

Trolley Barn Newsletter

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By Bob Schneider

Monthly Furlough: HSJ staff will be taking **Monday 10/5** off as their monthly furlough day. **Museum closed.**

CTRC VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BBQ: Mac Gaddis was given a **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his service to CTRC and especially to the Trolley Barn.



Mac receiving Lifetime Achievement Award



Gene Receiving 5000 Hour Award

Photos by Jim Maurer

Gene Martin was recognized for **5000 hours** of service and **Eric Butler** for **500 hours**.

CAR 124 SEATS: We are re-caning 4 seats. The old caning had worn through in one or more places. As we removed the various layers, we discovered more items that needed to be replaced. With help from a report (and CD with pictures) written by an ARM (Association of Railway Museums) member (Don Curry), we have worked our way through the process. We are documenting the process as we did it, materials purchased and improvements for the next time.

Kelley Park Line: We now have 8 fully qualified motormen. Several more are working their way through hands on training.

Engine1215: The steam locomotive team continues to spend one day a week cleaning up and painting engine 1215 and it's tender.

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Ridership Observations: Jim Maurer joined Larry so that they could operate on both lines Sunday. I asked them to count boarders at the JFG and HH stops to see how that number looked. There was no event planned on site, but a small group was having a picnic.

Total ridership was 641! Of that 77 were counted at the HH or JFG stops. 641 is over double our normal count! My guess as to why is that people stayed on longer to enjoy both lines. Trolley Barn visitors was 156, a bit above normal.

A previous weekend when Jim joined another motorman for the same reason, the count was above 400.

So, we're getting great ridership, but perhaps because of the journey, not the destination.

The two lines are distinctly different and folks I've talked to like the mix.

For Antique Autos we are planning to run the outside line only. We are next targeting to run both lines on 10/3.

Motorman/Host assignments for OCTOBER:

<u>SAT.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>Motormen</u>	<u>Host</u>
3	Baker/Hansen	Ouimett/Boehm	4	Bingham	Stallard
10	Ouimett	Brownlee	11	Ullman	Raby
17	Bingham	Stallard	18	Ryan	Brownlee
24	Butler	Traill	25	Maurer	Brownlee
31	Hansen/Maurer	Schneider/Raby			

HTE: 10/15 (Baker, Bingham), 10/22 (Maurer, Ouimett), 10/29 (Hansen, Maurer)



Hey, is that a good seat or what?

Photo: Bob Schneider