

# THE CLEARBOARD



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**Directions  
Diridon, Sr.**

**CTRC President Rod**

**CTRC Reorganization:** During the past four years CTCRC has completed a complex transition process followed by a visioning session and has begun to implement the objectives obtained during those multiple, lengthy, collegial and conclusive discussion. A brief summary of the new objectives and processes, some of which have already been accomplished, follows:

**Strategic Objective #1 - Develop a financial plan to support CTCRC's following over-**

**all strategic objectives:**

- 1) Completion of the Locomotive #2479 Restoration which requires an additional \$220,000,
- 2) Complete a detailed proposal for the construction of the CTCRC Railroad Museum which will cost between \$20 and \$30 million, and
- 3) Create a continuing source of revenue for the annual operation of CTCRC's trolley's and other programs.

**Strategic Objective #2 - Expand the current Trolley Museum and break ground for the Steam Railroad Museum by 2020:**

- 1) VP Schneider's trolley department's objectives for 2016 are to raise funding for trolley barn improvements, repaint the trolley barn (\$22,000), and construct ADA-enhanced access to the trolley Barn.
- 2) VP Bamberg's museum committee completed the museum site and construction proposal power point, has made presentation to the California Pioneers and to Councilmember Peralez and is prearrange to present to Mayor Liccardo. Other outreach efforts will be pursued to expand community support,
- 3) VP Bamberg's committee will develop a phasing plan for the development of the museum. and an operating plan for the completed project (History San Jose President Alida Bray will be asked to assist with that planning), and
- 4) Diridon is to lead the #2479 grant preparation effort and increasing the annual BBQ revenues.

**Strategic Objective #3 - Restore and maintain key historic collections to support education and drive enthusiasm and attendance:**

- 1) VP Middlebrook will seek and preserve files, archives and written materials,
- 2) VP Schneider will seek to obtain the funding and volunteers to restore trolleys and equipment, and
- 3) VP Ezovski will protect the rail rolling stock and finish the HSJ #1215 static display cosmetic renovation, finish the #2479 reconstruction as noted above including first obtaining a new cover for use during the remainder of the #2479 project.



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# CTRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## MINUTES

### CALIFORNIA TROLLEY AND RAILROAD CORPORATION (CTRC)

Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

February 18, 2016

## MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Rod Diridon, Sr. at 8:00 a.m., at the Pacific Hotel Conference Room, History San Jose Park, 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose, California.

**Attendance:** Rod Diridon, Sr., Rick Kitson, Mike Kotowski, Jody Meacham, Ken Middlebrook, Larry Murchison, Steven Pyle, Bob Schneider, David Sylva, and Lynda Ramirez Jones. Others present: Eric Heckman, Brian O'Halloran (potential new Board member), and Brandon McCracken (Billy Jones Railroad.)

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (8/20/15)** - The minutes of August 20, 2015 were approved as written by consent.

**III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Updated as Items are Discussed)**

**A. Board Membership** - Diridon introduced Brian O'Halloran, a retired Senior Vice President of CH2M, a global engineering company, whom he is nominating as a new Board member. O'Halloran spoke of his experience and volunteer work. A motion was made and seconded (Sylva/Kitson), and unanimously carried to approve Brian O'Halloran as a new Board Member.

**B. Board Forward**

**i. Strategic Objectives**

Diridon reported that the Executive Committee met via teleconference and completed the Strategic Objectives document developed at the May 2015 Board Forward, which is in the agenda materials.

**C. Conflict of Interest Statement** - Diridon asked each Board Member to complete a Conflict of Interest Statement, as required at the first Board meeting of the year.

**IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**A. CTRC Audit** - Namrata Popat, CPA and Manager, Audit, of Armanino (formerly Berger-Lewis), thanked staff for their help on the audit, which she worked on with Dan Moors, CPA and Partner, Audit, who was away on business, and unable to attend today's meeting. She presented the audit draft financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2014, and reviewed them with the Board.

Diridon noted that based on professional advice, it was agreed that the train collection would not be valued, and it will not be listed on the balance sheet.

Heckman arrived at 8:30 am

Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded (Kotowski/Sylva), and unanimously carried to establish a formal Audit Committee with Treasurer Steven Pyle as Chairperson; that the membership of that committee be established by the Treasurer; and that the committee establish a policy regarding future audits.

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A motion was made, seconded (Sylva/Pyle), and unanimously carried to accept the audit with its recommendations. Popat to finalize audit report and submit to Diridon for sign-off.  
Popat and McCracken left at 8:45 a.m.

**B. P/L, Balance Sheets** - Treasurer Pyle distributed Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements as of January 31, 2016.

The financial statements indicate a balance of \$7,831.49 in the savings account, and a balance of \$55,248.79 in the checking account, which includes the remaining funds allocated to Locomotive 2479.

