

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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President's Report

By Andy Berchielli

The club mourns the loss of a long-time member and mentor in the hobby, John Bailie. His knowledge of steam engines and machining skills set him apart. John's support for special events and steam parties will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Jackie and Marie.

Hot August nights lived up to its name as the member-run event drew a substantial daytime crowd, with many more joining for dinner and nighttime activities. A special thanks to Chris K. for his ongoing efforts in maintaining the sprinklers; the place looks splendid for summer.

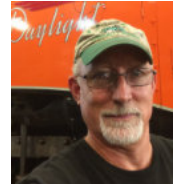
Looking ahead, we have September run days scheduled for Labor Day weekend. We invite everyone to lend a hand during public operations. Also, a friendly reminder to update your tests if you haven't already.

Here's a glimpse of our upcoming club events: The Pumpkin Train on October 7th and 8th will take place within the fenced area with trains running on the inner loop. This year we have two bounce houses and many pumpkins. Admission is \$6 per person, and pumpkins are available for \$5 each. Tickets will be on sale starting September 4th, and we're in need of many members to help. Please contact me if you're available.

Following that, mark your calendars for our Fall Meet on October 20-22. Registration opens on September 1st. Don't forget to secure your meal tickets, RV spots, and reserve space for a steaming bay or siding.



Track Superintendent by Steve Milward



Greetings from the track department.

At the railroad, track work continues at a bit slower pace due to the heat. Nevertheless, thanks to great assistance from Dave Cladianos, Matt Mason and Glenn Wilson, we're making good progress on the 1" scale yard. We plan to have that portion finished for the Fall Meet.

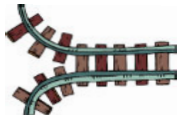
Naturally, there are plenty of other areas that will require our attention, too. Again, if you're willing to help with track, please contact me at stevo2472@yahoo.com.

Our Hot August Night run lived up to its name. A warm, humid day gave way to a pleasantly breezy evening, and a good number of members came out to dine, talk and of course, run trains.

Looking ahead, we have the Pumpkin Trains, our Fall Meet and of course, the Santa Trains.

Our organization relies on our members to help with these events, and we count on your willingness to pitch in and ensure our success.

We hope to see you at the track soon.



Golden Gate Live Steamers are having their Fall Meet Sept. 9-10

Located in Tilden Park in the hills above Berkeley, California.

See their web site for details:

GGLS.org

SVLSRM Calendar

Please check on-line about Public activity.

- Sep 2 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Sep 3 Public run day - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Sep 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
- Sep 16 Work day.
- Sep 17 Member run day.

- Oct 7 Pumpkin Express train - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Oct 8 Pumpkin Express train - 11 AM - 3 PM
- Oct 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Via. Zoom
- Oct 20 - 22 FALL MEET.

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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Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlsrcm.org.

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

Welcome to our newest members!

Donald & Margene Barnes

Sarah & Charlie Buhre

Chris & Rebekah Fox & family

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Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM



John shows his home made clock, he designed a unique gear set. Clock will run 36 hours per wind.



John at his milling machine working with precision.

John Bailie was a member of SVLS since the early 80's and active nearly all of those years. He also was a member at times of GGLS and Northern Nevada Live Steamers.

John is most known for his absolutely beautiful works of model engineering art. John made nearly every part of his locomotives including all the valves, water glasses, safeties, boilers, etc. Even the tube roller to seal his boiler tubes was self-built. He also tried his hand at injectors for his locomotives. John extended his mastery into making full-functioning grandfather clocks from scratch in the last few years.

John designed nearly everything of what he machined and fabricated. The above-mentioned parts were all his own design and many of them were published in model engineering magazines including Live Steam, The Home Railway Journal, and club newsletters.

The most enduring quality of John was that he would help anyone who wanted to learn. If you were willing to put the work in, John was the ultimate instructor. He was not only willing to help you solve your problem, but he would also research the issue in his vast library to find the answer.

He took many kids under his wing, teaching them on his machines the skills necessary to build their own locomotives and models. Beyond the spirit of "each one, teach one," he went on to teaching so many. Many students of his went on to complete their first locomotives, and even inspiring some to work on full-size equipment becoming experts in the field of steam locomotive restoration and operation which has turned quite a few hunks of rusting metal into working machines we can ride behind today.

Around the club John made many of the things we use today including the new-type riding cars, club ballast cars, and put in many of the transfer table steaming bays by himself using wood structures to hold up the bays while he mixed and poured the cement. Countless other projects were done by him as well.

John was the founder of the Sacramento Locomotive Works, a builders' group in the area to encourage show and tell sessions of model engineering of all types. He was also encouraging others to build and explore.

John will be missed by all who knew him. He was a true friend and passed on much of his knowledge to others, for which many of us benefited and all have been grateful. ~ Matt Mason



August Volunteers for Work days and Birthday Parties.

