

The GOLDEN SPIKE



www.svlsrcm.org

February 2012

Volume 39, Issue 02

NEW YEARS DAY 2012

Well we did start the New Year with a lot of steam. We had a great turnout on our New Years Day run and potluck lunch.

There were over 15 engines running on the track with about half steam. Lunch was great and all was eaten so a big thanks to all for your efforts to make this a great event.



Our Membership meeting will held at Riverview Community Center* Room #7 on February 17 at 7:00 P.M. The address is: 10700 Ambassador Dr., Rancho Cordova. This is east of the intersection of McGregor Dr. and Ambassador Dr. McGregor Dr. is 1.3 miles east of Chase Dr. on Coloma Rd.

Room #7 is behind their main office and to the left. There is parking behind the facilities (next to Room #7) - access is though gate at east end of front parking area.

Google maps: <http://g.co/maps/nmhyg>

* Previous name was Riverview Elementary School



SVLSRM Calendar

Feb. 11 - Work day -track work & other projects.
 Feb. 14 - Board Meeting 6:30 Community Board Room Rancho Cordova.
Feb. 17 - Membership Meeting - Riverview Community Center Room #7 on February 17 at 7:00 P.M. 10700 Ambassador Dr., Rancho Cordova.

Feb. 18 - Work day -track work & other projects.
 Feb. 25 - Work day -track work & other projects.

Mar. 3 - Public run day Noon to 4 PM
 Mar. 4 - Public run day Noon to 4 PM
 Mar. 13 - Board Meeting 6:30 Community Board Room Rancho Cordova.

March and future Members meetings time and place will be decided at our February Meeting.

Public run day calendar available on-line.

Don't forget about work days, Contact a board member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site <http://www.svlstrm.org>.

Note our track project needs to be completed by Mar 1.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?

Welcome New Members

Dave & Maureen Bardwell of Napa, Ca
 Frank & Delores Bartholomen of Mariposa, Ca
 Collette Freitas of Rancho Cordova, Ca
 Stephen & Julie Kennedy of Elk Grove, CA

Also Welcome back

Dale & Lorra Fowler from Fair Oaks, Ca
 John & Paula Pappas from Stockton, Ca

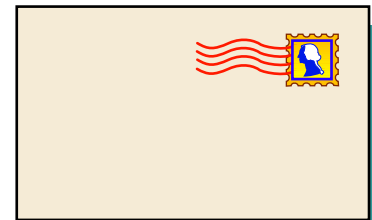
Amy Lutrel Membership



Membership renewal forms have been sent out, so please return yours with your dues payment as soon as possible, if you haven't already. If you didn't receive a renewal form, there is one printed in this newsletter, or print off a membership application from the website and mark it as "Renewal".



Save SVLSRM some money and read the newsletters on-line. Tell us 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 SVLS web site: www.svlstrm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.



The Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc. is organized and operated exclusively for public benefit charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C.) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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.

The Golden Spike is published monthly by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc., P.O. Box 273, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741. The SVLSRM track is located in Hagan Community Park, Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA. Articles & Pictures may be submitted to: editor@svlstrm.org. The deadline is 4 days after Membership meeting.

Board of Directors - 2012

- President: Bill Yoder (916) 652-7113
E-mail: byoder@vfr.net
- Vice President: - Dennis Gramith (916) 988-7884
E-mail: dennis.gramith@gmail.com
- Secretary: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154
E-mail: vern78@onemain.com
- Treasurer: Lois Clifton (916) 722-8514
E-mail: loisjune1@comcast.net
- Track Superintendent: Darrell Gomes (209) 786-0623
E-mail: dggomes@caltel.com
- Yardmaster: Andy Berchielli (916) 348-7252
E-mail: ajberchielli@sbcglobal.net
- Trainmaster: Kevin Sach (916) 541-5718
E-mail: chicopacific9@yahoo.com
- _____ Committee Chairpersons _____
- Membership chairperson: Amy Lutrel (916) 344-8989
E-mail: membership@svlstrm.org
- Safety Chairperson: Paul Skidmore (916) 444-6369

Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

If you were at our New Years Day run then you were able to enjoy seeing many friends and a few new ones while riding one of the many locomotives that were out running the rails on a wonderful spring day. I mean winter day just seemed like spring.

