



THE CLEARBOARD



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

FROM ROD DIRIDON

Happy Hollow Line Electrification: After almost ten years of planning and great volunteer effort, the Happy Hollow Trolley Line is about to be activated with a June 3rd target for an inaugural run. **Stacy and Witbeck** not only laid the rail several years ago but have now installed the poles and other improvements, well over \$100,000 in donated services. **Mass Electric** installed the support and conducting wires with only a small portion left to compete when arrangements with **PG&E** have been concluded. **Hatch Mott McDonald Engineering** completed the construction design and did the inspection. All of that very valuable work, amounting to well over \$300,000 in donations, was provided by our good friends in Industry. We also owe a great thanks to the **Rotary Club of San Jose** for a \$13,000 and to the **Santa Clara county Historical Heritage Commission** for a \$10,000 donation that covered most of the cost for esoteric material that could not be donated. Very specially thanks to our own CTRC project coordinators **Bob Schneider** and **Gene Martin** as well as **Brian Hartsell** from the City of San Jose Parks Department who pulled the pieces together and delivered the project. We're preparing to develop the Rotary Trolley stop now in time for the June 3rd inaugural so would welcome help from any of you who might have access to metal work and an historic-looking park bench.

San Jose Steam Railroad Museum: Our great supporter **Councilmember Sam Liccardo** recommended that we look at the south end of the Park of the Guadalupe as a potential museum site. **Ken Middlebrook** and I walked the potential access under the PG&E lines on the West bank of the Guadalupe River and the ideas seems feasible. The leadership of the **Guadalupe River Parks and Garden Corporation** are enthused about the concept thought an environmental review will need to be completed. I've also spoken to the **EVP of PG&E** who thinks the idea is interesting but needs more information to make a decision. I've also discussed this in concept with **Congress Members Lofgren and Honda** who are interested though it is too late this year for federal funding. So we have light at the end of the tunnel again on this long-suffering project. Let's hope the light is not #2479 coming at us! In the mean time, the remarkable CTRC locomotive volunteers have completed the move of 2479 and all of the related materials, shops and other rolling stock to the far west end of the Fairgrounds parcel creating a better situation than was available before the move. But the effort, taking most of the last six months over a tough winter, was truly epic and a tribute to **John Ezovski, Jack Young** and **all of the volunteers**.

Tribute to Mac Gaddis: We are planning a tribute to our beloved **Mac** who has been involved with railroading for nearly 70 years and was once the Corporate Road Foreman of Engines...for the whole massive Southern Pacific System. He also helped implement the VTA's light rail system and has been extremely valuable as the Acquisitions Committee Chair for CTRC...and much more. Mac lost his beloved Leola recently and needs our encouragement right now. You will all be notified of the event as soon as it comes together.

Annual CTRC Volunteer Recognition BBQ: Our Volunteer BBQ will be on Thursday, August 20 at History San Jose as in prior years. We've much to be proud of this year and many remarkable volunteers and donors to celebrate so mark you calendar now. A more formal invitation will be sent to all in June but you might want to save the date. Thanks very much to each of you who have done so much to save the best of the past to create a better future.



CTRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 8:05am.

Attendance: Alida Bray, Rod Diridon Sr., John Ezovski, Meg Fitts, Mike Kotowski, Gene Martin, Ken Middlebrook, Denis Murchison, Larry Murchison, Annette Nellen, Bob Schneider, Charley Wynn, and Jack Young.

Minutes: (Diridon) The minutes of the November 20, 2008 CTRC Board meeting be approved with the spelling errors being corrected.

Chair's Report: (Diridon) Postponed till end of agenda.

Financial Report: Fitts/Diridon reported, Annette, Alida and Meg met. Alida compared AMT and how they capitalized and claimed the collection. Now they are bankrupt and the collection is being auctioned.

Rod compared San Jose Symphony, maybe not Capitalized.

John, noted Buttercup not on financial assets. Alida responded with list of assets/collection.

Rod noted his push with VTA with trolleys. Mike Burns wants to start running trolleys again.

