

# Trolley Barn Newsletter

June 2009

By Bob Schneider

**Holidays: Friday July 3 ....** Park Closed (staff holiday)

**Saturday July 4 ...** Park Closed , **then open at 5:30 for members' Picnic/Fireworks**

**Sunday July 5 ...** normal weekend opening

**Monday July 6 ...** Park Closed (Staff Furlough)

**Happy Hollow Line Electrification:** Mass Electric (Ron Kinney and team) returned on May 27 and worked like dogs (pardon the phrase, but they did) until they finished on May 30. Test runs conducted on May 30 were successful and Mass left with a job well done. We have a few loose ends to clean up, but we're capable of operating down to the Alma intersection. Getting ready required finishing a lot of items to include;

1. Installing the wire (of course)
2. Getting final signoff from the City of San Jose
3. Purchasing liability insurance for operation outside of the museum grounds
4. Getting final signoff of the Operating Rules by Rod Diridon and Alida Bray
5. Getting our motormen trained and qualified (in process).
6. Hatch Mott MacDonald designer signoff ( John Schlicht)
7. Successful test runs to show that the line is operational

The dedication was held on 6/3 to a very enthusiastic crowd. Lots of media coverage. CTRC folks were there in force. As Jimmy Holmes said: "I never thought I'd see this (event ) happen". Fred would have been very pleased.

I have asked the ARM Parts Committee for suggestions about removing asphalt on the last 750 feet of the new line. Nine answers that vary all over the place. When it comes to asking about items requiring tools/techniques on trackwork, we always get a huge and varied response.

**A visitor's Experience:** Today I was breaking up some wood stands and a young girl (10?) was watching me with more than idle curiosity. I had one in a vise and asked her to pull on a piece to make the joint break. She did somewhat cautiously, but harder when I asked her to. She seemed to like it, so I let her do another. We're on a roll here. While doing this she asked her older sister if she wanted to try. Her sister declined. The younger told me quietly "she's lazy". We broke up all the units and it was time to saw off some end pieces, so I took her to the Restoration Shop next door. Her Mom was there and said it was OK for her to run a few through the band saw. I showed her the technique and she was an expert from the first cut. She was one proud helper. Engage your audience.

## **Motorman/Host assignments for JULY:**

| <u>SAT.</u> | <u>Motormen</u> | <u>Host</u> | <u>SUN.</u> | <u>Motormen</u> | <u>Host</u>   |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 4           | CLOSED          | CLOSED      | 5           | Bingham         | Ouimett/Boehm |
| 11          | Baker           | Compton     | 12          | NO TROLLEY      | Raby/Hansen   |
| 18          | NO TROLLEY      | Schneider   | 19          | Ryan            | Stallard      |
| 25          | Butler          | Traill      | 26          | J. Maurer       | Hansen        |

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Installing the Last Pole

photo: Bob Schneider



Mass Crew Loading Wire for Stringing

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Mass Crew Installing Frog Photo: Bob Schneider



Birney During Test Run Photo: Jim Maurer



How Many CTRC Guys Does it Take? Photo Jim Maurer



Car 124 on First Test Run Photo: Jim Maurer



The "Un-cuttable" Ribbon

Photo: Bob Schneider