

# The GOLDEN SPIKE

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The Fall Meet was Great Fun, we had 103 people registered showing 47 pieces of equipment. Great variety of equipment shown.



**WOW! TEAMWORK,**  
it really pays off **BIG TIME** when you have a crew like I had for the **FALL MEET**. I would

like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to the following people who volunteered and jumped in to help me shop for food, donated and helped me prepare food, set up and serve the Spaghetti dinner Friday night, arrived at 6:00AM in the morning to cook and serve breakfast, set up and serve tables at lunch time, barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs, washed dishes, and helped clean up afterwards. Everything went off smoothly and without any hitches. All because of you people.

Gordon & Lisa Moser, Mitch Flemming, Cindy Wilmunder, Toy Yungling, Dennis and Christine Gramith, Rob and Tammy Sharratt, Dennis, Heidi & Maren Bowie, Lora Fowlar, Mary Nevell, Gary Wilson, Kevin, Tiphonie & Andrew Sach, Matt Hall

Thank you again,

Barbara Moser



## Track Superintendent Report

*By Darrell Gomes*

With the 2013 Fall meet behind us, It is time to recognize the members who came to the track a few days early to help me get the track ready for the heavy traffic. I would like to Thank Paul Skidmore, Bob Silva, Les Gregory, Bill Noyer, Gordan Moser, Tom Veltmen, and a Special Thanks to Terry Willes for keeping the Right of Way clean of those pine needles.

This year's track upgrades will start when the track closes January 2, 2014. Saturdays will be member work day and how much get's done will depend on member participation. Contact me so I can plan the project.

**Election meeting Nov. 15. 7:30 PM  
Raley's Event center.  
Raley's, 4840 San Juan Ave.  
Fair Oaks, CA**

## President's Report

*By Bill Yoder*

Greetings and Happy Turkey month. I will also add to the comments on Fall meet that it was very busy at times, saw many smiles, a wide variety of locomotives everywhere. So it must be time to start planing for our 2014 Spring meet.

We have several track projects that will need to be done and add more usable steaming bays for those steamers that keep showing up. With that said we will be switching to more special work days but making our 3rd Saturday a work day for the first few months of 2014.

Our club does face one big challenge: recruiting enough people to keep the club operating smoothly.

While all our members like running on the club track, only a few help to maintain it. But major track maintenance is essential. We have 182 members; 103 live within 60

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## SVLSRM Calendar

- Nov. 8 Setup portable track at RailFair - Roseville  
 Nov. 9-10 Special running at RailFair - Roseville  
 Nov. 12 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.  
 Nov. 15 **Election meeting 7:30 PM Raley's Event center.  
 Raley's, 4840 San Juan Ave. Fair Oaks, CA**  
 Nov. 30 Setup for Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree event.  
 Dec. 1 Run train at Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree event.  
 Dec. 2 Remove track and take back to club from event.  
 Dec. 7,8,14,15 Santa Run Noon to 4 PM - Pictures with Santa  
 \*\* this annual event is in need of people to help,  
 make cookies, run train, take pictures / print pictures, and put  
 up and take down decorations. If there is not enough interest -  
 people to do the work - then it will not happen.  
 Dec. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
 Rancho Cordova City Hall.  
 Dec. 20 Members Christmas dinner party Location needed.

Please volunteer to support the club events.

*How will you support SVLSRM this month?*



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:*

The following are three new Members who joined during the Fall Meet.

Please welcome:

Shawn Hoerner from So. Lake Tahoe, CA

Mark L. Johnson from Hayward, CA

Mark Sanctuary from Orangevale, 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 did.

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



Kevin Sach and Matt Hall double heading the local.



**Train Masters Report**

*By Kevin Sach*

Well, another Fall meet is in the books. I was told that an estimated 50 engines were at the meet, some from as far away from BC Canada.

Hope all that attended had a good time.

As you read this, we should have just wrapped up our annual spook train. Following two weeks after that (Nov 9th-10th) we will be taking the portable track to Roseville for the International Railfair.

My plan this winter is to take a close look at the three sets of articulated riding cars. The set that needs the most attention will be pulled from service and dismantled then process of building three new drop center riding cars will be started to replace them. I have heard a lot a people say that they would like to be more involved with the club but are rarely seen if not at all during work days. The riding car project would be a good reason to come out and help with the club.

