

The GOLDEN SPIKE



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Join us at our Pacific Region Spring Meet May 17, 18, & 19.

We are planning a great meet celebrating our 40th year. We have added 4 new sidings in Oasis Yard giving us over 1200 feet of sidings for parking trains.

Please notify us if you are joining us for Saturday evening dinner by calling Clio Geyer at (916) 645-9154 or Email us at: meet@svlsrcm.org **before May 10th.**

Please register when you arrive, either at the unloading gates or at the main registration table. There will be a handout with schedule of events, new track map showing sidings and their length to help you find the best place for parking your train.

There will be a Friday evening spaghetti dinner 6 to 7 PM for \$5.00. Saturday and Sunday Breakfast is available at the caboose 8 to 10 AM and Lunch from Noon to 2 PM.

Our special 40th celebration will take place at 2 PM on Saturday in the Oasis area. It will be short so everyone can get back to running trains as that is what we came for.

Saturday will have a Raffle at 4 PM and during the day you can bid the silent auction which will conclude at 7 PM when the winners will be announced.

There will be sign up sheets for volunteers to help with needs during the meet and we always need help at the end for cleanup and storing equipment. Help setting up is also needed if your there please ask what you can do to help. - Thanks.

We are looking forward to seeing you. Please bring your engine, train or project to show us. Lets have a great time.



1973 Golden Spike ceremony. Engines of Milon Thorley (left) and Ken Spicer (right).

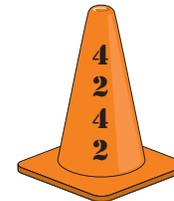
Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



The Track Crew has made Great Progress on the Oasis yard expansion. This project has added Five sidings where there use to be only one. Ballasting and leveling will complete should be done before meet.

A note to all operators, Please don't block the entrances to yards and bring your



cones with your train's ID number to reserve a siding during the meet. Select a siding that will fit your trains length. Hope to see you at the Spring meet.



Enhanced Oasis Hump Yard.

Participants on member run/work day
04/20/13

Dennis Gramith, Val King, Lois Clifton, Clio Geyer, Jeff White, Dale Fowlar, Rich & Amy Lutrel with Sarah & Brianna, Adam Kessler & Sebastian Kessler, Gordon & Barbara Moser, Kevin & Andrew Sach, Tobin Rowe with Scott & Dawn, Ross Crawford, Ed Zeis, Paul Skidmore, Butch Floyd, and Bill Yoder.

Next Members day is June 15th.

SVLSRM Calendar

May 4 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 May 4 Special event in Vacaville SVLS will be providing rides at Turtle Tidal Wave event
 May 5 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 May 14 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall.
May 17, 18, 19 - 40th Anniversary / Spring Meet
Call in your DINNER RSVP before the 10th.

Jun. 1 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Jun. 2 Public run day Noon to 4 PM, Train crews needed
 Jun. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall.
 Jun. 15 Members run day, bring your train and have fun. Work in AM, Potluck Lunch at Noon.

Dates to mark on your calendar:
Fall Meet: Oct. 18, 19, 20 2013

Don't forget about work days, Contact a board member for information on needs.

How will you support SVLSRM this month?



The International Brotherhood of Live Steamers has its very own Website.

<http://ibls.org/wiki>

NOTE: The editor is missing 1993 news letters for the months of March, April, May, and June. If you have any of these please let me make a copy. Thanks.



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 then read on-line.

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MEMBERSHIP

by Clio Geyer

Welcome New Members:

Devin Culver & Cindy Hanewinckel from Everett, Wa

Thomas & Cheryl Fagan from Rosamond, Ca



This railroad requires teamwork to make it a great place to run trains. While we have a good team that works hard, we don't have enough people on the team. While everyone enjoys running their trains on the club rails, we need all members to work on the rails and other projects that need to be done. Please make time in your schedule to help. You will be glad you do.



Please check the SVLS web site: www.svlsrm.org for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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Reminder - no phone calls after 9 PM

40 Years Ago - History was Made



**SACRAMENTO VALLEY LIVE STEAMERS
GOLD SPIKE CEREMONY**
May 19th and 20th, 1973
REPORT AND PHOTOS BY
LARRY H. BADGER

More than 350 persons were on hand for the First Annual Meet and Golden Spike Ceremony at the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers' track at Rancho Cordova Park.

