

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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With the fall meet approaching very fast, the Safety committee is always looking for areas in our club to improve. The recent completion of our stair hand railings is a prime example of safety issues we are addressing. We welcome ideas from other members to make our club safe and enjoyable for all.

Next we will be fabricating a new stair railing by the steaming bays to complete this project.

A big thanks to Andrew Sach for welding the new railings. Also, thanks to Andy B. and Rob S. for all the help on the new retaining wall.

Be safe and have fun!! See you at the fall meet!!

Marty Carapiet  
Safety Committee



One of the greatest compliments I get from parties is how "great our place is for parties and the volunteers were so nice". This would not be possible without our members giving up a few hours on a weekend to help out the club. This year I booked 32 parties from March to September for a total of \$5,186. We had something going on almost every weekend.

I would like to thank all 26 members who helped this year. This great source of income would not be possible without your commitment. THANK YOU to Dale, Dean, Kevin, Andrew, Jeff, Peter, Karle, Ed, Butch, Bill, Gordon, Barbara, Heidi, Dennis H., Chris S., Steve, Adam, Keith, Marty, Rob, Dennis G., Phil, Don F., Scott, Chris D., and myself. Thanks Again!

Party coordinator  
Andy Berchielli



## October 16, 17, 18

Bring your engine and enjoy three days of running. For additional fun we will have 2 raffles on Saturday afternoon, one for kids items and then items for the rest of us. We are asking members to donate a raffle item and the club will furnish the grand raffle prize plus several items. But since this is a fund raiser, we need good donated items.

As we did at the previous meets, for parking your train please bring your train cone to reserve a siding during the meet. Select a siding that will fit your train's length. Hope to see you at the Fall Meet.



For more details see our web site: [svlsrcm.org/meet-notice.php](http://svlsrcm.org/meet-notice.php)

**Food:** Friday sack lunch \$6.

Spaghetti dinner Friday night \$6.

Breakfast Saturday or Sunday mornings \$6.

Lunch on Saturday or Sunday \$7.

Saturday big dinner of BBQ Beef or Chicken, with several side dishes is \$15. Special meal ticket will be available at a discount for the 6 meals, Friday Spaghetti dinner, Saturday & Sunday servings and 3 drink tickets. The meal ticket provides a \$6 savings: adult \$40, teens \$35, or kid (12 & under) \$25.

Buy your meal tickets or Saturday dinners only tickets [on-line](#) through PayPal or you may RSVP by calling Clio (916) 645-9154 or E-mail: [meet@svlsrcm.org](mailto:meet@svlsrcm.org)

**Saturday dinner must be bought or RSVP 'd by October 10th.**

Tell your friends about the Meet, it is a great time to see many locomotives and the craftsmen who build them. Need an answer on how to build or run your engine? Then ask, as the knowledge is here. As always we will need help for setup & clean up, also we can use donations of goodies for the bake sale. Please let us know if you will help. Thanks! And it will be great to see you at the meet!

## SVLSRM Calendar

- Oct. 3 Public Ride day - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 Public Ride day - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room  
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.  
 Oct. 16 - 18 **Fall meet**  
 Oct. 17 Membership meeting 7 p.m. - nominations
- Nov. 10 Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Community Board Room  
 Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.  
 Nov. 12 SVLSRM load trains & equipment for Railfair.  
 Nov. 13 Setup track and equipment at Railfair 9 a.m.  
 Nov. 14 Run train at Railfair - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Nov. 15 Run train at Railfair - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Nov. 21 **November Annual General Membership Meeting**  
 and elections - 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 21 **Saturday** Member work day and run day. Pot luck  
 lunch, work in a.m., run your train in afternoon.  
 Nov. 29 Rancho Cordova Christmas Tree lighting.

Dates to reserve on your calendar:  
 Annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 19th.

Please volunteer to support the club events.  
**How will you support SVLSRM this month?**

A **members only area** has been setup on our web server where we will keep a current version of the roster, and other useful documents for our members. To gain access, each *member (now including Associates)* must be a current paid member to register and create a user name and password.

Please use the link on the web page in the top menu section called "Members only." This is a two step process to register as the system will send an E-mail to verify that it is you. You will then use the link sent to complete the process. Please note this is to register so you can then use your user ID/password to view the protected area via the link shown on the registration page.

