



THE CLEARBOARD



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

FROM ROD DIRIDON

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CTRC's 27th 8/20/09 Annual Board Meeting and Volunteer Recognition BBQ:

CTRC's annual Board of Directors' meeting will convene at 3:00 PM on Thursday, August 20, in History San Jose's Pacific Hotel conference room at Kelley Park off Phelen Road. This is an open meeting, all are invited. In addition, all of the Board,

volunteers and guests are invited to the 5:30 PM volunteer recognition BBQ that day in History San Jose's picnic area as in prior years. The BBQ is complementary for all attendees and is sponsored again this year by HNTB Corporation, Hatch Mott McDonald, the County Central Fire District Local 1165 and Bottomley Distributing. **Please RSVP soon to Meg Fitts at 408/924-7569 with the names of those attending to help plan the meals and activities.**

Make-A-Wish Foundation Trolley Ride: Henry Mulvey's wish to ride as many Trolleys as possible in the remainder of his life was furthered by his enjoyment of the CTRC Trolley 124 and 143 on CTRC's History San Jose system. Arrangements by Bob Schneider and Gene Martin with volunteer operators Jim Mauer and Igor Ouimett surrounded by media and friends made the day memorable for this courageously youngster. We indeed know how Henry feels about steel wheel-on-rail mobility, especially the beautiful CTRC trolleys, and wish a miracle for Henry. See more pictures at: http://www.ctrc.org/gallery/v/Events+_+Gatherings/Make+A+Wish/



Gordon and Henry Mulvey

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CTRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CTRC Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes

Pacific Hotel, History San Jose

May 21, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 8:19am.

Attendance: Alida Bray, Rod Diridon Sr., Meg Fitts, David Ginsborg, Gene Martin, Ken Middlebrook, Denis Murchison, Larry Murchison, Annette Nellen, Bob Schneider, and Charley Wynn.

Minutes: (Diridon) The minutes of the February 19, 2009 CTRC Board meeting be approved after Ken's change.

Chair's Report: (Diridon) Rod reported that he is working diligently with Councilman Licardo with the museum proposal for fall. Guadalupe River Park and Gardens (GRPG) wants us to use the Coleman site. Rod spoke with Nancy at PG&E about the north branch of the "Y" to the north of GRPG. Rod spoke with Norm Mineta, and Mineta is ready to push for the museum. Rod reported that Congressman Honda and Congresswoman Lofgren said that it is too late for this year's earmarks.

Gene Martin motioned to approve the operating rules presented by Bob Schneider. It carried unanimously.

CTRC's insurance policy was reviewed by the board as well as Bob's quote. Gene Martin motioned for the board to authorize Rod getting additional insurance needed for the operation of the trolley outside the park. The motion was approved.

Current Projects:

A. Trolley Barn/HSJ -VP Bob Schneider on the Trolley Barn Reported from worksheet.

Trolleys:

124 – 1 pilot completed, other will be ready.

143 – Whistles were installed on each end.

Motorman's Operating Rules: need Rod and Alida to sign off.

Dedication: June 3, 11:00am

Bob was interviewed 5/11/09 and pictures taken 5/18/09 for 6/3/09 issue of "Wave" Magazine.

Volunteers:

Dick Maurer – leg problem keeps him away.

Mac Gaddis – fading.

Lee Westfall – asked not to serve as motorman, but OK as conductor or Host.

Frank Huff – passed away suddenly 5/5/09, he will be missed.

John Hansen – New volunteer who works on maintenance, possibly motorman later

HSJ:

Museum closed 5/25/09 (Memorial Day) and 6/1/09 (closed 1 day per month) Short one Event person. Working on replacement.

RVJ – Bob/Gene attended annual PM week to help/learn maintenance.

Bob motioned to approve to spend up to \$1,000 to replenish the recognition items (jackets, shirts, belt buckles, etc.), motion approved.

Bob motioned to approve to spend \$2,000 for ARM Fall Conference attendance for 2 or more (Registration is \$275, and its expected to pay part of expenses by attendees, being held north of Vancouver, BC Sept 16-19),

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motion approved.

B. Locomotive 2479 – VP Ken Middlebrook reported on behalf of VP Jack Young that they cleaned up the caboose and the Fairgrounds have been very supportive. They provided a fence with two gates. Ken reiter-



ated how supportive the Fairgrounds have been. Ken reported they restarted refurbishing 2479 and that two weeks ago they removed two steam distribution valve bushings for repair. They are still not done raising funds for the locomotive.

Ken finished the locomotive report by saying that 1215 has not been forgotten, neither has Little Buttercup.

C. SCC Rail Museum – covered in Chair's Report.

D. Happy Hollow Rail Electrification – Covered in Trolley Barn/HSJ Report by Bob Schneider.

E. Volunteers Report – VP Ken Middlebrook reports a few new potential volunteers and there's hope with the operating of the HHL Trolleys will promote the Trolley Barn once up and operating outside the park.

Bob Schneider commented that the volunteers are pretty stretched on operating the trolleys.

