

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Our annual General Membership meeting and election is November 16th. Nominations were accepted at the October members meeting. See page 3 for list of candidates.

**ELECTION** Please vote.

Well the **Fall Meet** is over. We had a beautiful weekend and I hope everyone had a great time. I would really like to thank everyone that helped last weekend. My Co-Chair people Dennis Gramith, & Clio Geyer. Barbara, Lisa, & Gordon Moser, Cindy & Les Wilmunder, Toya Youngling, Marilyn Drew, Joan Noyer, Mary Neville, Amy Lutrel, Ben Kleinwachter, Dale Fowler, Bill Yoder, Bill Noyer, Richard Lutrel, Kevin and Andrew Sach, Isabelle (Berchielli), Matt Hall, Terry Willes, and of course my son Rod. I know I have missed some one that has taken the time to baked cookies for the bake sale, help with set up and take down. Hope to see everyone at our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Meet next year. - Lois Clifton



See more 2012 Fall Meet pictures on our web site: [svlsrcm.org](http://svlsrcm.org)



## We need your HELP!



### International Railfair 2012

It's that time of the year again folks. We can use all the help you can give us. The Railfair at Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville, will be November 10, & 11 and we need to setup on the 9th. Anyone willing to volunteer please **contact Kevin Sach** (916) 541-5718 or E-mail: [chicopacific9@yahoo.com](mailto:chicopacific9@yahoo.com)



**Christmas Tree event in Rancho Cordova. Nov. 24 & 25** We will be taking portable track to this event on 24th and run on the 25. Help will be needed for setup and take down and running. --> **Contact Dennis Gramith** (916) 988-7884

**Santa Run - Dec. 1, 2 & 8, 9** It is that time of year again, Santa is coming to town and we are going to need your help. We will be doing our Santa Train the first two weekends in December. We will need engineers, conductor, station help, village workers, baked goods and candy canes. We will start setting up on Tuesday November 27 at about 10:00 am. Come on out and get in the spirit of the season.

**Contact Lois Clifton** email [loisjune1@gmail.com](mailto:loisjune1@gmail.com), or my phone numbers are home (916) 722-8514 or my cell (916) 761-9171.



## SVLSRM Calendar

See Special run schedule on page 4 and please come help.

- Nov. 9 Setup portable track at Roseville Railfair
- Nov. 10 Run train at Roseville Railfair
- Nov. 11 Run train at Roseville Railfair
- Nov. 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Nov. 16 Annual Membership Meeting (Elections) Hagan Park  
meeting room #2
  
- Dec. 1-2 Santa Run, Pictures with Santa Noon to 4 PM
- Dec. 8-9 Santa Run, Pictures with Santa Noon to 4 PM
- Dec. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Dec. 21 Annual membership potluck dinner - 6:30
  
- Jan. 1 Annual New Years Day Member Run.

**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>.

*How will you support SVLSRM this month?*



Please check the SVLS web site: [www.svlstrm.org](http://www.svlstrm.org) for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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## MEMBERSHIP

by Clio Geyer

Thank you all those that decided to renew your membership while attending the Fall Meet.

We have three new members:

Al Campbell from Napa  
Dave and Mary Fontes from Rohnert Park – they are past members that somehow got dropped from our files. SORRY  
Amy Herman and Ray and Scott Kennedy

I will be sending out renewal forms to those that did not renew during the Meet. You can expect to see these in November. Please remember to send them in before the end of the year.

*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.*



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.



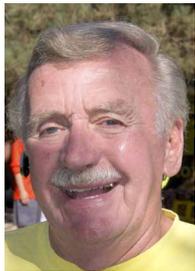
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**Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM**

# VOTE

The following SVLSRM members have offered to support the club by being active on the Board of Directors. Please vote for your choice by either mailing in your ballot or come to our Election meeting on November 16th at Hagan Park meeting room #2.



Dennis Gramith

### ***Vice President nominee***

I have been a member of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers for 35+ years. In the past, I have served as president for seven years. I was appointed to the office of vice president for 2012, and I am currently serving in that capacity. With your approval and vote, I will continue to serve for the next term.