Rod reports that we may get collection back. Alida asks what the original agreement was. We gave them 4 cars, 2 running at time, since dot come bust they have not run cars. VTH needs to put up or do something with the cars.

Current Projects:

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

Trolleys:

124 - Raising pilots (requires disassembly/modifications)

143 – Installing whistle at each end

Bob looked into Liability Insurance and received quote \$3200 a year. Alida looked into HSJ and they are unable to insure legally. Rod asked Starbird, Hall & Rambo and is waiting to hear back.

Motorman's Operating rules have been revised, added a cell phone for emergency response, reviewed by all motormen and SJ City Parks people and sent to Rod and Alida for final approval.

Dedication Opportunities:

Scout-O-Rama 5/9 7000 people (may not fit agenda) Very large crowd.

Rotary BBQ 6/3 300 people (interested audience.)

Promised to have Rotary involved.

Dia De Portugal 6/13 2000 people.

Not sure target audience.

Community Resource Fair.

Not sure target audience.

Rumor has it VTA is considering putting pantographs on all restored trolleys, Rod is investigating.

Volunteers:

Dick Maurer – not allowed to work THE by HSJ. Limited trolley operation and late do to health. Find things that he enjoys that are not time sensitive.

Mac Gaddis – He asked to no longer serve as Host in barn due to health.

Bruce Compton – Just retired from teaching and is training for THE for possible motorman or Docent.

Bob Stine – Started briefly at Barn and migrated to 2479, loves steam engines. Very Exciting.

HSJ: Museum closed without pay first Monday of each month through June.

Alida comments that due to financial situation corporate donors are cutting back and HSJ is really feeling it.

Disposing of Fuels:

1. Steve Lopes of Western States Oil helped us dispose of 20 gallons of Bunker C fuel at no cost to us.
2. Our friends from Niles Canyon took away 180 gallons of diesel fuel that was left in LBC's tender.

Item needing Board Action: HSJ Annual Fundraiser Valley of Hearts De-light on June 18, CTRC has supported in the past for \$1000.

Bob put on table for discussion.

Rod said only revenue is donation at the BBQ. The cash flow is very limited and Rotary can only go in collection and not operation. If CTRC were to make a donation it will cut our operations cost.

Gene suggests we cut the newsletter.

Alida said not needed to do table, another option.

Mike asks about chance of sponsorship.

Rod replies yes but unlikely.

Attendance of Trolley riders and Trolley Barn Visitors are impressive.

	Trolley Riders	Trolley Barn Visitors
2004	20602	7625
2005	24435	9538
2006	23112	11167
2007	27430	15192
2008	29025	16809

The best answers on why the huge improvements are:

1. HSJ has stepped up their programs and we benefit by being there every time
2. We're open every weekend except on major holidays.
3. The "quality" of our Motormen and Barn Hosts has improved by better engaging the public. Practice.

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4. Appearance of the Barn and exhibits has improved.

Now if we can solve the point we hear so often, "I never knew this place was here" we could possibly boost these numbers. In any event we're right on track.

Remarkable increase, HSJ has stepped up their program and we have benefited from it.

Appearance of Barn has improved and helped.

Rod said see if Channel 11 will do piece on Barn.

Ken comments with HHL should be interesting to see effects at HSJ.

Dedication Opp.

Rod: Need to make a decision quickly to get on Mayor Calendar.

Alida: Suggests Rotary.

Bob: Concern is timing of completion

Ken: Concern of timing

Rod: Concern is timing, asks Bob to use Rotary BBQ as goal of planning date and to make sure the Rotary sign is done.

Mac Gaddis recognition:

Board discussion of how to recognize

Rod says should be done in next 2 months

Alida suggests Rotary dedication.

Jack stepped out, John will Report

Alida: optimistic with new list of donors, hoping to pick up in summer and just holding tight.

Rod: Alida has done a great job managing HSJ with money planning and reducing costs.

Alida: Insurance: Affiliates can help defer as contribution, Rod can't do this year, suggests he does next year.