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

## MEMBERSHIP

by Dean Sheets

SVLSRM new members and their families:

Janet Lee and her son, Dylan, live in Folsom, Janet is also a member of Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad (PSVRR) a full size heritage railroad.

Tom and Terri Smith belong to the Truckee Donner Railroad Society and hail from Truckee.

Richard and Memie Weitzenberg live in Sacramento and have an affiliation with CSRM Richard is a Civil Engineer.

Ryan and Anna Vellanoweth joined as a family membership with their 2 young sons, Tyler and Thomas and live in West Sacramento and also belong to CSRM

As always, if you see any members walking around looking bewildered go over and introduce yourself and offer any help you can getting them involved with our great Club.

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**Reminder - No phone calls after 8:59 PM**



### 150 Years of Southern Pacific

Calling all Southern Pacific locomotives and rolling stock for a special run Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>!

Operations will commence at 10 a.m., and will go until 2 p.m. We would like all members with Southern Pacific equipment, operational or not, to come out and show your stuff. Both 7.5" and 4.75" gauge tracks are available for use.

The Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society will hold its 35th Annual Convention, 150 Years of Southern Pacific, in California's Capitol of Sacramento, home to SP's General Shops. More details about the convention are available on the society's website at [www.sphts.org](http://www.sphts.org).

Convention organizers approached SVLS to take part in the celebration, as we have done in the past. Several members with SP equipment have already committed to be in attendance. In fact, we have one Espee aficionado traveling all the way from Bakersfield! Food will not be provided, so be sure to bring a lunch.

Questions should be directed to event chairman Chris Donhost (707) 301-0739.



### Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



I want to thank all that came out and braved the smoke and heat while up at Colfax. During our steamer training day, we had a few members who came out to learn how to operate the steamer and with a few more times out with the steamer, they should be ready to take the test to be allowed to pull the public behind the steamer. One question why have not more members taken the tests to help out with run days, we all need to pitch in and help the club out. The test are available online on the clubs website. We have a few events coming up where we will need the help.

With the meet coming up shortly, I will be available starting Friday of the meet weekend to give hydro's to those who need one. Hydro's are needed to be done annually to make sure that they are safe to run.

Also for the October run day, we plan to be in costumes to have a little "get in the mood" for Halloween which is at the end of the month. -- See you on the rails



### Track Superintendent Report

By Dennis Bowie

Another installment of "Looking down the Track"...

With my knee feeling better, still limping but at least getting out to the track, I would like to thank Steve Milward, Bill and Butch Floyd, and Phil Huntingdale for their help with track work on our last member work/play day. Steve had noticed that there were ties and road work that needed to be done in the upper yard, west of the Boxcar. My trusted crew did a fantastic job with the repair work on the track. During this same time, I began replacing ties on the mainline that comes from the steaming bay, just past the Boxcar. There was at least a 10 foot long section where the rails were not attached to the ties and things were floating! Plastic ties are now in place and things are much more secure. My trusted crew kept things going when I had to be in a planning meeting for the Fall Meet, continuing to replace ties and finish work on the road bed.

Fall Meet is just around the corner and track inspections will be looking to mark areas for immediate attention. Let me know if you have an interest (and some time) in helping out with track work. We want the track to be in good shape for the Meet and I will need some help getting it there.



### President's Report

By Bill Yoder

Thanks to the dedicated crews that help at Colfax Railroad Days. We had about 200 riders each day, that braved the heat and some smoke blowing in from faraway fires.



Colfax helpers:  
Alison Berry , Tom Nance, Gordon and Barbara Moser, Kevin and Andrew Sach, Rob Sharratt, Andy Berchielli, Dennis Gramith, Phil and Stephanie Huntingdale, Bill Floyd, Marty Carapiet, Peter & Jim Welch, Butch Floyd, Ed Zies, (& maybe others as I lost my list) -- Thanks all.

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**10 Years ago:** On September 9, 10 & 11 we, being a railroad interest museum, were invited to attend a weekend long display of local museums and the grand opening of the Stanford Mansion. Historical groups from Sacramento, Folsom, Columbia, and Rancho Cordova (us) were asked to put on a display to coincide with the Stanford Mansion opening. The event was very successful and our new brochure was passed out to many

folks who came by our display. On Sunday, September 18, some of those same people came by our regular run day and saw our operation. We are getting more visibility and we hope to get more members through these events.



