

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

Our 50th Spring Meet was a great success, with one of the highest attendance records in recent history. We were thrilled to have 38 steam engines in operation, and all 37 sidings full. The event attracted numerous newcomers who had nothing but positive feedback about the track. This achievement was made possible by the dedication of our hardworking volunteers, who invested countless hours in yard cleanup and improving the overall facility. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by everyone in attendance.

A special ceremony took place at the official golden spike location, including the engines involved in the inaugural golden spike: Ken Spicer's Mikado and Milon Thorley's American. The event featured speakers Don Yungling, Dennis Gramith, park general manager Patrick Larkin, Mayor Linda Budge, and myself. Both the park and the city honored us with framed letters recognizing our remarkable accomplishments. Thanks to Don for lending us his sound system for the ceremony.

The success of the meet relied heavily on the contributions of numerous volunteers. I would like to acknowledge Barbara Moser and the entire food service team for their hard work. Chris Klevesahl deserves special mention for his countless trips hauling trash and helping me wherever needed, while Steve Milward efficiently managed the track. Additionally, Stacy Reese and Stephanie Huntingdale dedicated their entire weekend in the registration tent, handling payments and merchandise. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those mentioned, as well as to every individual who played a role in ensuring the smooth operation of this meet.

Looking ahead, our next event is a joint meet with GGLS at Portola Valley and Alpine RR. You have the option to attend either day on June 17 or 18. If you would like to order a lunch to be delivered on Saturday, please contact me for details. On Sunday, attendees are responsible for their own meals. Please note that the deadline for ordering Saturday lunch is June 13th.



"We meet again my friend."

SVLSRM Calendar

Please check on-line about Public activity.

June 3 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
 June 4 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
 June 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
 June 17 Work day. Or : Joint meet at Portola Valley - contact Andy Berchielli
 June 18 Member run day.

July 3 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
 July 4 Public run day 11AM - 3PM
 July 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
 July 15 Work day.
 July 16 Member run day.

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



See www.svlsrcm.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.

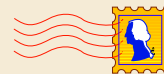
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The news letter deadline is 24th of each month. Member articles wanted.



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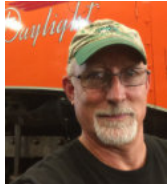
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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



Track Superintendent
by Steve Milward

Greetings from the Track Department!

Well, it's done. Our 50th Anniversary Meet is officially over. By all measures it was a rousing success! Just about every track was filled with trains, the RV and camping area was full and many folks from all over came out to enjoy the hospitality, great weather, good food, friendship and Trains!

A lot of members and visitors pulled together to make it happen. Our thanks the City of Rancho Cordova and the Parks and Recreation Departments for their continuing support of our organization. We were honored to have them join us for a celebration at the site of the original Golden Spike.

If you were one of our visitors, we're glad you joined us, and hope you had a good time. If you were among those who volunteered, pitched in and generally helped out, many thanks and know that your efforts are most appreciated!

Of course, a meet like this doesn't take place without a few hiccups. I know I've got more track repair and improvements to make, but at least I'm not staring at a big deadline.

It's time to take a deep breath, relax a bit, then dig into it again. Again, thanks for joining us, helping out, and we'll hope to see you soon.



Trainmaster Report
by Craig Griffin



Gday all, Well the Spring meet/ 50th anniversary of the club is behind us and man was it fun. Lots of great trains and good people.

The club diesels were in use and we even had Levi out on Sunday. The Santa Fe is now converted to battery power and will hopefully be back in the boxcar this weekend. Thanks to Dale up at Train Mountain for the great conversion.

Remember, if you are going to run club equipment, check oil and fuel before starting and look over the entire train for any issues. Let me know of any problems as soon as possible so I can get them fixed.

Hoping to see you down at the park over the summer. Come play trains.

Librarian - Alison Berry



I was finally able to spend some time in the library. I spent a day cleaning out all the cobwebs (found a black window!) and preparing the library for Spring Meet visitors. Unfortunately, we had a break-in in the caboose a few days later. They punched out one of the caboose door windows and crawled in through that. Luckily the only vandalism was dumping several boxes of slides on the floor. It could have been so much worse. I did get permission from the board at the May board meeting to repair and refurbished the library caboose. Replacing the windows is a must now.

I had a number of visitors on Saturday morning. It was fun talking to everyone. We also received some donations. Just a reminder, we will not accept any VHS tapes. I do have the book list on an Excel spreadsheet that I can email to any member. Our book list is a work in progress as I continue to process donations. On Sunday I met Andrew Brandon who has written several books. He had copies of 2 of his books - Railroads of Nevada County and Southern Pacific's Slim Princess - with him. He donated both books to our library. I had him sign the books.

