

The 'long awaited' Speeder Ride, April 28-May 1st, in Lone, near Jackson,CA was ABRUPTLY cancelled by the Amador County Railroad due to insufficient volunteers to be able to handle our group size.

The rally continued! Everyone was notified, some cancelled, but most attended. The speeders were replaced by a STEAM Train ride at the CA State 1897 Railtown Museum in Jamestown.

It was a beautiful weekend with great weather and long awaited fellowship with Golden Spikers who hadn't seen each other in 'forever'!

The rally started Thursday night with a wonderful array of shared, tasty appetizers including salads and desserts along with a champagne celebration of Rich and Sue Dixon's 50th wedding anniversary.

Kurt and Betty Simon visited (sans RV) along with a carload of RV and camping 'give aways'. Most of us found something 'of value' that we NEEDED! But, even so, they returned to Auburn the next day with plenty of 'treasures' yet to find a home.

On Friday, 21 of us visited the Kennedy Mine for a docent tour that lasted more than two hours! Our tour guide was one of the directors of the museum and we were VERY well informed of the history and operations of the mine, it's neighboring mines including some successful and unsuccessful rescues.

After an afternoon with no rally obligations (Dan is mellowing with age) we all were joined by the Westerfields for drinks and food at the local Elks Lodge where we socialized and shared stories.

Saturday was a trip to Jamestown for a Steam Train Ride and docent tour of the Round House with it many historical trains, tools and rail cars. The final display was a graphically enhanced timeliness of some of the engines' fame and fortune.

After lunch on our own and another unscheduled afternoon, we met for dinner at the Strings Restaurant where each of us ordered our favorite entre from the menu and paid with separate checks.

The rally ended with granola, fruit and yogurt on Sunday morning. Over the course of the weekend we shared time between 29 Golden Spikers including 11 rigs as well as lodgers in the Rancheria.

To attend a 'virtual' rendition of our rally, follow this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4L9SLH2bJyXRyRqE9>

Dan and Betsy, Rally Masters