**20 Years ago: "FROM THE FAR SIDE OF THE CAB"**

The Fall Meet is not far out which rings out another year of activities. We have accomplished several major tasks: 1 - six new steaming bays, 2- rewire the entire facility, 3- put in sidings, and 4- kept ahead of the weed growth - to name a few. I am surprised, shocked I suppose, at the utter lack of depth on the club - those willing to take on an office. The group of active members is very small. You have all heard this before. It bears repeating, it bears watching, it requires fixing.

Bob Lovell, Vice-President

**30 Years ago: "FROM THE CAB"**

A BIG Thank You to all those members and visitors and all who pitched in so willing to help get the work done and make the Fall Meet a success. I would also like to thank those of you who have generously contributed to our "Storage Facility Fund". To date approximately 15 of our 120 members have contributed to the "fund" with donations ranging from \$5. to \$150. We have received approximately one half of the estimated cost for moving the two cars to our track site, so we still have a long way to go. In addition to the moving costs there will be some expense incurred for ties and ballast to prepare their display site.

Dennis Gramith, President

**40 Years ago:** Ed Yungling, Doc Harris, Ken Spicer and Larry Edwards were out at the track Labor Day. They did some maintenance work on the track and had three engines running.

**Safety rule for the month.**

**1.06 Visiting Engineers**

Visiting engineers, trainmen, and their guests are to observe these rules and abide by them. Copies of these rules shall be made available to visiting engineers while they are operating on SVLSRM tracks. Visitors may purchase copies of these rules to keep. Visiting Engineers and their equipment will be required to register at all meets.



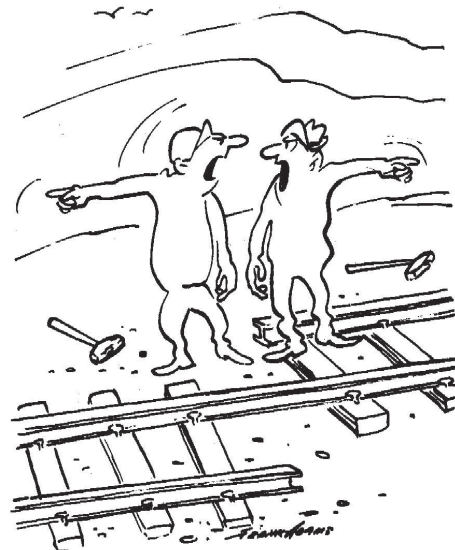
The club need more members to be active with our public ride days, and our special events (Parties) as we are short of people to provide this service. **These events provide our main source of income so please come out and help.**

If you need to qualify you may download the test from the club web site. Do the test at home then bring it to the track to finish your qualification.


Be a volunteer and enjoy the fun of sharing the hobby.



Here is a picture of SVLS from the early days. No roundhouse, few steaming bays and few trees. Photo by Dick Esselbach



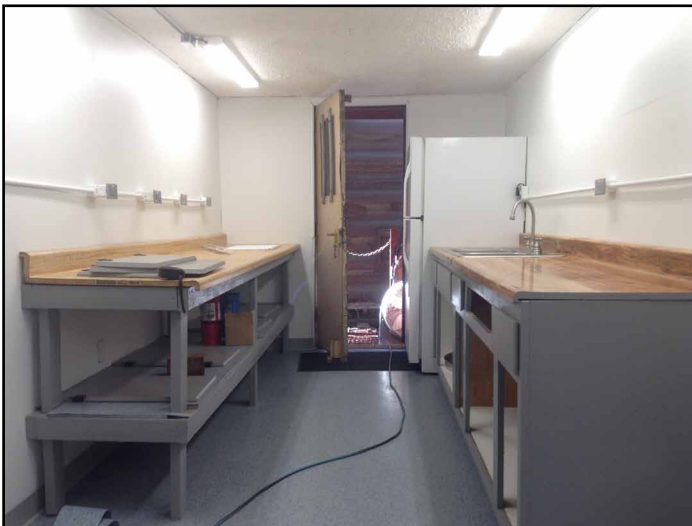
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Come see the wonderful upgrades to our WP caboos! It now has a new floor, painted walls, better lighting, and other improvements thanks to some dedicated members. Special thanks goes to Chris Rutter (friend of Dennis B.) who installed the new linoleum. Also honorable mention goes to uper Rob who moved all the appliances both out and back into the Caboos.



