

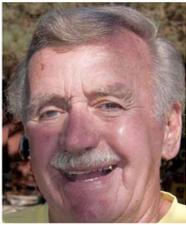
# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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## Vice President's Report

By Dennis Gramith

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with the container project. The new location seems to be working out quite well, with many positive comments on location and color.

We still need to empty container #3, (the old #2 with the side door). One of the shelving units containing Christmas decorations and library books fell forward during the move. It has been partially emptied but will require some very careful work to finish emptying the rest. This container will eventually hold the tractor, the trencher, and other tools. The OLD container #3, by the boxcar, will get two tracks installed to hold the work train and eventually a string of riding cars. This is according to the original plan from years ago. There is being considered a plan to extend the two new tracks possibly as far south as near Oasis where they will merge into the oasis siding, providing additional siding capacity.



A list of names for parking passes and admittance to Roseville International Rail Fair has been submitted. It was disappointing for me to have to phone so many people to find helpers when the Sign-up Genie was ignored by most of you. A little help would have been great!!! I will get detailed info out to you via e-mail as the date gets closer. We will need help on Thursday 11/9 to attach tracks to Bill Yoder's trailer, then load and tie down the trains. He will take them home with him and bring them to Roseville Friday morning. After the portable track is tied down to the track trailer, I will take it home with me and also bring it out Friday morning. We will need at least one additional truck to carry the tents, tables, coolers and chairs etc. Can YOU help??? Track set up and leveling will occur Friday. Take down and loading will be on Sunday afternoon. ANY AND ALL HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED!!!

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of those who helped me in the caboose during the Train Meet. It's a challenge every time and I couldn't pull it off without you. If I missed anybody's name I apologize. - Barbara Moser**

**Thank You Rob, Tami, Cody Sharratt, Toy Yunglingm, Lisa Moser, Steven Milward, Stephanie Huntingdale, Dennis Gramith, Sarah & Brianna Lutrel, Alison Berry, Dennis, Heidi, Maren, & Ryan Bowie, Deanna Kellom, Judy Berchielli, Linda Lutrel, Beth Reese, Beth Hickman, Jennifer Roberts, Mrs. Owens, David McClain, & Kevin Sach.**



Rancho Cordova's annual Christmas tree lighting is November 26, 2017. This is a wonderful community event, and lots of fun and gives us the opportunity to share our trains and rides with the community.

We will be setting up the portable track on the 25th. As members of the Community Council, our club enjoys their support and the opportunity to use facilities for our Board meetings and the Christmas party.

The Community Council is providing plywood to be cut into supports to go under each tie to help provide stability and support on the soft grass for our track. We will put out the call for help when it is time to protect the plywood pieces with a good coat of paint. Hopefully the Community Council will be able to get us some people to help unload and carry the track sections from the sidewalks onto the grass so we will not have to drive on the soft lawn. I will approach Lee to get a light tower located near our station and loading area this year to increase safety. I believe Jeff Hickman is planning to build a more permanent bridge structure to get the track over the low area by the drain. This structure will bolted together for future use without needing to be rebuilt each time and should be more sturdy and secure.



The breakfast cooks Steven and David



Friday's lunch is served

## SVLSRM Calendar

- Nov. 9 Load trains and equipment from Club location to take to Railfair for Friday setup. Help needed...
- Nov. 10 Railfair setup in Roseville. 8:30 AM
- Nov. 11 & 12 Railfair running, tear down at end of Sunday.
- Nov. 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Nov. 18. 1:30 PM Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections - at Club track.
- Nov. 18 Members Work & Run Day.
- Nov. 26 Rancho Cordova Christmas tree lighting, SVLS giving rides with our Train afternoon-evening. Help needed for setup the day before. running, & take down.
- Dec. 2 & 3 Santa Train Experience - rides and photos
- Dec. 9 & 10 Santa Train Experience - rides and photos
- Dec. 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Community Board Room Rancho Cordova City Hall. Members welcome.
- Dec. 16 Annual Christmas Dinner 6:30 PM

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



and password.

