

THE CLEARBOARD



Mike Kotowski President

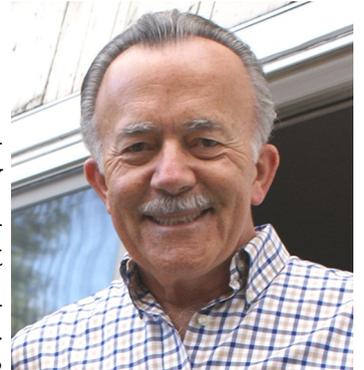
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Larry Murchison, Editor



PROCEED UNDER CAUTION: CHANGING TRACKS

The “yellow light” has come on in Santa Clara County so that CTCR may slowly begin to move – under caution or, in some cases, at medium speed. Please keep in mind that we have been stalled for three months due to a national emergency called COVID-19, a virus of world- wide proportions. Most transportation systems are either “shut” or operating slow as are many museums, libraries, recreational facilities and other non-essential business, both profit and non-profit and are all on the same track. Translated that means our restoration teams can work under the guidelines of wearing the required face mask and maintaining a social space of six feet or more. Currently 10 people can be in the same room with six feet or more social spacing between attendees not to mention guests and administration.



We need eleven members to make a quorum! Therefore we have to change tracks and have a Board of Directors Quarterly meeting on Thursday, June 18th at 9 AM on ZOOM and NOT in the previous venue as was stated on the agenda that was published on June 6th. This “change” decision was made after several members expressed concerns about the numbers of people present that would exceed the County guidelines and a majority reply to a survey that I sent to all members of the board regarding having a different venue such as on Zoom (by computer) another location or cancel the meeting until August (BBQ). The agenda for that meeting is forthcoming for the BOD this week with the location change.

The county has allowed us to rewrite the grant application to relate to the amount of grant that they offered - 30K against the CTCR’s \$116,000 grant request. The rewrite was accepted and our insurance was also required to be in force which it now is. The rest of the details will be presented at the meeting.

We were able to complete a detailed budget report from the budget committee thanks to Rod Diridon who took on the job of chair and we have a refined budget prepared for discussion and approval. Claire Kotowski took on the detailing work with our Treasurer, Steve Pyle and his daughter Amanda, who works on the CTRC account, and polished off the numbers. Since we are talking budgets and things that are most pressing and ongoing expenses year over year, one is our newsletter, the Clear Board. Both printing and mailing cost have gone up even with the cost “breaks” in printing and mailing This issue will go out by electronic mail to those who have an address. We will send post cards to the “hard” addresses that we have asking for them to send us their email or a verification of their current address and also any donation to help cover cost of printing and mailing of the “paper NL”.

I will entertain a discussion on how best to refocus the CTRC mission as the county issues are uncertain and that target keeps moving. MK





LOCOMOTIVE GROUP

BY ART RANDALL

Since our last board meeting, we have been largely shut down due to the pandemic. There has been very little site maintenance work done, largely by John Blaine, Tom and myself.

Lately, we have begun to wake up, but things are still moving slowly. Before the shutdown, we had marked most of the holes that need to be made in the cab walls for turret reach rods, etc., and perhaps more importantly in the foot plate, holes that can't be drilled with the cab in place, due to interference between the drill motor and the cab walls. The plan is to rig the cab again, remove it, make the holes both in the cab (it will be more convenient with the cab on the ground) and in the floor, then remount the cab.

We have been awarded a grant from the county (about 1/4 of what we asked for) for finishing the cab for display. Much of the money will go to refurbishing gauges and finishing the backhead (sheet metal & insulation). We have examples of the gauges we need: 4-1/2 and 6" steam gauges, back pressure gauge, water pump gauge. Our duplex air brake gauge is incomplete. We have the case, the bourdon tubes, the movements, but not the dial face nor the indicator hands. The only gauge that is ap-

parent in 2472's restoration that we don't have is a 'Steam Heat' gauge, which is a small (about 3.5") 400psi gauge. However, we do have more than one 4.5" 500psi gauge. We also have two reflex water gauges. We may need some valves. All of our gauges need at least inspection and testing, up to restoration of the air brake gauge.