A great job done by these volunteers:  
Gordon and Barbara Moser  
Kevin and Andrew Sach  
Rob and Tami Sharratt  
Andy and August Berchielli  
Steve Perry  
Alison Berry  
Sid Madden  
Dennis Gramith  
Dennis, Heidi, Maren, and Ryan Bowie  
Phil and Stephanie Huntingdale  
Bill Floyd, Marty Carapiet, Bill Yoder

The interior is now finished and Barbara is now reorganizing all



the items that were removed during this whole process.

Andy Berchielli built a new sink cabinet for the caboos plus installing new hinges on cabinet doors. - Thanks Andy.

We are in process of replacing the air conditioner and once that is done we will re-install the ice maker to complete the project.

We have a real need for more qualified members to run public trains. The last few run days have been short the required crews. Please help by giving a few hours of your time for our public runs. You may take the test online then bring it to the track. This weekend would be a good time as we are having a public run on Oct. 3 & 4. We also need crews for the Railfair in Roseville in November, the Rancho Cordova Christmas tree lighting November 29th and our annual Santa Run the first two weekends in December. So please help support your club.

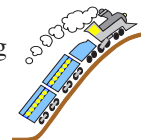
I want to Thank Andy Berchielli for the great job of coordinating the special events (birthday parties, and events), as he noted these earned us over \$5,000 this year. The club has a goal of replacing all main line with steel track & new ties and it costs a lot more now days. The track now costs over \$15 per foot. A little simple math tell us that each members dues only buy 2 feet of track at most per year. This is why we need ways to raise money to maintain and improve your railroad. - Please support all club activities.

If you can weld then here is a project that can be done at home. We want to install more signals so I need some signal heads built. The process is to weld the hoods on the signal face. I have the face plates (all ready cutout) and tubing which does need cut into short pieces for the lamp hood. If you would help please give Bill Yoder a call. - It will be appreciated.



We also have need of some new wheels for our gravel cars and if you can make those let me or Kevin know - thanks again.

One more item: elections will be in November with nominations in October. Want to make a real difference? Then be a voice on the board. This year 4 positions are available; President, Secretary, Train Master, & Board member at large. A special members meeting will be at 7 p.m. Friday during the meet for nominations, please attend.



Thanks for reading.

*Keep it steaming!*

# FOR SALE

7 1/2" gauge train hauler  
2003 - 18' TPD enclosed Trailer for sale , 23' overall

5 - 18' tracks with E track for tie down.  
Also the elevated racks are removable with pull pins.

5' Z Tounge Diamond covered and the front has a diamond rock protector, 2 5/16" ball, 10K# Heavy Duty jack  
FRP composite Floor, sides, roof and Rear doors  
9999 LBS GVW, 2 - 5200# axles with Brakes on both Side Man Door, Spare tire mount and tire inside trailer, Swing Doors on back, 12v battery and battery box, 2 - 12v lights inside  
16' awning on the right side of trailer where the man door is.  
Located in Fiddletown Calif 95629  
\$14,000 invested, **Sell \$9500**  
Reno Farinelli 209-245-5719

Two Steve Easlon built 3.75" scale ore cars 2.5" scale RMI 6" D&RG Griffen wheels but has no couplers. \$800.00 for the pair, will not sell separately. No shipping but will deliver to SVLS or surrounding areas. Delivery farther is available for additional fees. I have never used these, purchased a year ago (for \$1000) used in case I needed cars for the Triennial. 26" wide x 44" long, located in Brentwood. Contact marshcreekminingcompany@gmail.com



**Trolley for Sale.**

Price \$2000  
with engine stand \$3000.

Call: Clio Geyer  
(916) 645-9154



SVLSRM has a large collection of Halloween props, electronics, lights, audio equipment, timers, motion sensor, fading eyes, costumes, fog machines, and other "things". The club does not want to use them anymore. If you are

interested in buying or want more info, please call Bill Yoder - 916 652-7113.



Check our web site FOR SALE page for additional listing with more pictures and more details.

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Fuel tank, pressurized, soldered brass construction.  
9x7x4 \$20. obo - Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162