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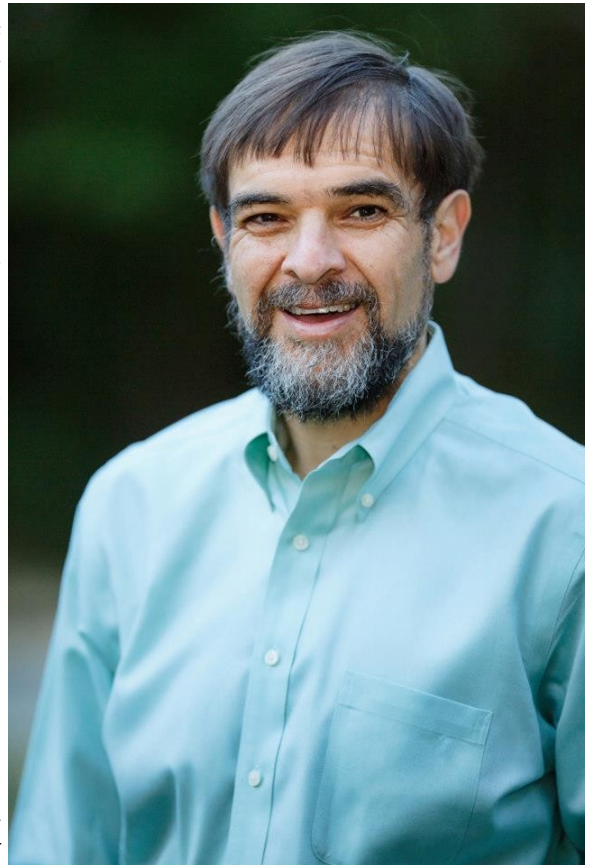
DIRECTIONS FROM ROD DIRIDON, SR

The Best Laid Plans! - In preparation for my long-overdue retirement from CTRC leadership, at my encouragement, the Board began a transition process about a year ago. The Executive/Transition Committee and a few community leaders gathered on numerous occasions to set a timetable and eventually nominated Supervisor Cindy Chavez as the new CTRC president in May of

this year. She was pleased and honored and began working with the Transition Committee to assume the office at the August 21 annual Board meeting and BBQ.... Then the legal eagles got involved. CTRC pays none of the Board, in fact it cost to be a member, so none of us perceived a conflict of interest. But the County Legal Council and that of VTA advised Cindy that she would have to abstain from any matter that might come before either the County Board or VTA even indirectly relating to CTRC. Being impeccably ethical, Cindy felt it to be untenable to try to lead CTRC while also leading the County and VTA on related issues so reluctantly tendered her resignation as the CTRC President shortly after receiving the legal ruling.

So Let's Do It again! - The Transition/Executive Committee reconvened in emergency session under the continuing fine leadership of CTRC VP for Administration David Ginsborg, Deputy County Assessor. After discussing the alternatives, the Executive Committee nominated and the Board happily elected David to the presidency, David is a very effective leader, has been involved with CTRC for several years, is highly respected within the broader County community, and his family loves trolleys and trains. President Ginsborg has already taken hold, is reorganizing the Board, and has called for a retreat to plan for the coming year. He's worked with the Executive Committee and Board to set up a carefully supervised investment fund to gain maximum safe interest income from the CTRC endowment, reactivated the grant writing committee, and is reviewing the Board's institutional processes such as the insurance, book-keeping, and telephone system.

To The Next Level - While Supervisor Chavez and I plan to continue to be involved as non-statutory



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CTRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CALIFORNIA TROLLEY AND RAILROAD CORPORATION (CTRC)

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Pacific Hotel, San Jose History Park

August 21, 2014

I. WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by outgoing Board President Rod Diridon, Sr. at 3:05 p.m., at the Pacific History Hotel, 1650 Senter Road, San Jose, California.