I will try to be at the library every Sunday run day. I will also be there on some Tuesdays.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss



MEMBERSHIP
by Stacy Reese

The Spring Meet was a great success! I would like to thank everyone for their time and effort that they put forth to making the event run so smoothly. We had a few pay their dues and several that joined our club. I am a little late in welcoming some members in the newsletter, sorry for the delay. A big WELCOME to all our new members:

- Dennis & Diane Cascarelli
- Albert Di Paolo
- Louie & Debby Fields
- Mark & Margaret Madewell
- Jim & Irene McDavid
- Ken Mitchrone & Donna Beth Weilenman
- Alexander Owens
- David & Terry Phillips
- Patrick Ray & Emily McCoy
- Joseph & Emily Siemons
- David Wham



Awards given to SVLSRM from the Cordova Recreation & Park District and from the city of Rancho Cordova



Photos taken by CRPD Board Member Rick Sloan



Meet photos are from Andy Berchielli or the Editor.



10 Years ago: WOW ! What a GREAT SPRING MEET ! I want to Thank all the Members and Guests for their contributions of Help, Patience, and Understanding for making the meet a Success ! It was a task fitting 25 RVs and 11+ tents in to our facility ! This was made possible by parking train trailers outside the fence.

Thanks for making my assignment easier.

We Thank The Track Crew and the Sage Brush Short Line Crew for their help in completing the 5 new sidings at Oasis. There were a LOT of Locomotives and Rolling Stock at this meet and the use of CONES to ID your sidings made it easy for all to Enjoy. In May we will celebrate 40 years of having our railroad here in Hagan Park. Actually, we named ourselves the "Sacramento Valley Live Steamers" in honor of the original railroad, the Sacramento Valley Railroad, which was planned in 1852 by Theodore Judah to run through the area which is now Rancho Cordova, along the route of today's Folsom Boulevard.



40 Years ago: The County Park Commission voted 5 - 0 in favor of granting us a lease for future expansion. The next step is to bring this matter before the County Board of Supervisors for the final approval. We will keep you posted on the progress. The board discussed the possibility of extending the shelter area roof. It was determined that the extension could be framed using donated materials on hand, and the decision was made to proceed immediately. The board decided to sell hot dogs, beer and soda on Saturday, June 18 (GGLS Day). They will be sold between the hours of 11:00 and 2:00 ONLY. Don Juergenson presented the latest modification to our proposed Bathroom Plans. It will be presented to the Cordova Park District for approval. The board has also, unanimously, agreed to purchase an industrial type replacement engine for the Club Loco.

On Saturday, June 18, 1983, The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers will host a "Special Run Day" for our closest neighbors and good friends, The Golden Gate Live Steamers.





FOR SALE Steeple cab locomotive, 1 year old. Two 450 watt 24V motors, Ride Trains controller with sound system, built in IOTA 24 volt battery charger, Two 12V deep cycle batteries. **\$6900.00.** Can deliver to the SVLS Spring meet. Contact Ken Schroeder, 775-265-3632, shaylocomotives@charter.net

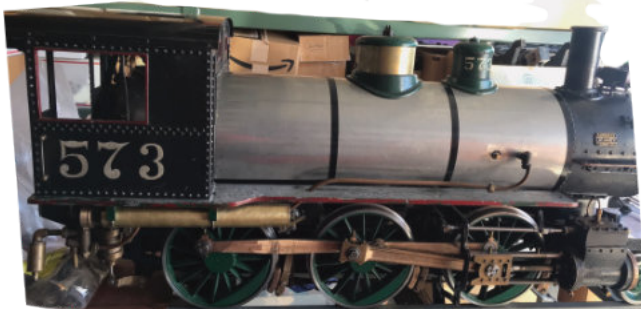


For SALE: contact Robert Morris Leave message at 925-240-9034

Item 1: 1/2" Brass Atlantic and Tender \$2500.



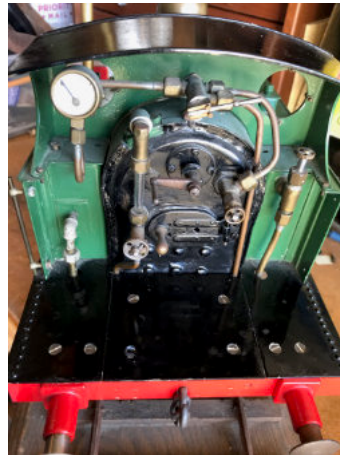
Item 3: 1 1/2 inch Allen 2-6-0 Mogul and Tender \$13,500.



#4: 2 1/2" Scale Passenger car - baggage combo, top comes off 3,000.



Item 2: 3/4" scale Tich 040 \$1250.



#5 2 1/2" D&RGW gondola Denver & Rio, scale trucks. \$1500.



#6: 1" Scale Coles 040 \$1500



[Look on line at more photos.](#)