New Business

A. Acquisitions – Rod reports for Mac: none at this time. Discussion to change Gaddis status on agenda occurred but nothing decided.

B. Historic Heritage Commission/Grant Applications - Gene Martin reported there is nothing in the works. Gene sent progress report beforehand.

C. Fundraising Efforts – Nothing said.

D. Volunteer Recognition/Plaque – Ken reported he will have something at the next meeting.

Bob expressed something for Mac Gaddis for recognition of his amazing efforts.

Rod originally mentioned a lunch for Mac.

Ken asked Bob to ask Mac to come to HHL Ribbon Cutting.

E. HHL Dedication Ceremony – Ken reported for Rod that the ceremony will be June 3rd at 11:00am at the entrance of HSJ with San Jose Rotary Club President Bert George and other local dignitaries for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Next Meeting – The next CTCRC Board Meeting will be August 20, 2009 at 3:00pm and the Meeting was adjourned at 9:18am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Meg Fitts



LOCOMOTIVE NEWS

By Jack Young

Locomotive SP 2479

Work continues on the running gear of SP 2479 – The steam team has been working to remove the Steam distribution pistons. This was required to inspect the inside of the valve bushings. With the pistons removed the valve bushings were inspect it was noticed that the bushing on the firemen's side was damage and seemed to have steam etchings or gougings. Special tooling was fashioned to press the bushing out. This took about 3 weekends to fashion



the necessary tooling and press out the bushing. A new valve bushing will need to be cast, machined then again pressed into the steam cylinder casting.

During the reassembly and testing of the brake rigging it was noted that the firemen's side brake cylinder was dripping water when engaged. Closer inspection revealed that water had gotten into the brake cylinder. The brake cylinder was removed from the locomotive. This is no easy task as the brake cylinders are located between the boiler and engine frame. Once the brake cylinder was removed and inspected it was discovered that water had damaged the packing. New packing will be installed and a drain will be installed on both engine brake cylinders so that water cannot collect in the brake cylinders.

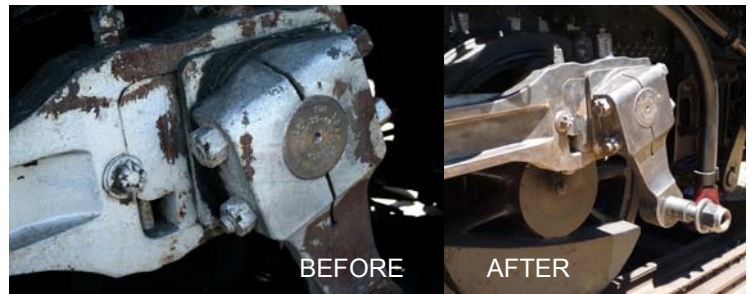
General maintenance at the new site continues – The steps for the caboose have been painted and installed. The steps used to access the locomotive cab area have also been rehabilitated and painted. Site clean up is a constant issue as people seem to dump stuff outside the fence on old Tully road.

For more pictures please visit:

http://www.ctrc.org/gallery/v/Restoration+Progress/2009/?g2_page=10 (Actually there are 16 pages to visit.)

Locomotive SP 1215 clean up and stabilization

The steam team week day crew has been working the last 2 months to stabilize SP 1215 exterior and make the engine and tender more presentable at History San Jose. To date the locomotive boiler from the smoke box to the cab has been wire brushed and coated with a protective base coat and an over coat of black paint. In addition the steam chest and side rods are also in the process being cleaned



up and protected. Part of the cab has also been



cleaned and painted. The tender is also getting some attention the front deck has been cleaned and will be painted when the rest of the tender is cleaned. The

plan for 1215 is to install all the piping, hand rails and cab piping that was removed when the engine was move to San Jose from Portola, California.



From Bob Schneider

Kelley Park Line Electrification: Mass Electric (Ron Kinney and team) returned on May 27 and worked like dogs (pardon the phrase, but they did) until they finished on May 30. Test runs conducted on May 30 (reference:

www.ctrc.org/gallery/v/Trolley+Barn+Photos/?g2_page=36

were successful and Mass left with a job well done. We have a few loose ends to clean up, but we're capable of operating down to the Alma intersection. Getting ready required finishing a lot of items to include;

1. Installing the wire (of course)
2. Getting final signoff from the City of San Jose
3. Purchasing liability insurance for operation outside of the museum grounds
4. Getting final signoff of the Operating Rules by Rod Diridon and Alida Bray
5. Getting our motormen trained and qualified (in process).
6. Hatch Mott MacDonald designer signoff (John Schlict)
7. Successful test runs to show that the line is operational

The dedication was held on 6/3 to a very enthusiastic crowd. Lots of media coverage. CTRC folks were there in force. As Jimmy Holmes said: "I never thought I'd see this (event) happen". Fred would have been very pleased. See pictures on:

www.ctrc.org/gallery/v/Trolley+Barn+Photos/line_extension/

I have asked the ARM Parts Committee for suggestions about removing asphalt on the last 750 feet of the new line. Nine answers that vary all over the place. When it comes to asking about items requiring tools/techniques on track work, we always get a huge and varied response.