Attendance: Marvin Bamburg, Alida Bray, Cindy Chavez, Rod Diridon, Sr., Linda Esquivel, John Ezovski, David Ginsborg, Rick Kitson, Joel Maniaci, Ken Middlebrook, Denis Murchison, Larry Murchison, Bob Schneider, Scott Strickland, Charley Wynn, Jack Young, John Zielinski, and Lynda Ramirez Jones.

II. INTRODUCTION OF INCOMING PRESIDENT CINDY CHAVEZ: Diridon spoke of the process for selecting his successor; provided a background of Cindy Chavez, and introduced her as the new CTRC President. Chavez stated she is honored and excited to take on the Presidency of an organization with such passion for transportation and its history. She asked Diridon to continue running the meeting so she could get a feel for how the Board meetings operate.

III. MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Middlebrook/Sylva) and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014, as written.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Updates to be provided as agenda items are discussed.

A. CTRC Bylaws: The bylaws have been amended and were sent to the Board in advance for review and comment.

A motion was made and seconded (Sylva/Kitson) to approve the bylaws as amended and to include names of Gene Martin and Steve Raby to the amendments. The motion was unanimously passed.

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Profit and Loss Statements and Balance Sheets for FY 2013-2014: The statements indicate there is a balance of \$313,206.08 in the savings account and \$57,468.10 in the checking account as of August 20, 2014.

Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded (Maniaci/Wynn), and unanimously carried to accept the financial reports.

B. Finance Committee

i. Minutes of 6/12/14 Finance Committee meeting

ii. Endowment Fund

Diridon reported that the Finance Committee met with Eric Heckman on June 12, 2014, to discuss the Endowment Fund presented by Heckman at the May 15, 2014 Board meeting.

The Committee's recommendation to the Board: To approve the attached investment policy in all aspects, including: 1) That the amount withdrawn from the account would not exceed four percent over a three-year average; and 2) That the corpus would never be allowed to go below \$300,000. Additionally, it was noted that the Board would require reports quarterly at its Board meetings. Heckman was requested to attend the first two quarterly meetings (November 2014 and February 2015) to present reports, and then he would provide quarterly written reports. Heckman indicated that the financial statements are available anytime.

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Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded (Ginsborg/Maniaci) and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the Endowment Fund.

Diridon announced he has appointed David Ginsborg as Administrative Vice President, effective immediately.

- C. Trolley Barn Phone Services:** Kitson stated that the Trolley Barn's current phone system is very old. He described other options he had researched, noting that the monthly phone bill could be reduced significantly, without impacting the alarm system.

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded (Ginsborg/Kitson) authorizing Kitson to negotiate for Trolley Barn phone services at a significant reduced rate. Motion passed unanimously. Billing address for new phone service to be considered when new provider is negotiated.

- D. Board Treasurer:** Deferred to next meeting.