The new Vice President for SVLSRM is Dennis Gramith who has served as president during previous years. He is a great resource to the club. The Board of Directors has approved Amy Lutrel as Membership chairperson and Paul Skidmore as Safety chairperson. Please welcome and give these people your full support.

The start of this year has been a rough on our facilities and tools as we have had several break-ins and theft. The first occurrence was discovered Dec. 20, as the roundhouse had been broken into and several tool boxes, band saw, and garden cart were taken. The locks were busted, and some had been cut with what looked like a cutoff wheel (hurrah for battery tools). I found that they had cut the lock at the corner of the yard by the Animal fence. On New Years Day we found the double gate lock had been broken but did not discover anything missing that we know.



These occurrences were reported to the Rancho Cordova police, who then came out. A written report was filed. We also had more vandalism as the north gate chain was cut, the Sugar Pine gate was taken off the hinges and an attempt was made to get into the box car. A vandalism report was also filed with the police.



Suggestions has been to put up motion lights and not leave the yard lights on, or motion triggered cameras. If you have suggestions please tell me.



What has been good is the track replacement project by Darrell and his crews. We have had only a small number of members out to help on this project and more help is needed. Special thanks to the 3 AmeriCorps crews that we have had, and to Intel volunteers; thanks to Justin Schade arranging their time.

We are in need for a volunteer to manage our the special event scheduling for birthday parties and school visits. Please consider taking on this activity. These function provide good PR for us and a benefit to the community.

Due to budget cuts at Hagan Park, our January meeting was canceled that afternoon as they said they did not have someone to open the facilities. A new meeting place is noted on page 1. Please attend. Sorry for the delay with this newsletter as we have been looking for meeting places.

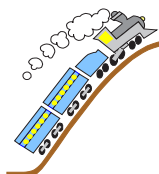
Several members are reviewing the list of projects to improve our facility and its operation so we can more fully enjoy this hobby of railroading. These will be discussed at the members meeting so your input is wanted.

We also need to extend a big welcome to all new members and encourage others to join and share this passion.

We need help to repair our fence in several places. This is needed to help secure our facilities.

There are other projects for those with other skills so please come out and help.

Keep it steaming!



Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



It was nice seeing a lot of people with their locomotives out running on New Year's Day, I would like to encourage seeing this more often during our upcoming run days.

Over the past month I have been busy going through the diesel locomotives giving them annual maintenance needs. I still have some more in-depth work to do on a couple issues with them to get them in top running shape. With that, I have placed three folders in the box car, one for each engine. Please log any maintenance done to any of the locomotive such as topped off oil or any other repair done to them (Note: filling with gas, does NOT need to be logged). This way we can track what has been done to each locomotive. I am also gathering up supplies to start a brake system for the cars behind the diesels, look for more later on.



This year I would like to try something different for doing hydro's on boilers. I would like to set up one day for everyone to bring their locomotives down and get them all done at once. I was thinking of having it on the 3rd Saturday on March, which is the 17th. Those with diesels can bring them down too, I will set up a couple of bays, so that you may change your oil. Then afterwards maybe turn it into a run day. If this does not work for you, let me know and we can make arrangements for a different time.



Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



This year's track replacement is well under way and progress has been good. We had AmeriCorps for only 2 days in January, but they managed to dig the trench between the crossing and the girder bridge at Cobble Creek. That section has been filled with rock and track has been laid by Paul Skidmore and Gary Holmes. Richard Lutrel operated the back hoe and has completed 60% of the trench heading for Hillview.