A **members only area** has been set up 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 including associates** must be a **current paid member** to register and create a user name

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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**Member articles wanted.**

## MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Rohrs

*Welcome to New Members*

**Craig Griffin, Orangevale - Regular**

**John Kitzmiller, Milpitas - Associate**

**Victor & Anita Owens, Vallejo - Regular**



Time to think about renewing your dues for 2018. We are asking everyone to send in a completed membership form with their payment. You can still pay with Paypal but ask you to send in form separately. You can find a form online.

Thanks to all who have already renewed.



Please check the SVLSRM web site [www.svlsrm.org](http://www.svlsrm.org) for current information. If you have not looked for awhile then you will have missed news or for sale items that are not in the newsletter.

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

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

**ELECTION** At the October membership meeting, nominations were made for the four board member positions for the 2017-2018 term. Below are the candidates accepting the nomination.

**Director:** Two candidates in the running for one Director chair.



**Director - Richard Lutrel**  
I'm running for member at large on the board of directors of the Sacramento Live Streamers Railroad Museum. I feel that I am the best candidate for this job. I have railroad experience both professionally, and in the hobby. I have over 19 years of experience as a railroad

conductor with Union Pacific, where I have been employed since 1998. I am a life-long railfan, accompanying my father from an early age to photograph trains, and helping to build the Black Diamond Lines HO-model railroad in Antioch. In 2002, my wife Amy and I joined SVLSRM. Over the last 15 years I have served the club in many ways: countless hours mowing the lawns, and even more working on track. I've also served as trainmaster and yardmaster (twice). Our family continues to enjoy coming out to the club to help in any number of ways, and spending time with friends. If elected, I hope to help others to get involved in our many projects, and to grow our financials through partnerships with local business in the Rancho Cordova area. I hope that you will consider me for member at large.



**Director - Steve Milward**  
I've been a member of the SVLS for about five years. During that time I've tried to actively participate in many areas at the club – Operations, track installation and maintenance, the set-up and tear-down of special events and to generally be helpful where needed.

The one thing that will make or break any organization is the willingness of its membership to chip in and share the workload. It is from this desire to help our organization move towards a successful future that I have decided to become a candidate for one of the Board of Director positions. No matter how you vote, please be a part of the process and help make our club the best it can be. Thank you.



**Secretary - Alex Wilde**  
I am running for club secretary. My son and I really enjoy being members of this club. I was made aware that Chris is stepping down at the end of the year and there would be a vacancy in his position. I want to see the club continue to run well and host well attended meets and events. As secretary I will take care of paperwork, attend meetings, prepare minutes and do things that often don't relate to actually playing with trains. Thank you for your consideration.

**Santa Run - Dec. 2, 3 & 9,**

**10** Santa is indeed 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 earlier in the week. *Come on out and get in the spirit of the season.*



**Update on New Club Locomotive Purchase**

*by Chris Donhost*

From last month, it was reported that the SVLSRM board acted on a 1-day only sale that Titan Trains was having, essentially saving \$4,000 off their "Dash-9" locomotive. The board then reviewed possible additions at the October board meeting, but ultimately decided to take the locomotive "as-is". The board's proposal was then brought to the General Membership for a vote on October 20th where the membership approved the purchase price plus an additional \$1000 for paint and other modifications. **LOCOMOTIVE PAINT: WE NEED YOUR OPINIONS AND SUGGESTIONS!** It was decided that we will vote on the paint scheme at the next general membership meeting. Before then, we ask that you email your ideas, sketches, pictures, and notes for consideration of what the new locomotive will look like. All the ideas will be shared at the November meeting, and voted on. Please submit ideas no later than November 17th to the club secretary: donhost4449@hotmail.com All members encouraged to come November 18th at 1:30 P.M. and cast your vote on what our locomotive should look like!



**President - Andy Berchielli**  
Most of you know me by now. I've been a member for the last 10 years. I've spent 3 years on the board as Yardmaster and the last 4 years as Event and Party coordinator. I've been involved in many major projects. I'm most proud of how the landscape has changed since I began adding plants to eliminate hard to cut grass areas. As

President I will continue to promote changes that will benefit the railroad. Working together we will make Rancho Cordova's hidden gem one of the best places to visit.



Please mail in the ballot at left or bring it to the meeting.