With as many as 20 engines of various sizes filling the partially-completed steaming bays, the two-day meet saw engines of all classes and sizes operating over the dual-gauge (4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") 2200 foot loop. Blair Phillips (above), President of the Golden Gate Live Steamers, pulled passengers behind his 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " scale "LION" all day Sunday. The little coal-burner out-performed several larger locomotives on the 3% grades.

Saturday saw mostly operation and registration with a lot of discussion and note-taking in the steaming areas. Saturday night, club members honored track

boss Ed Yungling's efforts during the past year spearheading construction of the track which was first opened to around-the-loop operation last January ... just over nine months from the day the first spike was driven.

Youngling, who took time from construction of his 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " scale Southern Pacific cab-forward and a 15" narrow gauge engine to push the line to completion, was given a steam gauge and water-glass from a long-since scrapped cab-forward in recognition of his efforts.

Harry Dixon (left) Western Region Secretary for the BLS, furnished the solid gold spike for the occasion and was assisted in driving it into a special walnut tie by Cordova Park officials, Ed Youngling and SVLS President Allen Shelly.





Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach

Well, the club steamer has returned from its winter maintenance. Added was a globe valve to the blower for finer control. A new throttle valve was also put in due to the old one was leaking a little. I also set it the throttle closer to the front of the quadrant. With the track now open and people wanting to run their steam engines they are reminded that they need to make sure that their engines are current with annual hydro test. I will be available most run days, just drop me an Email or call if you need one done. It is also best to try and get it done before the meet to allow for maximum running time.

Now that the propane tank is installed, for safety reason any steam engine in steaming bays 1, 2 ,or 3 (these are the three closest to the roundhouse) the engine must face the turntable and be placed close to the turntable.

If you have not taken the engineer, conductor test in the past two years, feel free to come out to a run day and take the test or download it from the website and help out, as it is always appreciated.

I have also started a Jr. Engineer test for the younger members who wish to operate the club diesel. This is only if you wish to run the club equipment and does not apply to personal equipment. The age for the test is 10 years and up. See you on the rails.



Meets of times past.



Presidents Report

By Bill Yoder

This is it, the month of May and we are celebrating 40 years of having our railroad here in Hagan Park. We Actually 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.

We again have been vandalized as someone was trying to steel about 20 feet of fence. While they made a lot of work for us to repair the fence but we were able to use the fence they cut out as they left it sitting on a big tire dolly - so much for being smart.



The club is here for all members to use so members should come out and run trains monthly not just at our Spring or Fall meets. So our member run days are the third Saturday each month through October. Please come out, bring something for pot luck lunch and run your train **For Fun!** Come visit with friends. If you have a show & tell item please bring it, as we like seeing what other are doing.

We are working on getting a new shade cover for the tables by the caboose, if all goes well it will be here proving lots of shade.

We again honor those members that have passed during this last year by adding their names to the club memorial. The names are: Nadene Willes, Frances Quiring, Vernon L. Geyer, SR., and Stephen Kennedy.

Ed Yungling has the honor of being one of the original club members who continues as a member of the club today. At our 30th we had the honor of several original club members (shown in photo left to right): Milon Thorley, Al Shelly, Dick Esselbach, Barry Garland, and Andy Clerici.

So get your train ready and join us at the meet and enjoy several fun days at the track.



Keep it steaming!

Safety Rules Review



113. No one shall stand nor walk within five (5) feet of any track, unless his duties require him to do so. It shall be the duty of any and all SVLSRM members to help keep the public at a safe distance from the tracks. Responsible photographers and persons with recording equipment may obtain permission to get closer to the moving trains under certain conditions.

228. No locomotive shall be operated at an excessive speed, and shall not be operated at a speed greater than any speed from which the locomotive and its train can be slowed and stopped within a reasonable distance, depending on the traffic, track conditions, visibility and weight of the train. Absolute maximum speed of any train shall be 7 mph actual (10 seconds between milepost markers).

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

419. All steam boilers shall be equipped with a 1/8th inch NPT pipe fitting or fittings sufficient to join either male or female 1/8th NPT pipe fittings for purposes of hydrostatic boiler checks.