Jim Welch, Chris Klevesahl, Steve Milward, Dave Cladianos, Gordon &

Barbara Moser, Tom Nance, Emily North, Brian Schaubmayer, Mike Skums, Richard Corbell, Keith & Gloria Berry, Alan Shifley, Kaden Prudhomme, Larry Curtin, Dennis Gramith, Richard Lutrel, Harry Voss, Phil & Stephanie Huntingdale, Paul Skidmore, Chris Klevesahl, Bob Ress, Leonard Cassieri, Tom & Stacy Reese, Andy Berchielli, Glen Wilson, Chris Smith, Jeff Burke, Austin Unruh, Bill Yoder.

Birthday Parties: Chris & Louie Donhost, Richard Lutrel, Tom & Skip Nance, Emily North, Mike Skums, Keith Berry, Kaden Prudhomme, Andy Berchielli.



Hot August Night

Andy Berchielli, Steve Milward & family, Paul Skidmore, Dave Cladianos, Don & Toy Yungling, Eric & Paul Quiring, Chris Klevesahl, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Andrew & Kevin Sach, Jaki Montanez, Aaron Ontiveros, Jim Welch, Barbara Schoellkopf,



Michael Fitzgerald, Amy Travgot, Chad Gooleke, Dennis & Judy Zegler Gramith, Matt, Wyatt & Abby Thomas, Russ Johnson, David Epling, Richard, Amy, Brianna Lutrel, Les, Cindy, Casey Wilmunder, Colton Snell, Austin Unruh, Michael Kinross, Gary Cousin, Bill Yoder, Darrell & Gail Gomes, Julia & Levi Donhost, Chris, Evelyn, Paul & Eli, Otis Donhost, Kaden, Kat, Jim Prudhomme, Chris & Rebeka Fox, Jim Hearn & wife, There were more but didn't catch everyone's names.



10 Years ago: The new station cover has been installed and was well received by our passengers for our August run days. We thank Bob Silva for his donation and ideas for this cover. We still need some finish work like moving the chain link fence and putting up our logo on the end of the roof. The cover really made it cooler for us and visitors waiting to ride the train.



20 Years ago: Milon Thorley presented the Club with a really nice yellow banner with the Club logo in red, which will fly along with "Old Glory" at official functions. You undoubtedly recall that prior to the 2003 Spring Meet, Milon donated and installed the flag pole which stands proudly adjacent to 'Ol Gus' grave. Once the presentation was completed, we all shared the rare experience of train rides in the Summer night air, the unmistakable sounds of steam, and the shimmer of the American river in the moonlight.

40 Years ago: On Saturday, August 27 (1983) approximately 40 members of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers accepted the gracious invitation of the Golden Gate Live Steamers to be their guests for a lunch, Pot Luck BBQ dinner and a day of Railroad fun and friendship! As word of the fun and friendship of these inter-club visits gets around, perhaps the attendance will increase. At any rate, all of us there, thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you, GGLS for a wonderful day!

Hot August Nights & Day photos from Barbara Moser



Chris Donhost & family & Dog.



Les & Cindy Wilmunder



Everyones looking !



Casey Wilmunder



SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

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.

3.02 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.



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.**
 Contact Ken Schroeder, 775-265-3632, shaylocomotives@charter.net



A pair of battery powered lamps marked Union Pacific for sale.



**\$20.00 for the pair please.
 (new batteries are needed)
 Donald Yungling
 916-471-9100**

FOR SALE

Tom Artzberger designed 2 ½ inch scale ten wheeler (2-6-0) steam locomotive kit with boiler and tender. All parts have been machined by Pike Lake and Eastern Hartford Shops and waiting to be assembled. Chassis has been assembled and run on air. Includes all drawings. \$23,000.00.

Contact George at sagebrushslrr@gmail.com

I need to find a new home for my metal working shop. It is ideal for someone entering our hobby and I have priced it to sell.

I am asking \$5000 for the whole thing.
 Richard Lundberg
 60 Walnut Ave
 Larkspur, CA 94939
 415 299-0983
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- MILLING MACHINE JET JVM 836-3W/ X
- POWER FEED WEIGHT 1600 LBS
- 230 V SINGLE PHASE INPUT INCLUDING:
- XY DRO
- TECO VFD(VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE)
- KURT 5" MILLING VISE
- ROTARY TABLE W/HORIZ INDEXING
- SPIN INDEX
- HOLDOWN BOLTS
- METAL LATHE - TAIWANESE 12X36 WEIGHT 900 LBS
- 230 V SINGLE PHASE INPUT INCLUDING:
- 3 JAW, 4 JAW CHUCKS FACEPLATE
- FIXED AND TRAVELING STEADIES XY DRO
- ALORIS TYPE TOOL HOLDERS
- 5C COLLETS
- COLLET CHUCK/CLOSER
- ENCO 4X6 POWER HACKSAW
- 12 FT WORKBENCH
- ENCO 1/2 INCH BENCH DRILL PRESS
- 12000 LB HYDRAULIC PRESS
- 2 EA 6" BENCH GRINDERS
- 8 " BENCH GRINDER
- OXYACETYLENE TORCH (WITH SMALL BOTTLES)
- LARGE HEAVY DUTY METAL WORKING VISE
- MISC MACHINIST'S MEASURING TOOLS
- MISC MACHINIST'S HAND TOOLS(FILES, TAPS/DIES, ETC ASSORTED CLAMPS