Vote on each below		Vote for only one below	
Andy Berchielli	Y N	Richard Lutrel	Y N
Alex Wilde	Y N	Steve Milward	Y N

Cut out or copy and mail to **SVLSRM - election**  
PO box 273 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741 -> **by Nov. 15th**

Fall meet photos. Thanks to all who came and helped.  
More meet photos are on-line: [svlsrm.org](http://svlsrm.org)



At last 3 green containers all lined up in a row.



The new container was acquired thanks to the Rancho Cordova Rotary's "Hometown Hero Grant" which was awarded to SVLSRM.

Thanks to Ken Willes "our Hometown Hero" and Chris Donhost who applied for the grant.



Dennis Gramith used his driving skills to move all three containers into their new position.





**10 Years ago:** Pete Arney advises the new container will have the hole in the roof patched shortly and the riding car progress as well. Couplers have been ordered, trucks are on the way as well, side frames are ready for welding and this is planned soon. There has been a delay due to all of the events we had planned, and we can only do so much. Our current riding cars need maintenance frequently, so the new cars are badly needed.

Safety is our primary concern and our lack of injuries is a demonstration of this, but we near the next step in our ongoing safety program.

After year end, remember that Phase II of our three year member approved track modification plan starts. Your help on workdays would be appreciated. Pete and Darrell are getting ready for this now. You know of our Class A track from Phase I and now we are on to the second phase.

**20 Years ago:** Keith gave update on the Club steam engine repairs/rebuild. It has now been taken down to the “bare bones” and is in the process of reassemble.

Red had a report on the state of the grounds. He felt everything was in pretty good shape. Did note that the leaves are now starting to fall.

John Bailie showed the latest part he is building for his engine. Matt Mason gave an update on his trip to Train Mountain. He had taken his steel car, but it derailed and twisted in the process. It had been a great success up until then.

**30 Years ago:** CLUB ENGINE We are very, very close to achieving the total price needed to purchase the Club engine. With already-purchased shares, special runs and State Fair proceeds, we have almost got it. We still need a few more shares to be purchased.. Please if you have not yet purchased your share(s) in the Club Engine, you may do so at the Fall Meet. Milon Thorley has been appointed by your Board of Directors to take care of testing prospective engineers for this engine. HELLO-O-O-O! Is anybody out there? We need Help! Your Club still needs help at the work days.

**40 Years ago:** PLAUDITS & ACCOLADES AND BOUQUETS to all the SVLS members and guests who worked so hard before and during our Fall Meet to make it an enjoyable week-end and a successful on. The pre-meet preparation crews - Mckenzie, de Freitas, Gramith, Spicer, Esselbach, Shelley and Quiring were all on hand. There are many people who are doing their bit to make a successful Meet: Ken Spicer and his “Old Faithful” 2-8-2 were there riding the folks. Clyde Johnson 4-6-4; Dick Fin 1” QLM Lackawanna 4-8-4; Ed Spall and the “Jolly Green Giant; Paul Quiring American and Diesel; Ed Yungling Cab forward (With new cab roof); Milon Thorley American.; Al Shelley 0-4-0 with the bright red cab; Glen Strawn 1” 4-6-2; and from LALS the Andreus with their 4-6-2. GGLS sent us Joe and Wayne Yetter with their Mallet, a Mogul engine and riding cars and John Haines, President of GGLS, with that neat brass 0-6-0 engine and cars. Ken Schroeder of Tahoe with a Shay. Quite an impressive showing of engines and equipment - 16 engines



Ken Willes going for a ride during the Fall meet. Always nice to see Ken at the club.



Garrett Garnes provided the club with a LARGE print of our track layout and other features, this will make a great planning drawing. *Thanks Garrett*



#### October Board Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- Schedule worked out for 2018
- Tie material received
- Review of pumpkin train
- Finalized Fall Meet plans
- Discussed Santa Train, need for 2<sup>nd</sup> Santa & photographer
- Discussed safety concerns for RC tree lighting
- Discussed purchase of Dash-9 locomotive

#### October General Meeting Summary by Chris Donhost, Secretary

- Nominating committee presented the candidates
- No nominations were made from the floor
- Motion approved to spend \$11,000.00 for purchase of Titan Trains locomotive, paint, and materials for planned modifications to the locomotive upon delivery.
- Motion approved to accept email suggestions of paint schemes for the new locomotive between now and the November General Meeting for a vote on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the meeting.
- Motion approved to hold off on what to do with UP 649 until repairs are made.
- Motion approved to have Chris Roberts begin the process of having an “E Clampus Vitus” dedication plaque made in honor of SVLSRM’s contributions to the community.