10 Years ago: Sacramento Valley Live Steamers wins state wide award from the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts. On April 26, 2003 several club members journeyed to Redwood City recently to receive the Outstanding Organization award presented to Sacramento Valley Live Steamers by the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

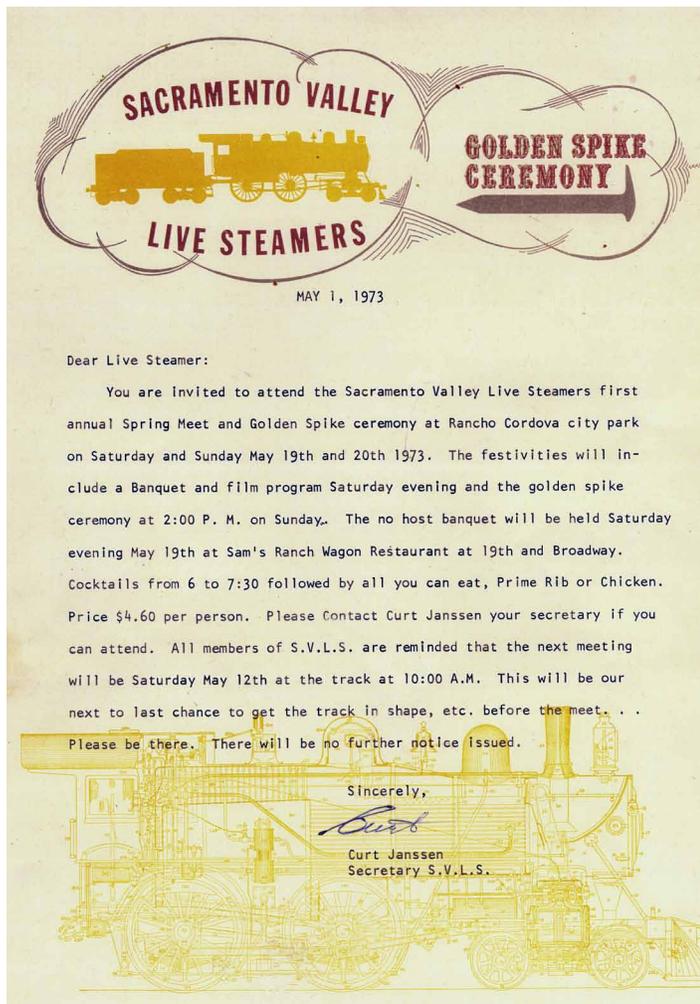
The Cordova Recreation and Park District Board of Directors submitted the nomination to the statewide organization, citing the SVLS's special cooperation with park administrators in their efforts to provide a special service to the community. Directors noted that SVLS gives free rides to children, hosts special holiday events and supports the district's service mandate as a public agency, all at no charge to the district.

Our SVLS membership should be proud of this accomplishment that is a result of our cooperative efforts and hard work. We appreciate this great recognition from the local Cordova Recreation and Park District and statewide California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

20 Years ago: - no archive news as we are missing newsletters for March through June of 1993. Please look and see if you have those so we can get a copy. Thanks. Editor.

30 Years ago: The Decision, on the land acquisition from the County Park Commission, will be handed down on Thursday, May 26, 1983. Dick Esselbach has also finished the very tedious art work necessary to order the new cloisonne pins that the club will be selling.

40 Years ago: In the spring of 1972, after much scrounging and scraping for money, materials and space, construction was started in the Cordova Community Park. The blistered hands and aching backs were soon forgotten on May 20th, 1973 when all hands cheered as a solid gold spike sank into a polished walnut tie and a big 2-8-2 touched pilots with a diamond stacked American.



Original invitation to the Golden Spike ceremony.



Ed Yungling hammering golden spike, with Milon Thorley holding the tie in place.

FOR SALE

1" scale, 4.75" gauge train consisting of : Maxitrack 0-4-0 side rod diesel (new transistor throttle, professionally rebuilt motor, battery) , 2- Scale RR Supply gondolas (50" long with SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, 1 painted, 1 aluminum) , 1- Little Engines Box Car painted red w/fixed doors, 1- Little Engines old style caboose (32" long w/ hand rails, SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, red w/ brown roof), approx. 260' aluminum track w/plastic ties.
Asking \$2,750 at Sacramento. Contact Gerald D. Thomas if you would like to see the equipment. samoht-4@att.net.



An Andy Clarici original one of a kind. Hall Scott car with trailer car 7.5" gauge, roughly 2" scale. Includes 5' x 10' trailer with custom cover. Also includes spare engine. Asking \$10,000 (or best offer) for all. Located in Sacramento area. Contact: Lois Clifton 916-722-8514



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.

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

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SVLS needs a bandsaw. If you have one that you would donate it would be very much appreciated.