

Trolley Barn Newsletter

June 2008

Happy Hollow Line Electrification: We are refining the design with design help from Hatch Mott McDonald. Wire is on order, but due date is unknown at this time. We received a section break switch from VTA. This switch will allow us to shut off the Happy Hollow Line when we don't need to operate on it.

Birney: Several weeks ago the Birney was accidentally run into Little Buttercup. (see pictures). The result was a partially bent bumper and one section of sheet metal above it crinkled. The car is perfectly safe to operate, but some repair is needed. Air Systems has agreed to replace the sheet metal and the "Sunday Guys" are well on their way to fixing the bumper. Now we just need to get the paint to match! Nooo problem.

1923 American LaFrance Torpedo Fire Engine: The unit was taken to an outside shop to have pin striping and gold leaf applied. Once that is completed it will be returned to the Fire Museum permanently.

Bean Orchard Sprayer: The pump has been painted and painting of the frame has started. Rebuilding of the wood storage tank that holds the spray mixture has started. Again, this is a cosmetic restoration, so the work should proceed quickly.

Maintenance Week at Western Railway Museum: Gene and I spent a day at Rio Vista Junction helping during their annual trolley maintenance. Truth be told, we barely earned our free lunch as we spent more time observing overhead line details and learning about controller and other technical details. I also spent some time in their archives and found that they have a wealth of information. Great group of folks.

Motorman/Host assignments for July:

<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
5	Huff	Ouimett/Boehm	6	Ryan	Stallard
12	Huff	Ouimett/Boehm	13	none*	Raby
19	Huff/R. Maurer	Traill	20	Bingham	Gaddis
26	Butler/R.Maurer	Schneider	27	J. Maurer/Ryan	Traill

Remember: Summer Hours are 12-5.

Also: Big events may have slightly different hours. We'll keep you posted.

- Strangers Car Show

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