

# Trolley Barn Newsletter

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By Bob Schneider

**Holiday Trolley Barn Gathering:** You are invited to join us at the Trolley Barn on 12/13 from 11:00 to 2:00 for our annual gathering. Informal, bring munchies, we provide beverages, come to socialize. We have heat!

**Holiday:** Friday January 1 is a holiday and the museum is closed. All other days are normal.

**Furlough Day:** Monday, January 4 the Museum will be closed for Staff Furlough

**Special Event:** We will be supporting the Kwanza Event on 12/13 with extra trolley operation, rain permitting.

**Heritage Holiday:** We had a great day. Ten guys (Keith Baker, Bruce Compton, John Hansen, Larry Larson, Gene Martin, Jim Maurer, Steve Raby, Bob Schneider, Jack Stallard and John Zielinski ) showed up and worked all day. That's over 60 man hours of effort! The crowd was good and we were able to focus our attention on the visitors more than trying to keep up with heavy demand. Trolley ridership was 871, Barn visitors 376 and hand car riders 426. Steve admitted that he had sores on his hands and sore muscles. Serves him right for staying on the hand car so long. Folks loved it.

Toward the end of the day I saw several families playing in the leaves under the Ginko at the South gate. Many leaves had just fallen and nothing had disturbed them. Ever seen a "Ginko angel"?

**VTA Old trolley Operations during the holidays:** VTA will not run restored trolleys during the holidays.

**Detroit Electric Car:** Terry Wilson is working with his electric car club to have a new shunt made for the car. With that fixed, we should be able to run the car.

**"Annual Report":** Attached is the "Annual Report" that I put together for the November CTRC Board Meeting showing our achievements for the year. This is a great story that we should all be proud of.

## Motorman/Host assignments for JANUARY:

<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
2	Baker	Ouimett/Boehm	3	Ullmann	Stallard
9	Ouimett	Compton	10	Hansen	Raby
16	Butler	Traill	17	Ryan	Compton
23	Hansen	Schneider	24	Maurer	Brownlee
30	Bingham	Brownlee	31	Ryan	Stallard

**HTE:** We have 4 this month! 1/7 Baker/Bingham  
1/14 Maurer/Ouimett  
1/21 Baker/Bingham  
1/28 Maurer/Ouimett



**Santa Arrives at History Park**

Photo: Larry Larson

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## TROLLEY BARN ANNUAL REPORT

### VISITORS:

28,104 Trolley riders (-3% YTY)  
16,631 Barn Visitors (-1% YTY)  
98% Motormen & Host Coverage  
9 trolley operating days lost to PGE power problems and 4 due to rain. Unusual.

### VOLUNTEERS:

21 work each month out of 25 active.  
2 New volunteers that are serving as Hosts and Motormen (a bonus)  
9 Fully Qualified motormen (special effort by Jim Maurer)  
Special folks;  
Mac Gaddis is co-Host once a month to keep active. Frail, but keeps coming.  
Dick Maurer's leg is better, but he's no longer up to being a motorman.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. **Happy Hollow Line dedicated 6/3.**
  - a. **Sporadic operation due to limited number of motormen. An HTE grand finale.**
  - b. **Outstanding response from the public (can't get them off the car)**
  - c. **Wonderful support from city Parks folks.**
2. Group "Celebrates" 6 full years of being an all volunteer organization
3. Attended Fall ARM Conference in Squamish, BC
4. Cars given their annual cleaning
5. Participated in Make a Wish for Henry Mulvey
6. Had Horse Car on display on the Alameda for July 4<sup>th</sup>
7. Removed Bunker C (20 gals) and fuel oil (180 gals) from site. No cost to us.
10. Three crates of Montreal PCC car parts given back to SF Muni. No one knows why we had them in the first place. The last of Fred's stash? Doubtful.

### PROJECTS:

1. New brake shoes installed on Birney
2. Five seats re-caned on Car 124

### COST AVOIDANCE:

1. Did not spend \$1K approved for recognition items. Not needed this year.
2. Did not spend approx. \$1K on ARM Conference. Gene cancelled for family reasons.
3. Gene has CTRC Newsletter printed by SJ Blue at an annual savings of about \$1K.

### RELATIONS:

1. HSJ - Excellent
  - a. Contact daily with Education Team and frequent contact with Facilities and Events Teams. Facilities team has changed (for the better).
  - b. Help with HSJ events
    - (1) Antique Autos Family Day
    - (2) Historic Transportation Experience (education classes – 15 total)
    - (3) Halloween on 10/31
    - (4) Heritage Holiday on 12/6/08
    - (5) Assist with various facility and education tasks
2. 2479, SF Muni, VTA and Western Railway Museum - Excellent

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Holiday Festival** on 12/5. We will be running a hand car borrowed from Ardenwood and Car 124 from 10:00 – 4:00. Santa will be there at 2:00. Team of 9 planned.
2. **Trolley Barn Holiday Celebration:** Be at the Trolley Barn on Sunday 12/13 during the hours of 11-2. Bring nibbles, we'll provide beverages and come to mingle.
3. **Restored trolley Operation Downtown:** Will NOT be run this year by VTA.

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A very young rider

Photo: Larry Larson



John Zielinski helps out

photo: Larry Larson



Barbara T.

Photo: Jim Maurer



Keith Baker checking for flat tires

Photo: Jim Maurer

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Car 124 on the Kelley Park Line photo: Jim Maurer



Elaine Kauffmann gets help Photo: Larry Larson



Eric Butler tries his hand photo: Larry Larson



Mike Brownlee and Keith Baker also photo: Larry Larson

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Guests having fun

photo: Larry Larson



Blacksmith and his daughter taking a break

photo: Larry Larson



More guests having fun

photo: Larry Larson



Gene Martin gives a helping hand

photo: Larry Larson