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

**C. Endowment Fund** - Heckman reported that the current balance in the endowment fund is \$277,571, noting that the market seems to be getting better.

## VI. CURRENT PROJECTS

**A. Trolley Barn** - Schneider distributed the attached Trolley Barn Report (see Attachment A, Page 4), regarding the Barn's activities, and noting the Barn will be celebrating Transportation Day (Father's Day on June 19, 2016.)

**B. Locomotives 2479, Diesel, et al** - On behalf of Ezovski, who was unable to attend today's meeting, Middlebrook distributed the attached report (see Attachment B, page 8) which includes a total of \$5,090.30 expenditures to date from the \$50,000.00 County of Santa Clara grant for Locomotive 2479.

Diridon reported that the contract for the \$50,000 grant for Locomotive 2479 from the County of Santa Clara is due to expire April 29, 2016. The County Board of Supervisors has agreed to extend the contract to March 31, 2018, and will be voted on at the Supervisors' March 1, 2016 meeting.

A motion was made, seconded (Sylva/Middlebrook), and unanimously carried to approve the contract extension from the County of Santa Clara.

**C. SCC (Santa Clara County) Rail Museum** - Diridon reported that a presentation was made to San Jose Council member Raul Peralez and to the Guadalupe River Park staff, similar to the presentation made to the CTCRC Board a couple of months ago.

- ♦ *Kitson reported that a Communications Committee meeting was held regarding the many opportunities available to tell CTCRC's story, noting the organization has accumulated lots of history. He requested the Communications Committee be added as an agenda item in future agendas.*

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- ♦ **D. Kelley Park Rail Stops - Benches and Signage** - Diridon reported that he and Maniaci are calling cement contractors to solicit donated services for the bench stops.

**E. Archival of CTCRC Files** - Middlebrook estimates costs at about \$150.00 for materials and \$15.00 an hour to process the materials, or approximately \$2,000.00 to get the job done. Diridon to look for donor and double the amount to \$4,000.00 for this project, because not all of the materials are in one place.

**F. Acquisitions (Standing Item)** - No action - there are no new acquisitions.

**G. Fundraising/Grants** - Diridon reported that nothing is happening with fundraising; however, fundraising for the Annual Volunteer Recognition BBQ will begin soon.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Kotowski announced he invited McCracken to today's meeting, and will be nominating him for Board membership. He spoke of McCracken's great skills in machining, right-of-way maintenance, holder of all four California driver's license classifications; and is also a welder.

Kotowski to obtain McCracken's resume and submit it for the May 19, 2016 Board agenda.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. to the next Board meeting at 8:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2016, in the Pacific Hotel Conference Room, History San Jose Park, 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose, CA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynda Ramirez Jones



Attachment A **TROLLEY BARN INPUT - 2/18/16 CTCR BOARD MEETING**

HSJ HOLIDAY FESTIVAL on 12/5: Santa was on the Birney to talk to each visitor (200). 245 Trolley riders, 147 Barn visitors and 197 Hand Car Riders. A very busy day. The Education folks sponsored a horse wagon provided by our friends from Grass Valley (400 riders). We equipped the Birney with LED Christmas lights and a battery power system for the holidays. Very successful.

**VOLUNTEERS: Declining numbers:**

Jim Holmes (inactive) passed away 1/5/16 at the age of 91. During his life he did many things. Some of note are;

1. Water tender on the Cruiser New Orleans during WWII
2. 39 years with Southern Pacific - signals
3. He brought our WigWag to us (and it still works)
4. His circle of friends are talking about an informal Memorial in the coming months.

Chuck Hopkins (mostly inactive) has moved into an assisted care facility. Parkinson's.

Ray Heckman has "retired" as conductor. Parkinson's.

**TROLLEY PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE:** Starting annual early.

**RELATIONS:** Excellent with HSJ and Locomotive team

**OUTLOOK:** Transportation Day (Father's Day). We are planning a full agenda of Horse Car, Hand Car, Trolley and Trolley Barn.



### OSH Box Car

The process of removing the floor from the caboose end of the box car has begun. Once the floor is removed, the remaining damaged sill section can be replaced.

### Finished Parts- Container Roof

Strong winds that occurred during the last week of January destroyed the canvas roof cover to the finished parts container. Over the years this cover had been

patched in multiple places. It was nothing but sheer luck that this cover lasted as long as it did.

On April 14, a crew from **California Roofing** installed a new rubber membrane. Thank you **Hap Campbell**. SP-2479's finished parts are again well protected.