Mike: Because it doesn't cost to go to the museum, more people need to be there. Also we should see if we are able to make donation to Vasona Train.

B. Locomotive 2479 - VP Jack Young reported that the fairgrounds installed the concrete pad.

They began moving containers, 3 so far, before a forklift broke. It is a very expensive process. All the contents were removed from the containers, then the containers were moved and then the contents were replaced. This is very time consuming and labor intensive.

Moved the canopy without taking apart with 2 forklifts donated by A Tool and Shed with only minor damage. The fairgrounds have been very cooperative and helpful.

Moved the locomotive with 2 forklifts.

Now it is pretty much lined up to be put back into place.

At the end of the dry period the fairgrounds pulled power to get it all connected and 90% of the move is complete.

The double-wide trailer still needs to be moved and we will have to wait for dry weather.

A new galvanized steel canopy, 20' x 10', needs to be constructed at a cost of \$200 to \$300.

Ken: Locomotive on wheels now positioned by Monterey Highway and

can be seen by traffic. A task list is being created to complete the move of 2479.

Rod asked to resurrect a list of work that can't be done by volunteers, Ken responded that he has one and will get it to Rod in a nice format.

C. SCC Rail Museum –Fireside not hopeful, as long is possibility for sport use. Ken has no new reports for sites.

D. Happy Hollow Rail Electrification – Gene Martin reported that all poles are in. March 2nd possibly is the last week electric will start to be put up. No cost to us, \$10k reimbursement by Rotary.

Rod asks board to put Lewis on board, no objections.

Approval of election of his board membership role.

E. Volunteers Report –Ken Middlebrook wants to commend volunteers on the 2479 move.

Bad side: HHL is going to require move volunteers.

Upside: More visibility. Need to talk to the current volunteers to see what brought them in the first place and to get ideas on how to get more volunteers. Thanks for the updated website.

Rod asks Alida if we can put a sign up advertising volunteers needed.

Alida responds yes and we should coordinate with Barbara.

Ken: recognition plate – wants something that recognizes all volunteers, living and deceased.

New Business

A. Acquisitions – Rod reports for Mac, none at this time.

B. Historic Heritage Commission/Grant Applications – Gene Martin and Jack Young reported that we are out for this round but going for next round..

Rod suggests that we have our volunteers take the vacancies.

C. Fundraising Efforts – Ken mentions that January 16, 2014 is the 150th Anniversary of the first train in San Jose, January 16, 1864.

Rod asked Ken to create this as a new project under the volunteer report, as a special project report on the agenda.

Chair's Report: Think about removing the newsletter, maybe make it electronic? Talk about this next meeting.

Rod suggests approval of \$1000 for the newsletter this year with notice that the newsletter may not be there next year.

Action by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting – The next CTRC Board Meeting will be May 21, 2009 at 8am and the Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted on MAY 21, 2009:

Meg Fitts



LOCOMOTIVE NEWS

By Jack Young

The restoration site and Locomotive 2479 have been successfully moved to the North West corner of the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. The new site is much more efficient with the containers, machine shop, and trailer office situated about 60 feet from locomotive 2479. In addition 2479's tender and ex-Southern Pacific Caboose 1589 have been situated directly behind Locomotive 2479. This configuration gives a very nice presentation to passers by on Old Tully Road. In fact off the street visitor interest has increased due to the exposure of the equipment to Old Tully and Monterey Road .