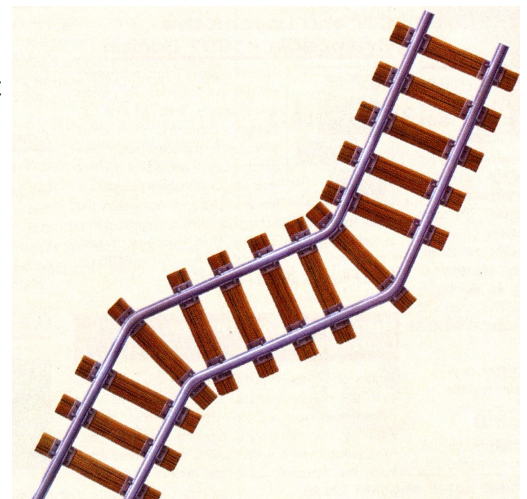
VI. CURRENT PROJECTS

- A. Trolley Barn:** Schneider distributed the attached report (see Addendum #1) and reported on the Trolley Barn activities and volunteers.
- B. Locomotives 2479 and 1215:** Ezovski distributed the attached report (see Addendum #2) and reported on the activities of the Restoration Site at the Fairgrounds. Included in his report were the activities performed on the OSH Boxcar.
- C. SCC Rail Museum:** Bamburg announced he had met with Leslee Hamilton of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens (GPR&G), who does not favor the site near GRP&G for the CTRC rail museum, and he agrees with her. Bamburg requested a committee of three-four CTRC Board members be formed to assist in searching for a museum site. Those who volunteered to serve on the Museum Committee are Ginsborg, Middlebrook, Sylva, and Wynn.
- D. Kelley Park Rail Stops – Benches and Signage:** As reported earlier in the Trolley Barn report, Maniaci stated that the design is underway for City review. Diridon noted that Albanese will pour the cement for the posts and signs.
- E. Acquisitions**
- F. Fundraising:** Diridon announced that the fundraising for the Annual Volunteer Recognition BBQ was not as much as it has been in the past.
- Chavez indicated she would look into other grants available.
- The Rotary Club Foundation will be coming out with grant requests in next month or so. It was noted that the Trolley Barn's exterior needs to be painted, and it could be a project for a grant request.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. to the Annual Volunteer Recognition BBQ at 5:30 p.m., and to next quarterly meeting at 8:00 a.m., on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda



The long, slow process of repairing the damaged threaded end of one piston rod and the nut for the opposite piston rod is complete. Both rods and associated nuts have been stress relieved by a local steel treating shop. Chroming of the rods is next. Both of these repairs were very complex and time consuming.



Threading the piston rod end

Prior to the locomotive being placed on display at the fairgrounds, SP cut off both of the tender's oil valve handles. One handle controls a valve that supplies oil to the locomotive. The second handle is for an oil bunker drain line. Photo's of SP2472 and a remaining handle on SP1215 have allowed recreation of these handles. Rods that connect the handle to the associated valve are now being machined.

Oakland Machine Works is in the process of



Tender oil handle forming fixture

machining the replacement for the damaged left front valve cage. The cage has been roughed out. Work might be complete by mid November. This work is being performed pro-bono by OMW when machine time becomes available.

With cooler weather, repairs to the outer surface of the firebox on the fireman's side has restarted. Over the years that the locomotive was parked on the fairgrounds, water seeped under the locomotive's jacket and was retained in the insulation. This caused erosion in the roof sheet below the minimum thickness required for operation. Fortunately, pad welding of these areas is allowed with no special rules. The largest area requiring repair is almost complete.



Pad welding a thin area

SP1215

Weather has taken a toll on the SP1215's cab windows. These windows were recently removed and are in the process of being painted. Two windows are in need of slightly more work. One of these windows was damaged by vandals. This damaged occurred when the cab of the locomotive was hidden behind the OSH boxcar.

From Bob Schneider.

Trolley Barn 2014 "Annual Report"

VISITORS:

20361 Trolley riders (no change YTY)
9612 Barn Visitors (+7% YTY)
544 Hand Car riders on 4 days.
100% Motormen & Host Coverage
0 trolley operating days lost due to rain. (Last year was 5 days)

VOLUNTEERS:

22 work each month out of 24 active.
9 Fully Qualified motormen ,
2 qualified as conductors. Of those;
3 Qualified to cover HTE
3 Qualified to be "rovers" at all 3 stations.
Two special people;
Steve Raby (4243 hours over 17 years)
passed away 3/28/14, but left us a legacy in
that his brother, Bill, is now a regular volun-
teer.
Dick Maurer (2000 hours over 22 years)
passed away 2/24/14.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Horse Car operation on Transportation Day (June 15) sponsored by a HSJ supporter.
2. Happy Hollow Line operated approximately 35% of the time.
3. **Group "Celebrates" 11 full years of being an all volunteer organization**
4. Cars being given their annual cleaning .
5. Broken power wire on Birney repaired with expert help from VTA.