I would like to say Thanks to the crew of volunteers from INTEL for there help in removing the track.



Paul Skidmore has been busy building kick switch throws for the yards and they will be a **great** addition to track. Scott Foremen has been helping build track and **we need more help from the membership to complete this project by the first of March.**



Remember that EVERY Saturday in February is a WORK DAY, weather permitting.



I cannot forget to pay my dues. Life may be busy but supporting SVLSRM is needed.

Please send your 2012 dues now. \$60 for regular member and \$30 for associate member. Complete your membership form on back page and send to:

SVLS
P.O. Box 273
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741



10 Years ago: Tree pruning continued under the careful direction of Yardmaster Gordon Moser with an able crew consisting of Lee Frechette, Pete Arney, Jack Friedman, and Frank Dollosso. Nearly all the tree crowns have now been brought under control. We want to thank these guys as this has involved many man-hours and several weeks of steady work to accomplish.

Track Superintendent Dave Mattox led Will Jordan and John Wallace in rehabilitation of the track at Midway. President Dale Fowlar worked on the transition joint between the aluminum and steel track in the same area, and Club Secretary Chris Donhost walked the track joints.

Barbara Moser and Mary Neville gave the garden planters a much needed face lift, while Paul Clifton performed the all important cooking duties for the crews.

Ross Crawford and Karle Mahler repaired and serviced the Club band saw and also assisted Trainmaster Don Juergenson with completion of repairs to the green riding car set. By the way, Don worked out a solution to the side play problem on these cars. I think you will be amazed at the difference. They ride like new! -- Dale Fowlar

20 Years ago: I am happy to report that we are making very impressive headway with our expansion program. We had an excellent turnout at our January work day with well over twenty people in attendance, too many to credit each individual in this note. I would however, like to give special thanks to Bill Roscoe and Jeff Calbreath for driving long distance to attend, coming from Modesto and Corning respectively. Bill Roscoe also deserves recognition for the fine job he did in constructing 9 very heavy duty switch throws for the club. Also would like to thank Al Shelly and anyone else that worked with him, for constructing the switch which will connect the expansion area to the existing track. Ed Spall continues to devote much time to panel track construction with 13 more panels completed since the January work day. Speaking of panel construction, 30 kits went out to various members on the last work day. At that rate, we will have no problem meeting our goal of completing the first 800 foot loop of track by the Spring Meet. On the January work day, the right-of-way from the existing track to the bridge was graded and ballasted, ready for track. On February 3, Milon and Ed Spall installed the switch to cut into the expansion areas as well as about 30 feet of track. Plans are set to pour the cement for the bridge abutments on Saturday, February 8, if the weather will allow. Again, a special thanks to all of you who have devoted so much time to make all of this happened. - Doug Fulton, Superintendent

30 Years ago: Progress A recent weekend found Alan Shelley's shop at full production. Wheels, switch and track parts were emerging from piles of metal chips at a surprising rate. Track Chairman Warren Rose reports that Al has brought the new switches to the point of "frog machining". Perhaps Ed Yungling will have the frogs ready for show and tell at this meeting.

Chuck Corothers and his non-stop shovel were busy on the January 16 work day. Earth moving from the new passenger loading siding was started. (Lots left to move...bring shovels and wheelbarrows this month). In addition to Chuck, others working in the area included: Al and Joe DeFreitas, Darrel McWhirk, Don Juergenson, Amandas Drews, Warren Rose, Earl McKenzie, the Gramith's and several youngsters led by the Rosen boys. Weeds were sprayed, leaks were sealed, trees were trimmed, and hamburgers were washed down with coffee and hot chocolate around a small bonfire to chase the chill.

A P.R. boost. Local free-lance writer hopes to have S.V.L.S. feature in this Thursday's Sacramento Union with more to follow.

