

THE CLEARBOARD



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DIRECTIONS, FROM ROD DIRIDON

CTRC Focus: This President's Message suggests areas for CTCRC to refocus efforts during the coming year. Though each of our project areas is preceding well and the organization has substantial fiscal reserves, unlike most non-profits currently, we do need to break free a couple of project areas that have been on-hold for some time. The heart of CTCRC, and any non-profit organization, is the **volunteers** and **fundraising** which might well be the lead areas of effort for the coming year. These suggestions are the beginning of a collaborative goal setting process that will start at the February 17 CTCRC Board meeting.



1215 AT HISTORY SAN JOSE

Volunteers: A reinvigorated volunteer recruitment effort for both the Trolley Barn and Locomotive programs should begin this year. That will be accomplished via a focus on media visibility that stresses access to the CTCRC volunteer training programs. **Volunteer Vice President Ken Middlebrook** would lead this effort with the assistance of **Communication Vice President Larry Murchison** and a public relations expert that will be recruited to the Board if needed.

Fundraising: Though CTCRC has over \$300,000 in reserves, no debt, and operates frugally, to precede with the following projects a much larger cash flow needs to be pursued. That may begin to be accomplished by two specific efforts during the coming year. First, I've asking CTCRC's best "utility infielder and jack-of-al-trades" **Gene Martin to assume the Fundraising Vice Presidency** and concentrate on at least one and hopefully two Historical Heritage Commission grants for qualified projects. In addition, I'll be helping Gene to convert our annual Volunteer Recognition BBQ into a full-fledged fundraiser at which we'd hope to raise the \$30,000 or so needed to cover the usual annual operating expenses. We'll also attempt to identify larger sources of funding to finish 2479 and the Museum projects, though that's sure a challenge dur-

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CTRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CTRC Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes

Pacific Hotel, History San Jose

November 18, 2010

I. WELCOME – President Rod Diridon called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. at the Pacific History Hotel, 1650 Senter Road, San Jose, California.

Attendance: Marvin Bamburg, Alida Bray, Rod Diridon, Sr., Joel Maniaci, Gene Martin, Denis Murchison, Larry Murchison, Steve Raby, Bob Schneider, David Sylva, and Charles Wynn, and Lynda Ramirez Jones. Ken Middlebrook and Annette Nellen arrived later as noted below.

II. MINUTES – Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of August 19, 2010.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT – Diridon announced he would present his report as each agenda item was discussed.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT – Diridon referred to the attached financial reports and deposit and check register for period July 1, 2010 to present. He noted that the reserve funds are drawing down, and despite the down economy, the account is getting the highest interest available, though it is not much. He stated that although it was not intended, the annual BBQ is becoming a fundraising event, and will be made more so in the future.

A motion was made, seconded (Sylva/Wynn), and unanimously carried to approve the financial report.

Diridon requested Alida Bray and Joel Maniaci to develop a proposal for the signage for the Kelley Park trolley stops.

Annette Nellen arrived at 8:13 a.m.

V. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Trolley Barn/HSJ/Buttercup – Schneider provided the attached status report.

Ken Middlebrook arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Diridon complimented the Trolley volunteers on the fine trolley service and operations record for the year.

B. Locomotive 2479 and Locomotive 1215 – Middlebrook commented that the relocation of Locomotive 1215 looks good; however, needs ballast to put between ties. He spoke of bringing the caboose, which is stored in Salinas, to the site. He requested and got a quote for \$6,500. Efforts are being made for the caboose to be moved through an in-kind contribution. Diridon reported he had asked Stevens Creek Quarry for another 17 yards of ballast, in addition to the two deliveries of over 20 yards of base rock.

A motion was made, seconded (Martin/Wynn), and carried that no reserve funds be used to move the caboose and that funds be raised to pay for moving costs. Middlebrook abstained. Diridon promised to call Granite Construction to obtain transportation for the caboose.

Bray announced plans to approach NVIDIA about a fence around the train and protecting against any liability as it could be an attractive nuisance.

If the caboose move is not set within the next couple of weeks, Wayne Jetter needs to be informed, per Middlebrook.

C. SCC Rail Museum – Diridon reported he had been waiting until after the November elections to pursue this matter. He will be contacting Councilmember Madison Nguyen to request she become the point person on this project.

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D. Kelley Park Rail Extension – Diridon reported it is currently in use to Happy Hollow, but that the park master plan needed to be amended to show the extensions to the east parking lot. He asked Trolley VP Schneider to set a planning meeting with the Kelley Park administration.

E. Rotary Bench – Diridon noted he plans to call Valley Transportation Authority and ask for four historic benches and light poles. He said the bench would have to be graffiti-proof and CTRC would have to make repairs if any problems ensued.

Sylva left at 9:05 a.m.

F. Volunteer Recognition/Plaque – Middlebrook reported that no progress has been made on the dedication plaque for the time capsule. The example of it is obsolete and needs to be updated. MTI office has photo-engraving master, but it needs work. The photo engraving and bronze casting will be donated.