Before we get too far with the cab, we want to do a preliminary hydrostatic test on the boiler. If we can insure that the area in the cab is tight, we can greatly simplify the process of completing the restoration to operating condition, by not having to dismantle the backhead to repair leaks later. The larger goal in doing the hydro is to get all of the boiler that does not need further work tight. The only leaks should be in the areas we still need to work on.

I can't say when we will restart completely, We have had a couple of weeks of attendance, but I for one am not comfortable with the arrangement. Last week we have five people at the site, no masks, and not much social distancing. This is not comfortable for members of the most at-risk group.



THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC BROAD GAUGE DEPOT, SAN JOSE, CAL.

TROLLEY BARN QUARTERLY REPORT

From Bob Schneider.

HISTORY PARK CLOSURE: Consistent with San Jose City policy on the Corona virus Pandemic, the entire park is closed with only minimal staff on hand. With proper precautions we are getting in some Preventative Maintenance on the trolleys and weed abatement around the Barn.

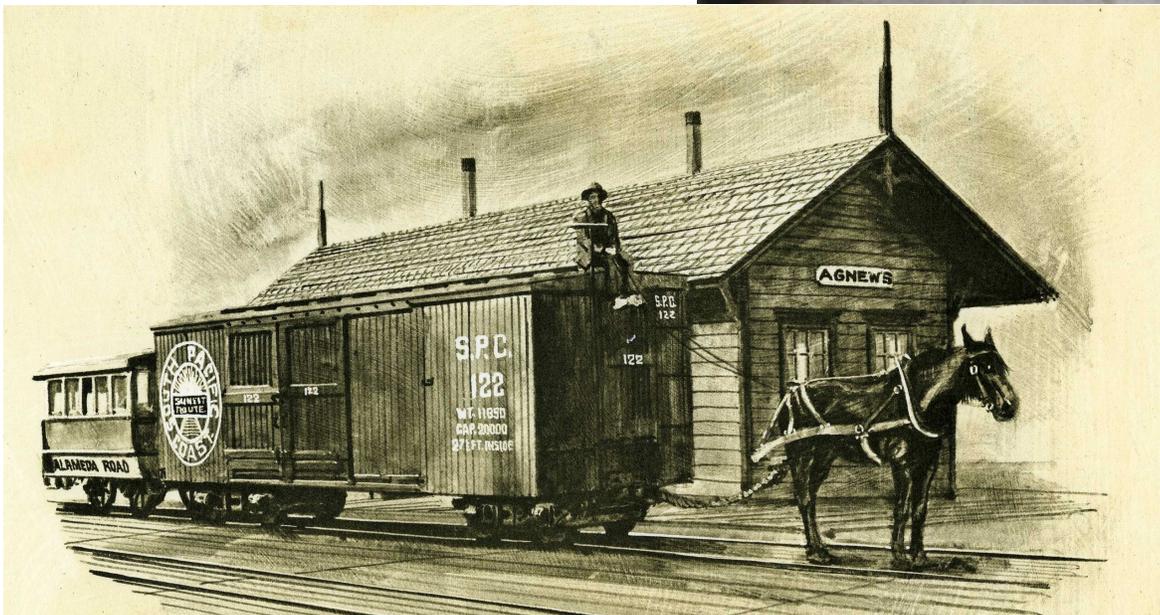
HERITAGE RAIL ALLIANCE (HRA): Both Spring and Fall Conferences have been cancelled.

BAMBOO POLES: Recently I showed bamboo poles. We temporarily attached a wire lengthwise to one of the poles with a hook on one end and bare wire to the other. We hung the hook to the trolley wire (with all DC power switched off) and ran the other end thru a voltmeter to the rail. Our reading was 3.5 VAC. For curiosity we held the pole vertically in air with the other end connected through the voltmeter to the rail. 1.5 VAC Our plan is to use this for safety while pruning trees near the wire.

JOHN DREW: On February 29 I gave a special tour of the Trolley Barn for John Drew, family

and friends. The group of 28 had light refreshments on the grounds, rides on a trolley, a side trip to O'Briens and a Trolley Barn tour that was enhanced by Pat Buder giving talks on Car 124. The event was John's 90th birthday.

ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION PANEL: We accepted this artifact but are in the process of gathering details



CALIFORNIA TROLLEY AND RAILROAD CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
 Pacific Hotel Conference Room – History San Jose
 1650 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95112

Thursday, February 21, 2020

PRESENT: Bill Schroh, Steve Pyle, Michael Kotowski, Marvin Bamberg, Dave Silva, Art Randall, Ken Middlebrook, Jim Helmer, Bob Schneider, Cyndy Atmore, Rod Diridon, Larry Murchison, Claire Kotowski,

ABSENT: Rick Kitson*, Matthew Quedo, Jonathan Seager, **GUEST:** Tony Rosetti (Volunteer) *Excused Absence

CALLED TO ORDER: President Kotowski called the meeting to order at 0805 hours.

MINUTES: MSP Diridon/Helmer to accept minutes of the November 21, 2019, 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kotowski presented the new Conflict of Interest Forms for all Board Members which had been approved in advance by David Sylva, Corporate Secretary and Attorney.

Kudos to L Murchison for a very well-done Clear Board Newsletter mailed recently. He also put together a treasure trove of over 400 pictures of CTRC history over the years. Thank you for your efforts.

Repairs/Painting for Trolley Barn: M Kotowski met with Schroh regarding needed repairs to the Trolley Barn, Pacific Hotel and the Firehouse at HSJ. It was found that the entrance to the Trolley Barn from inside the park is not ADA compliant. Bamberg has done drawings for this work. Schroh will approach the City of San Jose for their financial help.

Jody Meacham has resigned from the CTRC Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Pyle discussed the Balance Sheet and Profit Loss statement. He presented the current Financial Reports from Eric Heckman and Fidelity Investments. The Endowment group averages a 9% return. The return is partially what is used by CTRC to pay monthly bills. He reported that the Endowment Portfolio has a history of 4% growth. MSP Diridon/Middlebrook to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial report.

MSP Diridon/Sylva to utilize \$13,033 from the growth of the Endowment Fund for Operations annually.

Schroh reported that Local Grant Makers website lists many grant opportunities. It was suggested that the new Budget Committee look into this possibility.

Future grants from San Jose Rotary are temporarily blocked until the Seats and Signs on the exterior Trolley route are completed.

SCC HISTORICAL GRANT PROGRESS: The CTRC application for this grant for \$116,000 to complete Engine 2479 rebuild was submitted, on schedule, in June, 2019. A "Notice of Delay until March, 2020" was received.

HISTORY SAN JOSE REPORT: Schroh reported on a new photo exhibit "Her Side of The Story."

June 18, 2020 is the date for the HSJ Valley Event which will honor Sal Pizzaro. CTRC will pay for tickets for those from the Board of Directors who are interested in attending. Contact M Kotowski if you are interested.

Schroh has started a new program to open the buildings at HSJ on the weekend. Affiliates have been asked to have docents available to give tours. Schneider will work with the Trolley Barn volunteers.

HSJ is working with the College of Art and Design at San Jose State University to develop a new logo and rebranding HSJ. Schroh is very pleased with the results of this collaboration.

CLEARBOARD: L Murchison reported that the *CLEAR BOARD* has been mailed to 396 people on the recently updated mailing list. Kotowski reported that donations from the latest newsletter have already started to come in. L Murchison will set a date when ALL newsletter materials need to be to him or not be included until the next issue.

COMMUNICATIONS: M Kotowski discussed the need for an up-to-date promotional brochure for fund raising.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: MSP Sylva/Diridon to establish a Budget Committee to prepare a budget for CTRC to be discussed at the next meeting. Diridon volunteered to Chair the

committee until after April 15, 2020 at which time Pyle will take over the Chairmanship. The Budget Committee, at this time, consists of Treasurer and Chair Pyle, Temporary Chair Diridon, Bamburg, Randall, Schroh, Schneider, Heckman and M Kotowski. C Kotowski will attend meetings to record activities.

RAILROAD MUSEUM PROJECT: Bamburg: April 1, 2020 the County wants a proposal statement from CTRC regarding the needs assessment of the proposed investment in the area at the SCC Fairgrounds. He has put this together and developed sketches for the engine shops, round house, water tower and turn table. He sent this proposal to the Fair Management Corporation in February. The topic has been tabled for the Board of Supervisors until their May 21, 2020 meeting.