### SP2479

Piston repairs are finally complete. It has taken more than two years and \$2000.00 to get these large objects into a serviceable state. Besides time and money, help from a local shop was needed to remove each piston from its rod. Each step in the piston restoration process presented a new challenge. Numerous machining issues had to be overcome. Finally on March 15th, each piston was pressed back on to its associated rod. Later that



week the retaining nuts were tightened and welded. Drawings for piston rings are complete. Next step is to locate shops that can machine the rings.

### Locomotive Restoration Area

El Niño has affected the whole restoration area and storage area. The weeds and the grass are very energetic this year and keeping up with the maintenance has been a weekly requirement. The riding mower has received a much needed new battery thanks to John Zelinski.

The fence next to Healey Was violated but there appears to be nothing stolen. A crew repaired the fence. The overgrowth of tree branches next to the fence on Healey have been cut back.

The yard has been repeatedly sprayed with a herbicide but some plants seem to thrive on the spray.

### The Herder's Shack

The Herder's Shack and associated boards have received a coat of primer. The shack is now awaiting approval to purchase additional materials to finish it's reconstruction.



# TROLLEY BARN QUARTERLY REPORT

From Bob Schneider.



**Jim Holmes:** Jim passed away January 5. Bill Traill, Bob Edwards (Print Shop volunteer) and Dave Adams put together the following Obituary. In recent years Jim came to the Trolley Barn rarely, but I'll let the write up tell you about him.

Jim was born at home, 91 N 25th St. San Jose March 18, 1925. Attended San Jose High School but dropped out in 1942 to enlist in the US Navy at age 17.

Jim was trained as a machinist in Navy School and was deployed to Pearl Harbor where he was assigned as 'water tender' on the heavy cruiser New Orleans (CA-32). Jim stepped on board just after the cruiser returned from the battle of Midway Island. Jim, deep-down in the boiler room at battle station, participated in five major battles until the end of hostilities.

As he was 'regular Navy' as opposed to 'reserve', he accompanied the New Orleans through the Panama Canal to the East coast where he and the cruiser were decommissioned in 1946. The New Orleans made a brief lay-over in New Orleans, LA where the crew were allowed a rip-roaring liberty...but Jim was assigned MP duty...so much for having fun.

Upon Jim's return to San Jose in late 1946, jobs were hard to find so he figured he ought to finish high school

and what better person to first visit than his HS principal.

Jim sat outside the principal's office for three days being told various excuses for the wait. On the third day of Jim's bench polishing, one of his former teachers was amazed to see Jim sitting there and finding the reason they both burst into the principal's office; the principal with feet on desk having a smoke. The teacher, Walter L. Bachrodt, demanded Jim should be granted a HS diploma considering his Navy training etc... and so it was recorded.

Jim spent a couple years employed as a house painter. In 1949 he applied to the Southern Pacific Railroad and spent the next thirty nine years in the signal department.

Jim was very active in 15 inch gauge steam locomotive building with a railroad in the Felton, CA area. He was a founding member and past president of the Central Coast RR Club. Jim is pictured with his 5" scale Narrow gauge mogul locomotive #5.

Jim also was a member of the "black gang", helping with restoration of the engine room and boiler of the Steam Tug Hercules, located at the Maritime National Historical Park, Hyde St. Pier, SF. His knowledge and interests spanned a large number of the "heavy" hobbies, street cars, railroads and steam boats (both model and prototype).

Jim was a member of E Clampus Vitus. If you know something about that group, you know something about Jim.

Jim was an early CTRC volunteer working with Fred Bennett. Jim donated and installed the wig-wag signal next to the trolley barn in 1985. He had a hand in restoring the Port Huron Traction engine. He built several 0-gauge model trolley cars in 17/64 scale; one of which he donated to CTRC and operates on the 0-gauge model track in the Trolley

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Barn. In the late 1940's there were not many hobby shops around, so Jim carved the model Trolley Barn model trolley parts from WWII military medical splint wood found in war surplus stores.

Jim passed away at his home, which he built in 1949, on January 5th at 91years.



**Ray Heckman:** Effective 3/1/16 Ray has retired from the Trolley Barn. His health has declined due to Parkinson's to the point where he is not comfortable working as a conductor. Ray joined us in August 2010 and has accumulated 375 hours of service. His demeanor and appearance when working with the public were a perfect complement to our operation. Thank you very much for your service. Please come visit us when you can.



**Wil Lee:** Wil came on board in February and I expect him to be Qualified by May. He is going through motorman training very quickly. To date he has put in over 50 hours and passed both written tests. All he needs is hands-on experience. The motormen team is doing a great job supporting him.



**Birney Door motor:** A Birney door motor abruptly quit. Since we use this door most of the time, we needed a fix. Using a diagram sent to us by a friend at WRM, Bill Traill disassembled the unit and found one of the pistons became unscrewed. A good cleaning, re-lube and re-assembly and all is good as new.



