

Trolley Barn Newsletter

March 2009

By Bob Schneider

Happy Hollow Line Electrification: The Stacy and Witbeck crew finished their work on 1/22. Installation of the hanging hardware and wire by Mass Electric will start the week of 3/2. I've been a bit skeptical about start dates, but trucks have been delivered and the crew arrived on 3/3.

We are making progress on Car 124's pilot and installing whistles on the Birney. All the whistle work is our own design, so we are designing as we go.

Historic Transportation Experience (HTE): Barbara Johnston (Education Department) has been "selling" this class for 2nd graders and the response has been huge as some of our Motormen/Hosts have seen. More important, she tells me that survey feedback from teachers has been extremely positive. She re-vamped the script to include more trolley time and to break the groups down into thirds to give the students a closer relationship with our instructors .. groups of 10 versus 30. I have no doubt that our Motormen/Hosts also make a huge impact. Bruce Compton, a new volunteer, has started working with our team and is a welcome addition.

Dick Maurer: After 5 years of doing Motorman and Host scheduling for us, Dick has decided to turn the job over to Jack Stallard. Jack will begin with the May schedule. Thanks, Dick, for doing a job few people ask for. Thanks, also, for your diligence and perseverance. I'm sure we will still see Dick as a Motorman.

Relationships: In the process of chasing down things for the Kelley Park Line, we linked up with a person from SFMuni that is very supportive. His predecessor retired the day before I called.

Motorman/Host assignments for April:

<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
4	NO TROLLEY	Ouimett/Boehm	5	Westfall	Stallard
11	NO TROLLEY	Ouimett/Boehm	12	Westfall	Raby
18	Ullmann	Traill	19	NO TROLLEY	Stallard
25	Butler/R.Maurer	Schneider	26	J. Maurer	Traill

HTE: 4/2 and 4/9 – Baker/Compton
4/30 – Baker/Huff

"NO TROLLEY" is because events such as car shows on these days do not want them. This helps offset the extra shifts required for HTE.

LATE NEWS AS OF TUESDAY 3/3: The Mass Electric crew did arrive today and hit the ground running. They installed 3 steel poles, but had to wait on the other two until PG&E gives them help. Their crane is too close to the high voltage lines to do the job safely. They spent the afternoon indoors pre-assembling some of the cross arm hardware .. a good job for a rainy afternoon. Target for their completion is this coming Sunday 3/8 pending timely help from PG&E.

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Trucks ready to install overhead wire

Photos by Gene Martin and Bob Schneider



Installing first Steel Pole

Pictures by Bob Schneider



Pre Assembly of cross arm hardware