Safety Rules Review



112. All passengers are required to wear shoes, however, sandals may be allowed. Shoe skates are not allowed.

211. All relief engineers shall be thoroughly briefed on the individual engines they are to operate.

301. The chief concern of all operating personnel shall be the safety of visitors, guests, and members of the organization.

406. Steam boilers shall have an annual hydrostatic test. Such test shall prove the ability of the boiler to withstand hydrostatic pressures of at least fifty percent (50%) above the normal working pressure of the boiler. Such tests shall further prove the ability of each safety valve to work satisfactorily at its own set pressure. Steam boiler test certification issued by other recognized Live Steam organization within the past twelve (12) months shall be honored by SVLSRM.

FOR SALE

FOR Sale, a complete set of Allen Models 2-8-0 castings, with out boiler, the asking price is \$2400.00, or best offer. Contact Robert Stroud at 541 526-5726.



Allen Consolidation Steam engine and Tender
Coal burner
\$15,000 includes about 500 pounds of coal (in 50lb. bags)
Call Wayne Thorley 530-295-5518



Check our web site FOR SALE page for pictures and more details.
<http://www.svlsrcm.org/>

FOR SALE - 7.5" gauge 4+4 Beam Engine built by Bill Conner in 2000. Propane fired 12" diameter vertical steel boiler with 306 3/8" diameter copper fire tubes. Engine is a 2x2.75" double acting twin driving eight 4.375" diameter wheels through a 20% overdrive. More than enough power to haul a train with 11 preschool children and 11 adults and enough speed to run away and hide. Four chime whistle, lights for night running, pneumatic brakes on engine and tender and a working sander. Carries 13 gallons of water and 12 gallons of propane. Reason for sale - Engine runs fine, I'm running out of steam.

Asking \$12,000/reasonable offers considered. Suggest pick-up from Reno, NV area or I can deliver, Western US only, for \$1.25/mile, one way, in advance, non refundable. Contact me at steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net or (775) 674-6512 for additional details.

Old issues of *The Golden Spike* needed. I currently looking for the year 1992 months of January, September, October, November, and December. If you can share or donate it would be appreciated.



Please notify the Editor. - Thanks.

Did you know we have the SPIKE news letters available from 2003 on the SVLSRM web site?

Older news letters can be scanned if there is an interest to have them on-line. Comments?



Your editor is looking for pictures or movies of SVLS activities so we can make a copy and add to our Historical collection. If you have some please notify the editor.

Thanks - Bill



Got a project you would like to show off that is too big to bring to the meeting for show and tell? Then give the editor a call/ e-mail and we'll take pictures for a feature.



**DUES ARE DUE.
PLEASE STAY
ONBOARD.**

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND DUES INVOICE**

To be filled out upon application for membership and/or membership renewal



NEW RENEWAL DATE: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: REGULAR
 FAMILY
 ASSOCIATE

Your Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Children living at home (names and birthdate):

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (Spouse) _____

List Email on web (Y/N)

List Email on web (Y/N)

Please select one of the following means of receiving your monthly issues of The Golden Spike news letter:

Receive E-Mail notice and read it on line at: www.svls.org (yes) or Send printed edition via snail mail. (yes)

Occupation: _____

Operable live steam equipment or under construction:

Do you have track at home? Yes No Someday Gauge: _____

Special skills and ways you would like to help SVLS:

Affiliations with other railroads:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE AND RETURN WITH YOUR DUES TO:

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM, INC
Attn: Membership
PO Box 273
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95741-0273**

Make check payable to: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum, Inc.

DUES RATE: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (Individual or Family) is \$60.00 per year payable due on January 1.

ONE TIME INITIATION FEE: \$30.00 (In addition to the regular membership dues)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: \$30.00 per year (NO initiation fee) Must live 100 miles or more from track or belong to a recognized live steam club. An associate member who moves into the 100 mile radius must convert to a regular membership by paying the \$30.00 initiation fee.

Membership use: Amount Paid: _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Name Badge Roster Rule Book Membership Card Car sticker Date completed: _____