TROLLEY BARN ACTIVITIES: Schneider reported that 15 volunteers have been working on the trollies and one new member has joined them. Replacement brakes shoes have been installed on the Birney.

After walking the line outside the HSJ gate, Schneider found several issues-weeds, grass and trimming of the bushes alongside the tracks. Schneider will work with Schroh in getting this work done.

The HRA Fall Conference will be in Connecticut this year. Schneider is not sure he will be going as in past years.

VTA did not make their deadline in repairing Car 2001. It is possible CTRC can help with these repairs. TBD

LOCOMOTIVES: Randall reported most of the 2479 lettering has been done by hand by Tony Rosetti. Rosetti was present at the meeting and introduced. He is a retired Electrical Engineer, pilot and teacher.

The Hydrostatic test was done on Engine 2479 in 1980's (basic 60-pound test). At that time, there were a lot of leaks. He would like to do a new/non recorded test of the engine to find out its condition at this time.

FEATHER RIVER RR: Middlebrook has been reviewing the roof structure of the refrigerator car.

CURATION WORK: Middlebrook reported that he has been working to update the history boards that were used at the last SCC Fair.

There was a brief discussion of the 1914 Metz auto currently being stored in the Trolley Barn. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

GO FUND ME: M Kotowski has been working with Karl Auerbach and Steve Pyle to get a Go Fund Me account set to fund the OSH boxcar restoration. Google has approved funding to restore the OSH sign.

MEETING ADJOURNED: President Kotowski adjourned the meeting at 1015 hours.

Respectfully submitted by: Claire Kotowski, Executive Administrative Assistant

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<https://ctrc.org/>

<http://historysanjose.org/wp/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Pacific_1215

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Pacific_2479

<https://www.facebook.com/Southern-Pacific-2479-Steam-Locomotive-159989580109/timeline/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cNtjBoUH5g> (Little Buttercup walk-around movie)

<https://www.gluseum.com/US/San-Jose/185593484919580/Railroads-of-California>

<https://www.gluseum.com/US/San-Jose/114047105293462/Trolley-Barn>

InformationWork Schedule:

Saturday 8:30 to 3:30.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation (CTRC) is to restore and promote the legacy of rail transportation in the Santa Clara Valley.

CTRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Kotowski, **President**. The **Executive Committee** is: Marv Bamburg, Chair of Museum Project, Ken Middlebrook, VP Volunteers; Larry Murchison & Rick Kitson, Co-VPs Communications; Bob Schneider, VP Trolleys; Jack Young & Art Randall, Co-VPs Locomotives; David Sylva, Corp Secretary/Attorney; Steven Pyle, Treasurer. **Other Board Members** are Cindy Atmore, David Bini, Nuria Fernandez*, Jim Helmer, Brandon McCracken, Denis Murchison, Matthew Quevedo, Johnathan Seager.

Rod Diridon, Sr., Founder/Chair Emeritus

Board Executive Assistant Claire Kotowski

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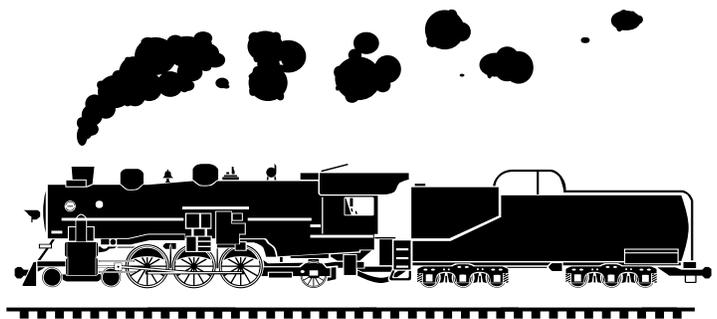
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Editor, Clearboard: Larry Murchison

COMING EVENTS

► Remember the Saturday workdays. Check with Art Randall at arandall@sonic.net for other work schedules including the 1215 beautification. All very important events. See you there.



► The next CTRC board meeting will be the annual BBQ for the volunteers and donors. Pending all other disasters it is scheduled for August 20th at HSJ under the trees. Anyone wishing to donate \$50.00 or more to help cover the cost will be so recognized as a "Friend of CTRC" and presented with a certificate and large signed RR Art print from the Mike Kotowski collection.

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