

# Trolley Barn Newsletter

November 2008

By Bob Schneider

## ----- HOLIDAYS -----

**Thursday, 11/27:** Museum is closed for Thanksgiving Day

**Friday, 11/28:** Staff holiday, but museum is open normal hours (11-4)

**Wednesday, 12/24:** Museum is closed for Christmas Eve

**Thursday, 12/25:** Museum is closed for Christmas

**Thursday, 1/1:** Museum is closed for New Years

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**As of 11/1, we are operating Winter hours of 11:00 – 4:00**

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**Trolley Barn Holiday Get Together:** We will have an informal Holiday Gathering at the Trolley Barn for all on Sunday December 14. We will provide beverages; you bring nibbles and come to socialize. Hours are 11-3. This is not for a meal. HSJ staff, 2479 members and Trolley Barn members are invited.

**Restored Trolley running downtown:** VTA will be running one of the restored trolleys for the holidays on Saturdays only during the period 11/29-12/27 from 3:00 – 10:00 PM. Normal VTA fare will be charged. The car will run on the downtown loop (Civic Center and Diridon Station).

**Happy Hollow Line Electrification:** On 10/29 the city signed off on the drawings. Also on that date we were able to set the start of construction for the line as 12/1 pending a pre-construction meeting (a formality) with the city. A second review of the new “Book of Rules” was held with all motormen on 10/11.

**Car 124:** Well we were going to do the re-caning, but the material we ordered was not right. We’re waiting for the correct weave material to arrive at our supplier..

**Haunt the Hollow:** The event was a huge success for us as we had 1310 trolley riders and 826 Barn visitors.

**Holiday Festival 12/6:** We will participate in this event with our usual Car 124 and a hand car operation all afternoon using a hand car borrowed from our friends at Ardenwood. These items were very popular last year.

**Car Cleaning:** We will be cleaning both cars during November. Terry Wilson has given us a big head start by cleaning all the windows on 11/12. Feel free to lend a hand any time. Ask where we are before starting as there will be progress almost daily. Main tasks are vacuuming and mopping floors and wiping down surfaces that are touched often.

**Melbourne car body:** Half of the hulk left the Museum on 11/10. The other half will leave 11/15.

**Steam Locomotive Work:** The 2479 team moved engine 1215 southward on 10/25 to complete their effort to store this equipment with a minimal footprint. Job done.

We have transferred 200 gallons of fuel from LBC’s tender to 55 gallon drums. The fuel is destined for the folks at Niles Canyon.

**Bean Orchard Sprayer:** The restoration has been completed and the Los Gatos History Museum will retrieve it soon.

**1928 Chimney Sweep Truck:** Minimal progress to allow for the finishing touches on the Bean Sprayer.

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## Helping Others:

1. The Handicap access ramp repair was completed at the Print Shop.
2. The roofs on the Markus/Morrow Frontier Outfitters and McBride's Mercantile sheds were re-papered to eliminate leakage during rains.

**A Minor Milestone:** Normally I don't dwell on such items, but this one deserves mentioning. Dick Maurer has sent several e-mails. "So what" you say. He is not a typist by any stretch and sorta knows how to received e-mails with help from his family. Well done, Richard. Who's next?

## Motorman/Host assignments for December:

<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
6	Huff/Baker/R. Maurer	Brownlee/Traill	7	Ullmann	Stallard
13	Butler	Ouimett/Boehm	14	Bingham	Raby
20	Baker/Huff	Traill	21	Butler	Ouimett/Boehm
27	R. Maurer/J. Maurer	Schneider	28	J. Maurer	Traill

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Re-papering the Outfitters shack roof

Photo: Bob Schneider



The final move of Engine 1215

Photo: Bob Schneider



Going, Going, GONE!

Photo: Gene Martin