See you on the rails

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miles of our facility. However, we have only 5 to 11 volunteers on Saturday work days. Usually the same 3 to 5 people tackle most all of our jobs.

Speaking of member participation, the election committee was unable to find enough candidates to fill the board positions that expire in December -- particularly Secretary and President. It is essential that those positions be filled to keep our club running smoothly. We also need other appointee candidates who can take on smaller roles, such as Membership, Party coordinator, News Letter Editor, Web Editor - all while working as part of a team.

Our challenge is to divide the responsibilities into manageable pieces because everyone is busy. Please, help our club to thrive by volunteering more in 2014.

**Please come to our meeting on Friday, Nov. 15 at the Raley's Event Center, 4840 San Juan Avenue in Fair Oaks at 7:30 p.m.**



Special Thanks goes to the list of people who work Halloween event during its 6 days of running. There were several days spent putting up the track side attractions and a few days after the event taking down those attractions. In all the event was a success for raising some money to spend on club needs. I want to give special thanks to Andy Berchielli

who spent the week before putting the displays up and was there taking down the last of them also.

The following list are the names of those members that volunteered during Oct. and many spent more than one day making either the place ready for Fall meet, fixing track, or helping during Halloween. Again Thanks - Bill Yoder

- Dale Dennis
- Clio Geyer
- Barb & Gordon Moser
- Dennis Gramith
- Mark Wentz
- Carson Wentz
- Butch Floyd
- Gerald Thomas
- Paul Skidmore
- Dennis, Heidi,
- Maren, & Ryan Bowie
- Jack & Stan Slavin
- Ed Zies
- Sheree & Mariah Harmer
- Terry Willes



- Tim Gubbins & Nataile
- Bill Floyd
- Pam Hall
- Karl Mahler
- Mary Mahler
- Andy Berchielli
- Mark Cundiff
- Bill Yoder
- Dale Fowler
- Robert Sharratt
- Shirley Jellison
- Wayne Harmer
- Mark Perey
- Nick Hale
- Dean Sheets

\* If I missed your name sorry, but you know if you helped.

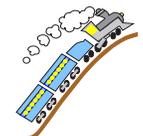
We are meeting in this new location to avoid having to pay for a room in Rancho Cordova's park or city facilities. If you can suggest a future location, please call me.

This year we have been very busy, and have taken our track to several cities: two more to go. This weekend (Nov. 9 and 10) we go to Roseville's Rail Fair, then on Sunday, Dec. 1, we will join in the Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree lighting fun. As usual we will need help with set up the day before, run trains, and take track down the next day.

We have a wonderful club. It has been my privilege serving as your president.

Bill

*Keep it steaming!*



# FOR SALE



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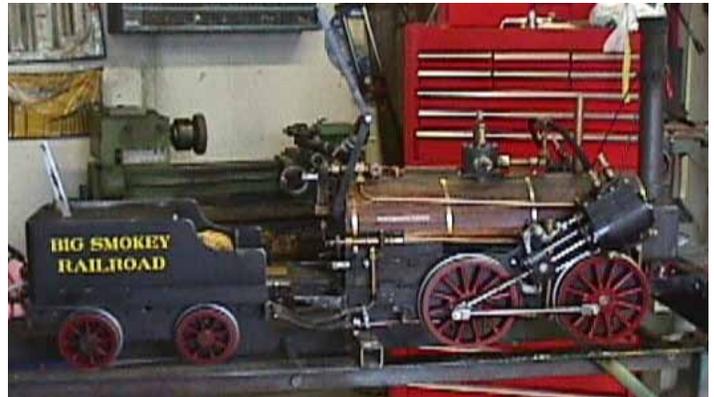
1" scale, 4.75" gauge train consisting of : Maxitrack 0-4-0 side rod diesel (new transistor throttle, professionally rebuilt motor, battery) , 2- Scale RR Supply gondolas (50" long with SKF sprung, roller bearing trucks, 1 painted, 1 aluminum)

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Asking \$7,000 - Reasonable cash offers considered. Contact Bill Cody - Home (775) 674-6512 or Cell 775-233-1429 for additional information/pictures.



Railroad Supply American kit, with new copper boiler still in the crate. The model is mostly unfinished, only the chassis and front truck have been mostly completed. I believe that I have all of the drawings as well. Asking \$8000.

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