

Trolley Barn Newsletter

December 2008

By Bob Schneider

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HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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

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

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

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. As always, guests are welcome

Restored Trolley running downtown: VTA is 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: The pre-construction meeting was held, but one minor sticking point came up later, so start of construction is now scheduled for 12/15.

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.

Holiday Festival 12/6: Ten of us were on hand for the event. Attendance was 810(Trolley), 744(Barn) and 321 (Hand car). This is a bit below last year and families were the major attendees ... as it should be. Great day.

We returned the Hand Car to our friends at Ardenwood. Our outlook for next year is to make our own car with guidance from the folks at Ardenwood. A challenging project to say the least.

Car Cleaning: Both cars have received their annual cleaning. Motormen have been asked to not allow riders to bring food/beverages on the trolleys.

Melbourne Car: It really has happened. After several years of promises by various buyers, the car body is completely gone. Almost all of our railway hardware is now stored in that area and the fence facing Phelan repaired. DONE!

1928 Chimney Sweep Truck: Cosmetic repairs are in progress. Preparations are being made to re-paint the original lettering, but otherwise leave the paint as is. Work on the engine continues and it is running fairly well, especially considering how long it has been in storage.

Helping Others:

1. Various tasks were completed for Education and Facilities in preparation for the 12/6 event.
2. The "Loomis Lane" sign was finally mounted on a light pole near the Bandstand.

Motorman/Host assignments for January:

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<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
3	Huff/Baker	Ouimett/Boehm	4	Ryan	Stallard
10	Bingham	Brownlee	11	Butler	Raby
17	Baker	Traill	18	Westfall	Gaddis
24	Ullmann/R. Maurer	Schneider	25	J. Maurer	Traill
31	Baker/Huff	Brownlee			

HTE: 1/8, 15, 22 Baker/R. Maurer Ouimett