G. Acquisitions – Gary Ross ill; no report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Historical Heritage Commission Grant Applications – Bray and Martin are to find out deadlines for applying and types of projects for which grants are made.

B. Fundraising Efforts – Diridon asked the group to figure out how to make the annual BBQ a fundraising event and will help with that effort.

C. Historical Museum Displays at Diridon Station – Bray reported that eight cases of historical transportation items had been installed; needs some tweaking; lighting needs to be turned on; press preview held; and thanked CTRC and Rotary Club for their support. Diridon

complimented Bray and Middlebrook for the good work and suggested adding the program and photo of Norman Y. Mineta for the recent new airport dedication.

VII. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. to the next meeting on at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Ramirez Jones



Mac Gaddis

*In
Memory
Of*



With great sadness, long time CTRC volunteer and board member Mac Gaddis passed away on January 27. Mac was VERY active with the trolley restoration projects since the beginning of the organization in 1982. He was 83 years old

After serving the Navy during WWII, he started working for the Pacific Electric Railroad in 1947 as an electrician. Briefly leaving railroad employment to earn his EE degree from Cal Poly, he joined the Southern Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1983. With the railroad, Mac held several supervisory positions in the Mechanical Department and was often called upon to utilize his electrical knowledge on various diesel locomotive models. Upon his SP retirement, Mac went to work for the light rail division of the Santa Clara County Transit. At light rail, he was a quality assurance officer and would later become the Manager of the Historic Trolley Operation.

In addition to CTRC, Mac was passionate about model railroading, Boy Scouts, youth camps, Swanton Pacific Railroad and service with the Campbell United Methodist Church.

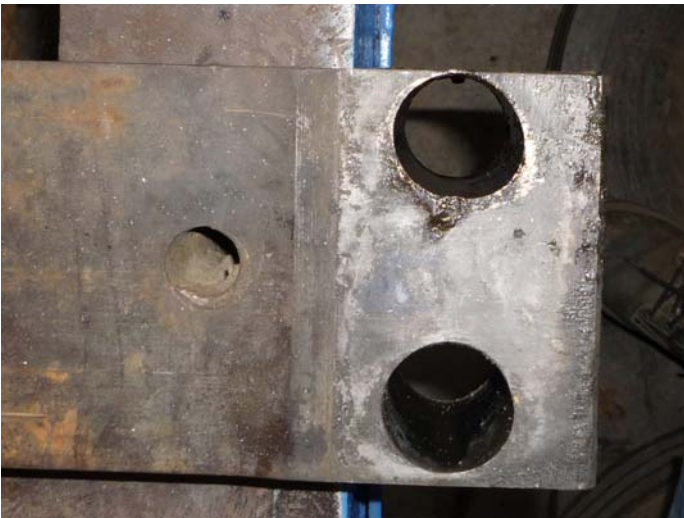
Mac liked to share his experiences and knowledge. Some of his personal photographs and stories have been included in published railroad books and magazines.

No doubt, he will be missed.

From The Mystery Man

Repairs to the locomotive's right side crosshead guides have begun. Close inspection of the guides showed that they were not parallel to the centerline of the cylinder. Removal of the guides from the locomotive revealed that most all of the mounting holes on the backside of the cylinder cover, hanger and guides were severely out of round.

Repairing these holes is going to be a difficult task due to the size of each hole. All holes are well over the original 1 3/8 inch diameter. Several are near 1 3/4 inch diameter. Compounding the issue is the need to simultaneously drill the guide and frame. Limited access is another obstacle.



The initial attempt using a small boring head and bar mounted in the magnetic base drill did not produce a sufficiently round hole. A round hole is necessary to receive a fitted bolt which in turn inhibits any movement of the guide. Large drill bits were located but drill bit length prohibits their use in most areas.

Presently a boring bar is being created and support system similar to that used on other parts of the locomotive. These components are being machined to fit within the limited space. The support system should help provide the desired round hole. These tools should be ready for use by the close of January or early February.

The fairground restoration sites entire electrical system has been inspected. All circuit breakers have been clearly labeled and GFI outlets tested. Several issues were identified and corrected.

The moderate December and January rain has not presented many problems. The outdoor shop has been closed

up enough to keep most water out. Several sheets of galvanized steel were added to the roof to eliminate leaks at the ridge line. All machinery in the outdoor shop is kept under plastic tarps in the event water does find a way thru the roof.

Rain also results in the added task of grass cutting. Lawn mowers that have not been used for several months have been put back to work.

Thanks to the craftsmanship of Ken Middlebrook and the installation expertise of the Murchison brothers the 1215 now has a headlight.



From Bob Schneider

Repairs: The bumper on the Birney was painted black. The sloped panels were re-installed with the usual fussing to get all the screw holes to line up. Next is to paint the center panel the correct color with help from our friends at VTA. VTA took a “shot” of adjacent panels with a portable meter. The image is then fed to a computer program that gives the right ingredients for mixing the paint. On site use of the portable meter makes our job **much** easier.