## FOR SALE

### Little Engines 4-4-0 AMERICAN Train.

Locomotive, 2 flat cars, bobber caboose. Locomotive is the S.V.L.S. Gold Spike Ceremony (both gold spike events) locomotive Built by Milon Thorley while on duty in Republic of South Viet Nam Coal burner, axle pump, tender hand pump, copper boiler, oil burning headlight Great steam project- short project list - ex. 2nd safety reqd. - reseal tender tank- axle pump rod cap missing Big enough for most to operate- small enough for easy transport.\$4900 Keith Berry- 530-642-0742

**You can be on the rails in steam for only \$5000/offer.** I am offering my complete, RTR train consisting of a 7.5" gauge INVICTA locomotive, tender, engineer riding car, and tool car. Loco has a propane fired steel boiler with copper tubes, axle driven feed pump backed up by a hand pump in the tender as well as a axle driven mechanical lubricator. The engine is a twin cylinder double acting with a bore and stroke of 1"x 2.2" There are hand operated mechanical brakes on the engineer's riding car. Tools for firing up and change out the propane tank, lubrication bottles, foot peg bar for tool car and misc. fittings.

Contact Bill Cody at 775-674-6512, cell 775-233-1429 or Email to: [steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steamboatbill@sbcglobal.net)  
Engine is located in Reno, Nevada and can be delivered for a fee. To see and hear a video on the engine being fired and run on the bench, click on this [Video link](#)

Two RRSC 6 wheel pullman commonwealth 1/8 scale trucks - reconditioned. The pair \$2000 or best offer.  
Call Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162



**Trolley for Sale.** Price \$1500 OBO, plus engine stand for sale.  
Call: Clio Geyer (916) 645-9154



### SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

#### 1.04 Pets

No pets of any kind shall be allowed to run free within the facility. All pets shall be confined on a leash not over six (6) feet in length, or inside a crate or pen.

The owner of such pets shall be responsible for immediately cleaning up any manure or other disagreeable mess caused by such pet. Any violation of this rule may result in both pet and owner being asked to leave the facility. Animals may not ride on public passenger trains.

#### 3.16 Fluids Discharge

Any overflow or discharge of steam, water or oil from the engine or other equipment shall be directed away from people, and in such a manner that it is not deposited on the rails or seating.

#### 4.13 Stopping

Except in an emergency or controlled signal, no train shall stop on any bridge, crossing, switch, or mainline track, except in a station where such mainline track is part of the station. Any train that is stopped or fouling on the mainline must call out a flagman to protect to the rear with a red flag or light that may be clearly seen by a following engineer for a distance of at least one hundred fifty (150) feet.

#### 5.02 Conduct of Passengers

The Stationmaster and all members of every train crew of any train hauling the General Public shall ascertain that all passengers are informed of passenger safety rules before the train leaves the station, as set forth here (See further Section 1.02):

Passengers shall remain on the train during unscheduled stops unless otherwise directed. Engineers and Conductor are responsible for orderly passenger conduct.

The train crew shall inform the passengers to:

- A. Remain seated facing forward at all times while the train is in motion.
- B. Remain seated on the train until it returns to the station.
- C. Not to lean out or reach for anything along the right-of-way while the train is in motion.
- D. Keep hands and feet within the boundaries of the riding car at all times while the train is in motion.
- E. Not to yell or scream while riding on the train, except in an emergency.
- F. Do not lean over or turn around while taking pictures when the train is in motion.
- G. Anyone disobeying these rules may be asked to leave the facility.



The club need more members to be active with our public ride days, and our special events like Parties, Santa Run, and Railfair.

**These events provide our main source of income so please come out and help.**