

Trolley Barn Newsletter

March 2008

Happy Hollow Electrification: A grant for \$13K was approved by Rotary on February 21. This will be used to pay for the copper wire.

The city and country continue to work out the details of the grant approved last Summer. This grant will cover the cost of wood poles.

The city park folks have given us a draft of the agreement for installing the overhead wire system. Now our review begins.

As I said before, the devil is in the details.

1923 American LaFrance Torpedo Fire Engine: The cooling system has been repaired and re-installed. The wiring is almost done and has been documented.

Birney: At long last the people catchers have been completed. Whew!

Bean Orchard Sprayer: A new project was brought into the Restoration Shop on February 28. It is a gas engine powered Bean Orchard Sprayer. The Los Gatos History Museum is the owner and sponsor of the restoration. The restoration is to be for appearance, but not function.

John Bean moved to California in 1883 and found that his orchard was infested with scale insects. Only little squirt gun pumps were available, so he developed a high pressure spray pump with an accumulator. His factory for producing these units was first located in Los Gatos then in San Jose. Later on several more factories were opened in Ohio and Michigan. The Bean Company joined several other companies in 1928 and became Food Machinery Corporation. Our Fruit Barn has some pictures from the Anderson-Barngrover company, one of the companies that became Food Machinery Corporation in 1928.

Meet Me in St. Louis: A student group from King's Academy High School used the Trolley Barn and Trolleys on March 1 as a backdrop for photos to be used for promoting their upcoming play **Meet Me in St. Louis**.

Badges: Re-doing fingerprints is not required. New badges will be issued soon and annually after that.

Motorman/Host assignments for April:

<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
5	no trolley*	Ouimett/Boehm	6	Bingham	Schneider
12	no trolley**	Ouimett/Boehm	13	J. Maurer	Raby
19	Baker	Traill	20	no trolley***	Gaddis
26	Butler/R. Maurer	Schneider	27	Ullmann	Traill

* Bomb United Car Show

** Master Gardener Spring Sale

*** VW Car Show

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Photo: Bob Schneider