

Trolley Barn Newsletter

May 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. The poles (30) were received (see pictures) on 5/13 and stored in the museum employee parking lot with Alida's wonderful support. She makes our job much easier. We purchased the poles through the Bay Area Electric Railway Association folks at Rio Vista Junction at a considerable saving. They have been super supporters of our efforts in many areas.

The poles are 30 feet long, weigh 800+ pounds and will be buried 6 feet in the ground. Most of the poles support 50 feet of wire in either direction.

People ask when it will be done. Perhaps this year!?! The fact that we have poles is a HUGE step forward. And there is more to come.

Late breaking news: Our friends at VTA delivered a damaged isolation switch for the new line. The damage seems to have already been taken care of. Another visit to Happy Hollow Market.

1923 American LaFrance Torpedo Fire Engine: The unit was taken to the Fire Museum for several special events and has returned to the Restoration Shop for finishing touches.

Bean Orchard Sprayer: Disassembly of the hardware is fairly complete and cleaning of major components of the engine and pump is well underway. The engine has been painted. A rust treatment is being applied to the frame. This unit has been outdoors for many years and needs help.

Scout O Rama: The Scouts increased their scope which meant much higher attendance. We had 1946 Trolley Riders and 1069 Barn Visitors. Huge number for our team, but we did just fine.

Motorman/Host assignments for June:

<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
			1	Bingham	Stallard
7	Baker/Huff/R.Maurer	Ouimett/Boehm	8	Bingham	Raby
	Samoan Festival				
14	Baker/Huff/R. Maurer	Ouimett/Boehm/RLS	15	Westfall	Gaddis
	Portuguese Festival				
21	Huff/R. Maurer	Baker	22	J. Maurer	Stallard
28	Butler/R.Maurer	Ouimett/Boehm	29	None	Trail/ J. Maurer
				Community Resource Fair	

Remember: Summer Hours are 12-5.

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

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Unloading the Poles



Gene Guarding the Pile