

# The GOLDEN SPIKE



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## NEW YEARS DAY 2013

Let's start the New Year with a lot of steam, or smelly diesel and bring out your locomotive, rolling stock and enjoy a members run day on January 1.



Bring food to share (potluck) for lunch.



Mark your calendar for Sunday January 1, 2013. Running starts at 10 AM. with lunch about 1 PM.

# Merry Christmas



## and a happy new year



Our Santa Run for Dec. 1 & 2 was rained out. The weather looks good for the next weekend of Dec. 8 & 9th. We will need to setup the displays on Friday. HELP is needed. Please call Clio at (916) 645-9154 and volunteer.



Our Steamer (below) gave over 800 people a ride at the Rancho Cordova tree lighting event. The weather was great which made an enjoyable evening. Special thanks to those who worked the day before and after setting up the portable track.



## SVLSRM Calendar

- 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 Hagan Park  
meeting room #1
- Jan. 1 Annual New Years Day Member Run.
- Jan. 8 Board Meeting at 6:30 Community Board Room  
Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Jan. 18 Membership Meeting (Elections) Hagan Park  
meeting room #1 7:00

**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?*

In January we will be having special work days on the weekend to replace the trestle and track. Schedule will be published next month. Call and give us what times you could work.



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



It's Membership Renewal Time!

The forms for renewing your membership have gone out in the mail, so please check the information for accuracy or needed changes and submit, along with your dues payment, as soon as possible. Only those members who have renewed by the end of February will be included in next year's directory, so please be prompt! Those who have already paid will not receive renewal forms, as they've already taken care of it.

Send to: SVLSRM P.O. Box 273  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

We look forward to seeing all of you at the track during the coming year!

\* The year your dues are paid through is printed on your news letter envelope.

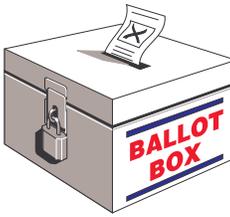
Save SVLSRM some money and read the newsletters on-line. Tell us that you don't need the mailed copy, we will notify you by E-mail so you can read it on-line.



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



Well the ballots were sent in and counted and here are the results for the 2013 term:  
 Vice President: Dennis Gramith  
 Treasurer: Lois Clifton  
 YardMaster: Ben Kleinwachter  
 Track Superintendent: Darryll Gomes  
 Board of Directors: Dale Fowlar and Richard Lutrell

**Presidents Report**

*By Bill Yoder*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** Well these are busy times for all of us but people who have taken the time to help at our track or on special events are greatly appreciated.

From Roseville Railfair to Rancho Cordova Tree lighting event we have needed many people to make it work. I will add my thanks to those that Kevin thanked in his article about RailFair.

**Special Thanks** to Kevin, Andrew, & Tiphani Sach, Dale Fowlar, Michael Dreiling, Andy Berchielli, Butch Floyd, Gorden Moser, Ed Zeis, Red Hadler for helping setup up and take down the portable track at the Tree event. - (Editor note: the pres may have forgotten names sorry)

We also had good help at the event running the train: Bill Floyd, Butch Floyd, Barbara and Gordon Moser, Dale Fowlar, Kevin, Andrew, & Tiphani Sach, Ed Zeis, Andy Berchielli. The rides were full of families who enjoyed the ride. These events provide us with good exposure to the public to encourage new membership. With us running the steamer I heard several comments & questions about what makes it run or why are they putting water in the car. Since one of our goals is to *promote education regarding steam engines* these events provide that.

It is the season to be joyful but we seem to have people coming to our track to break things. We have had several more locks busted off, and chains cut every week. We have installed more security measures but that also takes time and people power. If you have some experience with security systems please call me. This is your club equipment that needs protection. There is a need for building stronger lock brackets, reinforcing doors, gate latches, running alarm circuits, and install motion lights. I can not do it by myself.

As noted earlier in this news letter our Christmas potluck is **Friday December 21 at 6:30** in the large meeting room at Hagan Park. Please bring a food dish to share, Clio will be cooking a Ham for the main dish. Don't forget the gift exchange.

Our annual New Years Day run is on Wed. Jan 1, 2013. Bring your train and run all day (rain or shine). Bring food for a potluck lunch - serving about 1 PM. Last chance to run until March as there is major track work to be done on the trestle and adjoining rail section.