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**Strategic Objective #4 - Create and implement a marketing plan to increase visibility, donors, volunteers and attendance:**

- 1) Co-VP s Kitson and Murchison will expand and activate the communications committee to accomplish this objective, and
- 2) Jody Meacham's web site skills will be invested in assisting with an upgrade of the CTRC web site's charisma and capacities,

**Strategic Objective #5 - Enhance organizational leadership to achieve the CTRC strategic objectives:**

- 1) Diridon will update the organization diagram to reflect these new and expanded organizational objectives,
- 2) The CTRC executive committee will act as a nominating committee to recruit new talent with the capacity to accomplish these objectives,
- 3) Diridon will work with the Executive Committee on a longer term, pragmatic, and certain leadership transition.

These carefully crafted objective have begun to be implemented and provide a consistent guide for the future. The CTRC Board is determined to implement the plans and programs needed to proceed with a more determined path forward. Comments by the full membership are always welcome.

**HIGH BALL!!**



Attachment B	<b>RAILROAD DIVISION</b>
<b>2479 Work Crews</b>	
Work crews have been small average 3 - 5.	
<b>\$50,000 County Grant - Accounting of</b>	
\$5090.30 has been spent to date. Purchased Pi-Tape to measure pistons.	
<b>Parts Container Roof - Container #2</b>	
Late January's high winds tore off the canvas rain barrier on the middle 40 foot container. This container is primarily used for finished parts. Hap Campbell, California Roofing Co, will be making repairs once crew and material is available. Mr. Campbell repaired the main container's roof several years ago as well as installed a new roof on the herder's shed.	
<b>Locomotive Re-</b>	
<b>pairs</b>	
Pistons	
Pistons are ready to be pressed on to rods. Delay is with transportation to VTA light rail facility.	
Boiler	
No update from David Varley regarding FRA Form 4.	
<b>SP1215, OSH Boxcar, MoPac Caboose</b>	
Repairs to 2 of 3 boxcar side sills are complete. Third side of car not started. \$1566.50 since acquisition of car.	
Roof of Caboose still needs paint.	
Consider cover over 1215, boxcar, caboose display.	
<b>65 Ton GE Locomotive</b>	
No work planned on this object for the foreseeable future.	



## Information

Membership Meetings: First Saturday of each month at 10:00am at 2479 Healey Avenue, San Jose, the locomotive restoration site doublewide trailer.

Work Schedule: Saturday 8:30 to 3:30.

CTRC Office: 1650 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95112.

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Membership: \$25.00 regular, \$10.00 Seniors. All memberships expire December 31 yearly.

To join please send dues, name, address, phone number, and e-mail address if available to the mailing address above.

The CTCRC 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.

CTCRC's Tax ID Number is 94-2834764

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation (CTRC) is to restore and promote the legacy of rail transportation in the Santa Clara Valley.

## CTRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rod Diridon, Sr, **President.** The **Executive Committee** is: Mike Kotowski, Administrative VP, Marvin Bamberg, VP Design; Phyllis Perez-Sorenson VP Grants; Ken Middlebrook, VP Volunteers; Larry Murchison & Rick Kitson, VP Communications; Bob Schneider, VP Trolleys; Jack Young & John Ezovski VPs Locomotive; Treasurer; David Sylvia, Corp Secretary/Attorney; Steven Pyle, Treasurer. **Board Members** are Cindy Atmore, Linda Esquivel, Jim Helmer, Bob Kieve; Art Lloyd, Joel Maniaci, Denis Murchison, Brian O'Halloran, Charles Wynn. **Ex-Officio Members** are Alida Bray, Nuria Fernandez, Josue Garcia.



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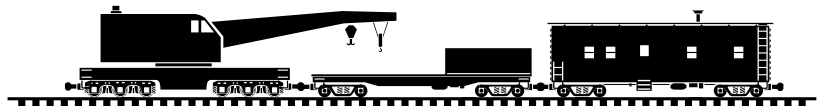
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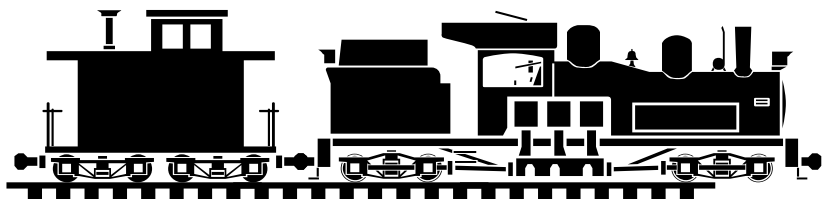
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## COMING EVENTS

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



► The next CTCRC board meeting will be Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 8:00am in the History San Jose Pacific Hotel first floor conference room.



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