PROJECTS:

1. Annual Preventative Maintenance about 70% done.

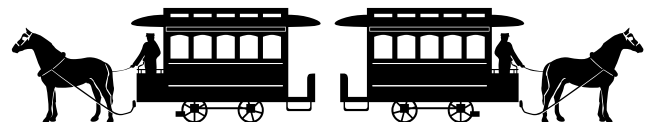
2. Annual Motorman requalification 90% done.
3. 2479 team used LeBlond lathe often.
4. Repair of HSJ "Coyote" fork lift continues. John Zielinski is moving this along.
5. Trolley Barn side yard cleanup completed. Lots of scrap iron removed. Skunks were sleeping here and volunteers were dumping their scrap iron from home.

RELATIONS:

1. HSJ - Excellent
 - a. Frequent contact with Facilities, Education and Events Teams.
 - b. Helped with HSJ events
 - (1) Family Days (7)
 - (2) Historic Transportation Experience (education classes – **14 total**; 6 last year)
 - (3) Assist with various facility and education tasks
2. 2479, SF Muni, VTA and Western Railway Museum - Excellent

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Childrens' Holiday Festival** on 12/13. We will be running a hand car. Car 143 will run from 12:00 – 4:00. Santa will be on the trolley at 1:00.
2. **Restored Trolley Operation Downtown:** It will happen, but I don't have the times/dates yet.
3. **ATRRM Conference:** Two of us will attend (Tyler TX, November 6-8)



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OSH Boxcar

Thanks to services provided by **Penin-sular Crane and Rigging**, the OSH boxcar was set in place between SP1215 and the MoPac caboose on



August 5th. The locomotive, boxcar and caboose now form a nice display along Senter Road. Many repairs are required before the boxcar can be painted. First on the list are repairs to the car's roof.



advisers, CTRC is positioned with President Ginsborg to reach the next level of excellence and is well on the way. Please plan to be very involved in that process and answer his call when extra help is needed. Thank you again for being such good friends and supporters for our shared steel-wheel-on-rail goals during the past 32 years.

HIGH BALL to David for the next history-making journey into the future!

Rod Diridon, Sr., Emeritus President
CTRC



A very **big thank** you to John Blaine for the donating a “new” shop vacuum and to Bill Jump for donating two new right angle grinders. These tools replaced items that had failed after being in use for many years and were sorely needed.





Information

Membership Meetings: First Saturday of each month at 10:00am at 2479 Healy 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 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.

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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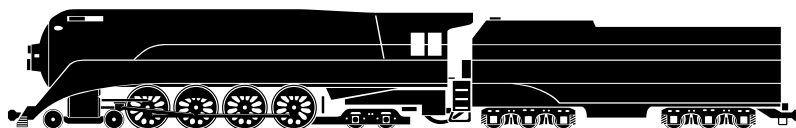
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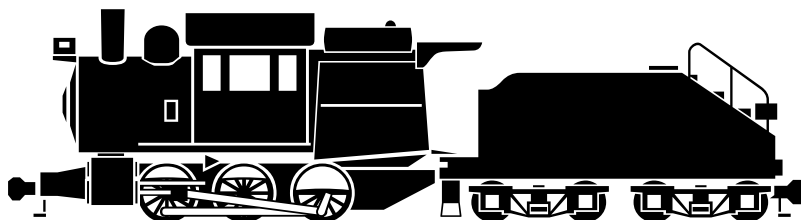
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COMING EVENTS

▶ 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 CTRC board meeting will be Thursday, November, 20th, 2014 at 8:00am in the History San Jose Pacific Hotel first floor conference room.



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Like yourself, we are individuals with different backgrounds, talents, and skills who share a common interest in preserving our rail heritage. Supporters who contribute \$25 or more annually will receive our monthly announcements and our quarterly newsletter THE CLEARBOARD. Contributions of materials, equipment and skills are also welcome.



THE CALIFORNIA TROLLEY AND RAILROAD CORPORATION

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Membership: regular \$25, retirees and full time students \$10. \$ _____

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