Using the same paint as the Birney bumper, we painted the previously damaged steps on Car 124. The step side panels look like new.

Hand Car Day: On **Sunday 23 January** we will have a **Hand Car Day** using an antique hand car loaned to us by the folks at Ardenwood. This could be rained out or it could be a nice winter day. We shall see.

The folks from the HSJ Education department will have crafts for kids.

We are planning to offer more such days, once each month, as things progress. Depending on interest, we may add distance or some other variation on the basic theme. Time trials? Who knows? **February 13 is our next possible date.**

In any event, come out and have fun.

Heritage Holiday Event: We had a great day. Ten guys (Ray Cosyn, John Hansen, Larry Larsen, Gene Martin, Jim Maurer, Igor Ouimett, Steve Raby, Bob Schneider, Jack Stallard and Bill Traill) worked all day for a total effort of 55 man hours. The crowd was about 10% below last year. Trolley Ridership was 702, Barn visitors 420 and Hand Car 477. Mother Nature tried to rain 3 times, but just couldn't make it happen.

Larry Larsen provided the photos on this page.

HELPING OTHERS: Gene made a flat puzzle of the Statue of Liberty for the HSJ Education Dept. that is 5 feet tall and composed of 20 pieces. It is meant to be assembled on a floor with each student having one piece. Gene went off the deep end by using a paint system that replicates the patina of the actual statue and it sure looks realistic. It will be used for the class on immigration.

Locomotive 1215: We made and installed panels to prevent climbing on the locomotive and tender. They are painted black to blend in.



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PUSH**



John Hansen searching for riders



Motormen Jim Maurer and Ray Cosyn

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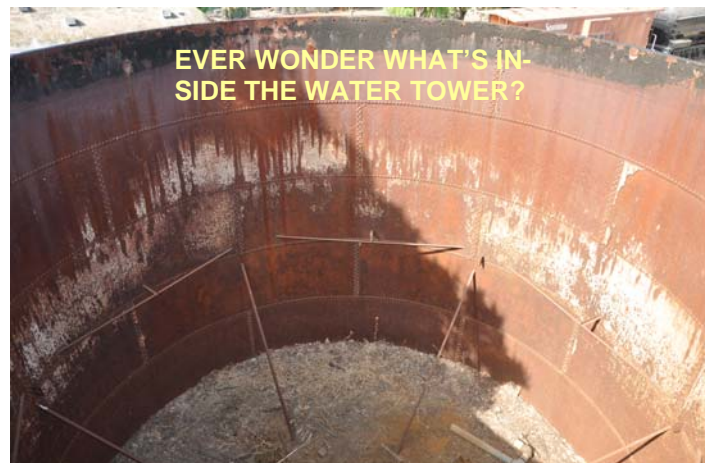
Locomotive 2479: That lovable monster and her wonderfully dedicated volunteers have reached the point at which significant funding needs to be invested to complete the project. While a remarkably large portion of that work has been contributed by our fine in-kind donors, a significant amount of funding must now be raised to complete the job. That will be the focus of the **Fundraising VP** supported by the **Locomotives Vice President Jack Young** and volunteers with a jointly-developed plan requested for review at the May CTRC Board meeting.



Railroad Museum: This project has been on hold pending the designation of a site for well over a decade. CTRC is working with recently reelected and now Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen to receive her direction and support in obtaining the needed property leading to the construction of the basic structure, the roundhouse and turntable for the Museum. **Museum Vice President Marv Bamburg** has toiled for a major part of his life to prepare the architectural documentation for the projects and would be involved in this next step with the vice mayor.



Kelly Park Trolley Line Extension: The Park's Master Plan must be amended to re-insert the trolley extension from Leninger Center to the east parking lot. While the Parks staff is supportive of this program, they are over-worked and must be assisted with the master plan amendment if we are to take advantage of rail design and construction donors when those come along with little notice. I've asked **Joel Maniaci** to assume the Vice Presidency the Kelly Park Rail Project to work with **Robert Schneider**, Vice President for the Trolley Barn, to define the process and guide our efforts in modifying the master plan and preparing for the extension.



Information

Membership Meetings: First Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Santa Clara Train Depot.

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The CTRC is a California 501(c)(3) not for profit educational corporation established in 1982. The organization is the official support group for the Trolley Barn at History San Jose and the San Jose Railroad Museum Park currently in the early stages of development.

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COMING EVENTS

► Remember the Saturday workdays. Check with John Ezovski at SLBTrainer@aol.com for other work schedules including the 1215 beautification. All very important events. See you there.

► The first Monday of the month 7:00pm CTRC meeting at the Santa Clara train depot. Be there for a lively discussion about something or you can just look at the displays.

► The next CTRC board meeting will be Thursday, February 17th, 2011 at 8:00am in the History San Jose Pacific Hotel first floor conference room



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