

# 2011 Portola Railroad Days August 18-21

## Golden Spike Driving Contest

The Golden Spike Driving Contest was conceived to provide the public with an educational glimpse into the art of track laying. It takes skill, concentration and muscle to drive four metal spikes into a square metal plate on a railroad tie. This is a timed event. There are two divisions, professional and amateur.

Date: Saturday August 20  
Time: 12:00 pm  
Place: Commercial Street, Portola

### Purse:

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| 1. | 1st Place Professional Division | 500.00 & Trophy |
| 2. | 2nd Place Professional Division | 350.00 & Trophy |
| 3. | 3rd Place Professional Division | 200.00 & Trophy |
| 4. | 1st Place Amateur Division      | Trophy          |
| 5. | 2nd Place Amateur Division      | Trophy          |
| 6. | 3rd Place Amateur Division      | Trophy          |

Pre-registration: Due by August 1, 2011      \$20.00  
Competition Day: 8:00 am to 12:00      \$25.00

### Golden Spike Driving Event starts promptly at 12:00pm

Make checks payable to Portola Railroad Days Committee  
and mail with entry form to  
P.O. Box 1225, Portola CA. 96122

For more information, contact  
Julie Rizzo 530-832-6803 or [j.rizzo@ci.portola.ca.us](mailto:j.rizzo@ci.portola.ca.us)  
or Portola City Hall 530-832-4216  
Please visit our web site for rules and regulation  
[www.PortolaRailroadDays.com](http://www.PortolaRailroadDays.com)

## Registration Form for The Golden Spike Driving Event 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Amateur \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 early registration, \$25.00 after August 1, 2011

Agreement, Waiver & Release:

I, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims I may have against Portola Railroad Days Association, City of Portola, its agents, promoters and sponsors, and all persons, officials, and organizations affiliated with the event for any and all injuries suffered by me while traveling to or from and while competing in the Portola Railroad Days event. I further attest that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for this event. I also give my permission for the free use of my name and /or photographs in any broadcast, telecast, newsprint, or any other account of this event. I acknowledge I have read and fully understand my own liability and do accept the restriction.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age





## Golden Spike Driving Official Rules

1. Contestants can use their own personal spike maul or can use one supplied by the railroad/city/FRRS.
2. Contestants must use safety glasses.
3. Contestants that break the handle/break the head off of the spike maul they are using are automatically disqualified.
4. Contestants compete against the clock - with two officials using stopwatches to time the effort, then consulting with each other to compare recorded times before announcing the result.
5. Contestants must drive all 4 spikes at a single tie plate to the point where the judges determine the lower surface of all 4-spike heads is flush with the top of the tie plate. When the entire task is complete, the judge(s) will signal completion verbally or with a whistle/horn.
6. Contestants can pre-choose which tie plate with 4 spikes they will work at.
7. All spikes are pre-driven/pre-set exactly 1" through the tie plate into the tie using pre-drilled 1" deep holes.
8. If a spike comes loose or flies out during a contestant's efforts, that contestant must retrieve that spike at sometime during the timed effort and continue.
9. There are two categories for competition - "professional" for active or retired railroad Maintenance of Way employees and "novice" for members of the public.
10. Only the top finishers in the "professional" category get monetary rewards while "novice" top finishers get only trophies.
11. The judges and RR Days personnel determine the number and value of the rewards for this event.