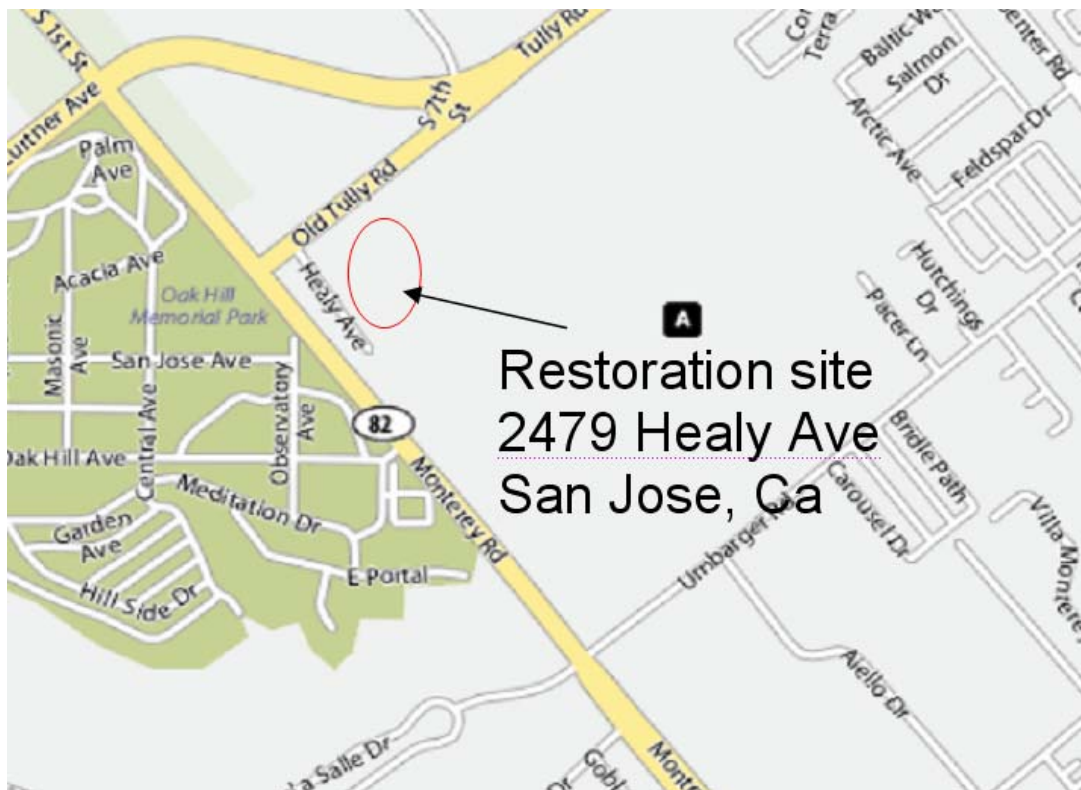
The move was completed on April 04, 2009 with the move of the turn table and water tower by an outside contractor hired by the Fair Management Corp. I have to tell you this is impressive the steam team basically moved all of CTRC assets on the site. Work parties were conducted both on weekends (primarily Saturday) and during the week (usually 3 to 5 days a week). The weekday work party did most of the work moving the round house material, repositioning the passenger cars, Moving the tender and Caboose, and Locomotive 2479. Below is a list of the folks that participated and made this CTRC operation a GREAT SUCCESS!!!

Tom Anderson
 John Blaine
 Loren Cantrell
 John Ezovski
 Bill Jump
 Gene Martin
 Ken Middlebrook
 Denis Murchison
 Larry Murchison
 Art Randall
 Phillip Ruhle
 Thomas Simpson
 Bob Stein
 Frank Valerga
 John Zielinski
 Jack Young

Since the completion of the move the focus has been on Locomotive 2479. The steam team has been in the process of locating and installing the brake rigging on the drivers and trailing truck. For the move the locomotive lead truck brake system was used to control the movement. As of this

newsletter about 90% of the brake rigging has been installation on the locomotive. Just as a reminder all the brake rigging for the locomotive was cleaned inspected and reworked a couple of years ago. All of the pins and bushings in the brake rigging were replaced with new pins and bushings manufactured by the steam team. New brake heads were also purchased and now have been installed on the brake rigging.

All I can say is come on by and check out the new site. Saturdays are best. Restoration site is located at Corner of Old Tully Road and Healy Ave.



From Bob Schneider

Happy Hollow Extension : In January Stacy & Witbeck finished installing 28 wood poles, foundations for 5 steel poles and two concrete pads. In early March Mass Electric fabricated and installed the cross arm on the wood poles. The installation/design is true to that used in the early 1900's. Mass Electric also installed 3 steel poles, but had to stop because their boom would get too close to the 115KV lines overhead for electrical shock reasons.