Lois Clifton

### ***Treasurer nominee***

Hi Everyone! I am running for Treasurer for the 2013-2014 term. I have served on the board as treasurer since 2003. I have been the chairperson for most of the Santa runs. My late husband Paul Clifton, was Santa since we started doing the Santa run. I have been chairperson for several Spring and Fall Meets. I hope that you have been happy with my work and will re-elect me.



Ben Kleinwachter

### ***YardMaster nominee***



Darryll Gomes

### ***Track Superintendent nominee***

My participation this term will be limited due to Family and distance, so I will be looking for members that will take the lead on projects. How much we accomplish the next 2 years will be up to the membership. What bothers me is that again, only my name will be on the ballot for this position. I was Hoping that members would have a choice rather than a approval.

The following three members are running to fill two new positions on the Board of Directors as Members at Large. This does assume the proposed change in bylaws is passed at the meeting on November 16th. The two with the most votes will fill the new positions.

### ***Directors at large nominees:***



Ed Zeis

I have been on the board of directors of several model railroad clubs one of which was The Los Angeles Live Steamers.

I also try and be at all of the special run days public run days and help out where and when I can make it.



Richard Lutrel



Dale Flowlar

Once again I am prepared to commit time and energy to see that SVLS continues as a valuable and enjoyable resource for the live steam community as well as our region. Member and past vice president/past president SVLS. Please place me on your Board of Directors to advance SVLS goals with renewed vigor.



Anyone know the year of this meet picture?

### Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



The Fall meet was great and well attended. We had to have a few people double up on steaming bays. On Sunday most of the teenage boys wanted to run the club steamer, which I let them. Most needed someone to watch over them, a few ran it no problem. We had a total of 7 who had never run the steam engine before. If any one wishes to learn how to run the steam engine, and we have it out, all you have to do is ask.

On the RS-3 and the UP I have added a float charging system to them. You will notice a flashing blue sign on them. To disconnect them for use: First unplug the unit from the wall outlet. Then unplug the engine from the charging cable. Make sure to put the protective plug/cap on the locomotive side plug. When done with the engine, hook it back up in the reverse order. There are instructions on the wall above the outlets as a reminder.

See you on the rails



### Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



Hi All. It is election time again for SVLSRM and my position for Track Superintendent will be on the ballot. I have enjoyed this position for the last 6 years and with the help from the Track Crew and members, we have accomplished and improved the railroad Beyond what I set out to do.

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Craig made use of his sleeper car during the Fall Meet.

### Yard Masters Report

By Andy Berchielli



The month of October was very busy. Hopefully you took the time to support the club in the various opportunities we had. There was Colfax Railroad Days, Fall Meet, and Halloween. These events take many man hours to make happen. They are enjoyable when we have many club members helping out. Thanks to all of you who have give their time to make our events happen. It is appreciated by the board.

As many of you have heard, I have decided not to run again for the Yardmaster position. I have enjoyed making a difference in the way the yard looks. Over the past three years I have added hundreds of plants along the track to break up the view, as well as many trees to provide shade throughout the summer. I am most proud of the Memorial area. It shows our respect to the past members who have given their time to make a difference. This past year I started installing permanent irrigation. Hopefully this project will continue to grow. The grounds look great when it is kept green. Not only does all this work cut on the mowing but it also makes the yard beautiful. I am not leaving the club, I will still do a lot of the work. I just cannot commit the amount of time I have given the past few years. I want to say a BIG thank you to all who helped me with these projects and to those who enjoy them.



### DAYS AFTER THE MEET – by Clio Geyer

The Fall Meet was very, very well attended and I think everybody enjoyed themselves.

We had 96 people register. Twenty-three were non-members, and former members. There were a total of 34 engines that were noted on registration. I know there were a number more that never came up and said “Hello”. The Yungling Cab Forward was there, Don Yungling had his engine out, John Bailey brought his engine out and Jackie came and signed in for them. Also saw several people that haven’t been around for awhile.

We have some upcoming events that we asked people to sign up for to help. We seem to not have much time off in the Winter anymore. October = Halloween. November = Roseville Rail Fair and finally December = Santa. If there are those who would like to come out and help and have some fun at the same time, please give me a call and we would be delighted to see you for whichever event you chose.

Hope to see you at the 2013 Spring Meet, which means we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year in Hagan Park.



### Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

I was very pleased with the Fall Meet turnout, our steaming bays were busy with many Steam engines. We had some out that had not been at the track for awhile, I do hope they steam up here again soon.

We had a good turnout at the Colfax railroad days event. UP had some equipment to show and we had some equipment to give rides. This event does provide some revenue but also helps promote this hobby and find new members so it is well worth it. Special thanks to the following for taking the time to help setup the day before and run trains and get us back to our home track. Ann & Kevin Sach, Barbara & Gordon Moser, Ed Zeis, Ben Kleinwachter, Dick Patton, Gene Meyers, Gil Beaird, Tim Gubbins, Lois Clifton, Dennis Gramith, Mary Ann Ward, Doug Fulton, Mark & Carson Wentz, Andy Berchielli, Butch Floyd and I can't read my writing, but a BIG THANKS.

Our Halloween event seem to be well accepted as we had 382 riders during the four nights of running, with Halloween night being 1/3 the count of the other nights. We took in over 2400 dollars. We had enough crew for trains each night - again thanks to those that helped. This event was successful due to Andy Berchielli and the many days + hours he spent setting up the track side events. Additional thanks goes to his ghoulies Dennis Gramith, Ben Keinwachter, & Bill Yoder, for the extra days they spent also. The ghost of Elvis in the graveyard was again a big hit so thanks to Wayne Harmer for his acting. Yes again many more need to be thanked. Thanks!



Some bad news as we were burglarized with several items taken, with the locks cut on four gates plus the fire gate on Ambassador drive as they used the small trailer to haul stuff away. A police report was made to the Rancho Cordova Police.

Please note the list of events on page one that need members to help. All members need to give time and support their club.

Our major project for over the winter months will be to replace the top deck of the North Trestle and several hundred feet of track. This will be done during January and February. There are many other less intense projects that can be done by one person at your own schedule. Please call to ask.

Don't forget our Meeting, Nov. 16th at Hagan Park meeting room #2 (the smaller one) for elections, maybe a movie and a good social time.

Keep it steaming!



Kevin Sach engineer with Mark Wentz as Conductor on the Colfax special.



Boys will be boys when it comes to watching trains roll through Colfax. How many cars did you count now?



Our night watchman was on duty over the two nights at Colfax.



Is this fun or not. Thanks guys for helping cook lunch.

# FOR SALE



4-8-0 Lehigh Valley Champion which ran many hours there at the park. Selling the whole train, the support cart it sits on, a passenger car and caboose along with some track. Train is coal fired but has sat covered for many years. Plus some various train items. Asking \$25,000 for everything.

Austin Knoff - 916-485-4070.



Freelance 7.5" Gauge 0-4-0, 7.5" Gauge, 1.5" Scale, Oil Fired, 2" Winton Cylinders

This locomotive was built by Mr. Terry Taylor in 1972. It features an axel pump and a hand pump. There is also the necessary plumbing for an injector. The locomotive is fired up on a regular basis at the Golden Gate Live Steamers. It holds 3 gallons of fuel oil and about 10 gallons of water if I recall correctly. It was weighed in at just about 350 lbs. It has hauled the club public train with a total of 22 passengers on board.

The locomotive is very complete with detail. I have had this locomotive for 2 1/2 years and it has been an interesting journey through the ups and downs of locomotive ownership. It's all part of the fun. I am selling my locomotive because I'm ready for a bit of change and I would like someone else to enjoy my locomotive as much as I did!

\$12,000 OBO  
David Waterman steamfreak22@gmail.com

## Safety Rules Review



109. Cargo weight should be evenly distributed between the trucks of each car.

224. No person shall consume or use any alcoholic beverages, including beer, or any narcotics or illegal drugs while acting in the capacity of conductor or operating any equipment within the SVLSRM facility. Violations of rules 223 or 224 may be cause for immediate suspension of all rights of membership pending a hearing of the case.

302. All members share equal privileges and use of the facilities. All members also have equal responsibility for the safety and maintenance of the facility, equipment, and the observance and enforcement of these rules. Every member is responsible to, and for, every other member. There are no so-called "privileged" members.

415. All locomotives operating during periods of low visibility or after sunset shall be equipped with a working headlight that may be seen clearly for a distance of at least 150 feet and sufficient lighting in the locomotive cab to read the gauges and see the controls clearly.



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.



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