Make A Wish: Last December Elaine Kauffmann (past HSJ Education Director) asked me if we would participate in a Make A Wish event. Sure! The wish of Henry Mulvey is to ride as many old trolleys as he can. On July 7 Henry rode on a New Orleans car in San Francisco among others. On July 8 he rode on our Cars 124 and 143 on the Museum Line and the Kelley Park Line. In fact he is the first visitor to ride Car 143 on the Kelley Park line. Henry was born with a neuromuscular Mitochondrial disease, so his mobility is restricted and he speaks with signs and "spoken" words. He was accompanied from Massachusetts by his parents and a nurse. At the start there were a few brief words of welcome, but Henry just wanted to get going. The Birney was his favorite. We gave him a few gifts afterwards while he was having ice cream at O'Brien's. He thanked us a number of times. What a special day for everyone.

See the make-a-wish picture on page one and for more pictures visit:

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Recent experience with the Birney: A visitor playing with a Birney controller managed to leave it in a position that we did not discover until the controller in the opposite end had a serious electrical arcing problem during initial operation. The root caused was identified, the repairs were minor and we've instituted new measures to prevent further problems. Our new volunteer, John Hansen, learned lots about controllers as he helped us investigate the problem. Real problems are the best teacher. John is a working guy with a 2 year old son that "loves trolleys and trains".

Horse Car Display: We were asked to display the Horse Car on the Alameda during their July 4th celebration. We did this two years ago



and followed Gene's proven loading technique. Gene and other CTRC members manned the table at the display for the day. The car was left on the truck at the museum until July 6. On the evening of the 4th various people asked where we got the new trolley. We've had it for over 10 years. Others asked if we were sending it out for repairs. We do our own repairs.

Frank Huff recently had open heart surgery , then passed away in his sleep on 5/5. Frank was a motorman at the History Park for 14 years and had served 2000 hours. He and Keith Baker were often partners for 3 Saturdays a month and much preferred Car 124 unless the weather was cold. They both wore a proper uniform and gave the public a great trolley experience. Frank was always cordial and upbeat. We will all miss him.

The Wave Magazine: We are featured in an article in a recent issue of The Wave Magazine. This came out of nowhere, but the article is very thorough. Giving them documents that tell all about us really helped. Great pictures. Publicity!



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Happy Hollow Trolley Line In Operation: Thanks to grants from the Rotary Club of San Jose (\$13,000) and the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission (\$10,000) and well over \$300,000 in remarkable donated material and services from Stacy and Witbeck, MASS Electric, and Hatch Mott McDonald and with the fine support and assistance of the San Jose Parks and Recreation Department, the support poles and conducting wires for the Happy Hollow Trolley Line on Senter Road has been completed. The June 3 ribbon cutting and inaugural run was hosted by County Supervisor Dave Cortese, Rotary President Bert George and other dignitaries with three TV cameras, KLIV and extensive print media coverage.



CTRC Web Site: Guided by WEB helper Larry Murchison, the CTRC web site has matured to be one of the most expansive and best used among the historic preservation programs in the Valley. Larry covers some of the new additions in this newsletter. Click in to view the pictures which are worth much more than 1,000 words! The time, technical skill and caring that has been invested in this fine community outreach program is pride worthy for CTRC and should attract needed volunteers to our various programs



From Terry Johnson

Good news! I was in Arizona last week visiting Arnold Menke for some P-10 photos. He was gracious enough to return the tender plaque that he had been safekeeping since the 70's. He reminisced that it was this tender no. 8754 that began his interest in tenders. He is now the undisputed expert on SP tenders. A big CTRC thanks to Arnold for its return. There is a serial number 54S2617 imprinted at the bottom edge. Not sure what that means.



Dave Cortese, Bert George, Rod Diridon

Locomotive Progress: The truly determined Locomotive 2479 volunteers lead by John Ezovski and Jack Young continue to work wonders with the continued dismantling of the steam distribution piston assemblies, the last major systems to refurbish. John along with Ron Pugh, Larry and Denis Murchison and Tom Anderson have been working towards the cosmetic restoration of Locomotive 1215 at History San Jose by repainting the exterior and other components with shiny, black preservative. Not only is that smaller locomotive looking good but is also better protected from the weather. Little Butter Cup has been scrubbed and the paint refreshed to the delight of the visitors to the Trolley Barn. Finally, our 1941 Westinghouse Diesel number 7 is reported to be well protected with no urgent need to be moved from the storage shed at the former Kaiser Permanent Quarry near Cupertino. Sure is time to bring them together for the citizens to enjoy in a new San Jose Railroad Museum. We continue to work on that objective with City Councilmember Sam Liccardo.



Information

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

Work Schedule: Saturday and Wednesday after work of each week.

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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.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation (CTRC) is to restore, preserve and interpret railroad, trolley, and related equipment as it was used to serve the people in Santa Clara Valley, California.

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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 CTCRC 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 CTCRC board meeting will be Thursday, August 20th, 2009 at 3:00am at the History San Jose Pacific Hotel first floor conference room. Picnic time...



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