We changed our bylaws at the November meeting to add two more board members (members at large), removed the probation period on new membership and removed the need to pay again the initialization fee of \$30 for those members that have let there membership lapse. I am looking forward to the new board for 2013. Having two more board members will provide needed input and solutions. Again Thanks to those members willing to give their time.

*Keep it steaming!*



Giving rides at the tree lighting event.

**TEAMWORK**

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.



Check our web site **FOR SALE** page for items looking for a new home. See pictures and details. <http://www.svlsrcm.org/>

### Train Masters Report

By Kevin Sach



Railfair wrap up.

On the second weekend of November we took the portable track out to the International Railfair in Roseville. Although it looked like we might have rain, things cleared up for the weekend. We gave a total of 433 rides to passengers over the weekend. I want to thank the following people for helping out; Bill Yoder, Butch and Bill Floyd, Dennis Gramith, Clio Geyer, Gil & Marilyn Beaird, Red Hadler, Barbara & Gordon Moser, Dale & Laura Fowler, Ed Zeis, Marilyn Drews, Ross Crawford, Marianne Ward, Mark & Carson Wentz, Richard & Amy Lutrel, Andrew & Tiphani Sach, Robert Forren, Todd Bishop, and Rick Oswood. Thank You, it wouldn't have been possible without your help and hard work.

Propane Tank update.

We now have our permit to place a propane tank and dispenser on the property. Now is finding time to set up the electrical out to the pad that needs to be poured to support the tank. If you can help out, let me know and I will try and schedule time to complete this task.

Riding cars.

While loading up the cars back on the trailer from Rancho Cordova Tree lighting event. The age of the riding cars is starting to show, while the cars still have a fair amount of life left in them. I can see the need to start working on and finishing up the newer cars. If any member would like to help please let me know. This can even be a take home project. I know and realize how hard it is to sometimes to get down to the track to work on projects.

See you on the rails.



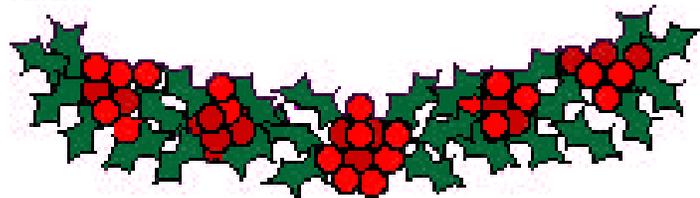
### Track Superintendent Report

By Darrell Gomes



It is time to start planning projects for the New Year. Work days will be scheduled on Saturdays weather permitting January and February. We have a trestle to repair by Thorley's Berm and track to be replaced. Paul Skidmore is working on switches for the Oasis yard and main line. I will need members to contact me so I can plan work crews to complete the projects before Opening Day 2013. The track will be CLOSED after the New Years Day Run till the 1st of March.

Gail & I Wish You a MERRY CHRISTMAS & a HAPPY NEW YEAR !



### Yard Masters Report

By Andy Berchielli



Happy Holidays to all! This time of year brings what?...you guessed it more yard work. I have begun "winterizing" the irrigation stuff. With that comes draining the hoses and storing them for the winter and gathering all the irrigation assemblies. Now comes the hard work; raking leaves. I will of course try to arrange for some of the volunteer groups we have been associated with in the past, but the local club membership can help too. If each member did a small area then the challenge of doing the whole facility becomes that much less to tackle.

Now that my term is over I wish Ben all the luck of making good decisions for the club and the yard. I will still be here helping from time to time, so until next time keep on steaming ahead!



**10 Years ago:** 1ST annual "Santa Run" fund raiser went very well. A large group of volunteers converged at the park for setup on Friday, placing Marilyn Drewes' engine on a pedestal next to Santa's "throne" and applying festive decoration to the caboose picnic area. Children were treated to a free hot drink and cookie: and refreshments were available to adults on a donation basis.



First Santa run (2002).

**20 Years ago:** *\*\* I am missing Sept. Through Dec. of 1992 news letters. If you have a copy please share with us.*

**30 Years ago:** The work party on November 20, was used to move part of the materials for our donated storage building from it's previous home to our facility. Thanks to: Ken Feil, JHimmy Durham, Roger Merkh, Ken, Terry and Nadene Willes, Earl McKenzie, Warren Wagner, John Bailie and family, Amandus Drewes, Dennis Gramith and Milon Thorley's trailer.

The membership dues for "1983" are \$18.00 if paid by December 31. Starting January 1, 1983, the dues are \$20.00, associated membership remains \$10.00. If the "yellow membership information sheet" is not filled out you will not be included in the new roster.