As of April 10 PGE has determined that our iron pole design is safely below the 115 KV lines, but the installation process has not been worked out as of April 20. Making the job more challenging is that the lines are the responsibility of a state agency. In hindsight the wire problem should have been handled during the design phase.

The Operating rules have been reviewed further and, where appropriate, revised. They are now ready for final signoff.

A quote for insurance was received. The annual cost is \$3200 and will be covered by CTRC.

Car 124: One of the pilots on the car has been modified. As an aside, we checked the other two cars. The Birney is just fine, but the Portuguese car will require some work.

Birney: The whistles are well along toward completion. This required design and installation of the whistle, a valve and pull mechanism.

Operations: Historic Transportation Experience (HTE): The museum's Education Department has been "selling" this class for 2nd graders and the response has been huge as some of our motormen/Hosts have seen. Education re-vamped the script to include more trolley time and now break the groups in thirds to give the students a closer relationship with our

instructors. Survey feedback from the teachers has been extremely positive.

Personnel: After handling our scheduling for the past 5 years, Dick Maurer has turned the job over to Jack Stallard. Luck would have it that Jack's first month, May, has 5 full weekends plus lots of event changes. Our very special thanks to Dick Maurer for doing a tough job that almost no one wants.



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2. Our friends from Niles Canyon took away 180 gal. of diesel fuel that was left in LBC's tender. They will bum it in their steam locomotive.

Birney Buzzers: We gave 3 Birney buzzers to a museum in Greeley, CO. They are rebuilding a Birney for display. We found drawings done by Jack

Stallard in 1995 during our rebuilding process. A set was sent to Greeley.

1215 Cleanup: We disassembled 2 sections of panel track and stored the pieces. The parking lot area is now completely clear of CTRC items. Well, except for that rusty old item in the corner. It is interesting how many visitors comment on that point.

Rod Sohn: Rod passed away and a service was held 4/22. He will be buried in the San Joaquin National Cemetery. Rod served over 15,000 hours at the Trolley Barn and was duly recognized several years ago at our annual picnic.



THE NEW LOCOMOTIVE LOCATION

By Ken Middlebrook

Hats off to everyone who assisted in our consolidation activity at the fairgrounds. An estimated 2 million pounds of material was moved over the last nine months not exactly a small task!

The requirement to relocate came when the restoration project approached a major milestone, the rewheeling of the locomotive. Effectively, the consolidation effort provided a transition as the project focus moves toward remaining tasks. Furthermore, the consolidation effort enabled us to reposition the equipment and shop structures to provide a more efficient layout for future restoration activity.

However, the consolidation resulted in a much needed benefit to the restoration project...public visibility!

First, with the return of her wheels, locomotive 2479 looks again like a ...locomotive. During the past 15 years, unknowledgeable individuals had difficulty recognizing the locomotive. Basically, it had looked like a large acned thermos bottle on its side.



Secondly, the locomotive is now resting inside the fence line along Healy Avenue. Previously, our thermos bottle rested in the middle of the family park. Currently, the locomotive can be readily seen proudly standing on her 73" legs from the Monterey Highway and Old Tully Road intersection,

Thirdly, we intentionally aligned the tender and caboose #1589 immediately behind the locomotive. This orientation creates a short museum display train appearance.

Each weekend, our restoration site is now attracting new visitors. To welcome this patronage, we will be updating our displays in the caboose and creating signage along Healy Avenue. Ironically, a web map search of "2479 Healy Avenue" directs people to our doorstep.

Sadly, many of our supporters have not been to our restoration site. Please take this invite and visit on any upcoming Saturday. We would like to show you, first hand, the accomplishments our remarkable crew has made.



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

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COMING EVENTS

- ▶ Remember the Saturday workdays and the Wednesday work evenings. Check with John Ezovski at SLBTrainer@aol.com. 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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