda motor, very fuel efficient Upgraded Eaton hydrostatic transmission Prototypically correct automotive paint, applied by body shop Fresh Miracle vinyl graphics Marine quality wiring Brake system compressor system using premium Gast compressor Air brakes installed in engineers car Battery charging by magneto and installed charging port Trickle charger included Safety cables Includes everything pictured including dual seats in gondola and storage rack. Shows some wear from normal use.


Includes everything pictured including dual seats in gondola and storage rack. Shows some wear from normal use. \$9,500.00 or best offer. Contact Tom Via E-mail "maybelater65@yahoo.com" or 707-257-6464

**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](mailto: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](#)

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



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).