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Red Flag at End of Track going East



Photo by Kent Hedberg

Furtherest East any train has gone. Just short of Happy Valley Bridge.

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Along the Right of Way

I have to say that the month of November has not been a sleeper, by any means!

This is a nonprofit railroad run by volunteers, so we take on tasks ourselves, such as buying a new generator for our GP7 Western Pacific 713. I have to hand it to Gerry Feeney, Stephen Barkarie and Rich Anderson. This was a major undertaking for those who have never done something like this before!

After all the bolts were removed, the old generator was removed by Peninsula Crane, owned by Ed Sherman. Ed donated the crane rigging service for this job. A few days later, Ed got the new generator back in place, thus, many thanks go out to Ed! The locomotive still has a problem, however. The new flex plate that connects the Diesel engine to the generator is not the same as the old plate. It is a different, more modern style. At least though, the new

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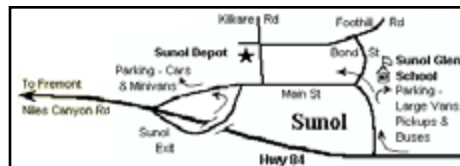
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MEETINGS

Most General Meetings take place at Sunol Glen School in Sunol.

Meetings are held in January, March, May, June, July, and October, but can be subject to cancellation.

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, December 14
at 10:00 am
White House
Brightside

Every Wednesday
and Saturday are
WORK DAYS
at the Brightside Yard

CLUB CAR DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for next month's issue of The Club Car is the **20th of this month**. Submitting articles is easy by e-mail in Word text format.

Send e-mail to:

clubcar@ncry.org

Digital photos may also be submitted by e-mail. Electronic images should be saved as PC format .jpg files with minimal compression (i.e., average to excellent quality). A text file with the photo number, description of photo and identifying the people in them is required.

The editor reserves the right to hold or edit material as necessary.

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General Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of January, May & July at 7:30 p.m. and the 3rd Saturday of March, June & October at 3:30 pm at the Sunol Glen School, two blocks east of the Depot on Main Street in Sunol, CA. Members, Sponsors & Guests are welcome.

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===== December Activities =====

December 10	2nd Tuesday	TOL Charter, Church Group, 7:00 pm (Sunol)
December 12	2nd Thursday	TOL Charter, Sunol School, 7:30 pm (Sunol)
December 14	2nd Saturday	Board of Directors Meeting, 10 am (Brightside)

Train of Lights (Niles & Sunol) The Alexanders

----- Membership Report -----

Along with the fabulous Train of Lights, December is membership renewal season at the PLA. Literally hundreds come due by the end of the year and it's a good chance yours could be one of these. To expedite the process, the most efficient way to renew is to do so and pay securely via the link sent in the renewal email you receive. If you prefer not to use a credit card, withhold payment when you reach this portion of your online renewal, print an invoice and mail it and your check for payment. If you prefer to conduct the whole process via US mail, notify the membership secretary at the information on Page Two of the Club Car and an invoice and return envelope will be sent. Thank you for your renewal!

A note to Life and Honorary members: Please do not be concerned when you receive an email every two years to renew, it is simply the PLA's way of staying in touch. Simply call or email the membership secretary that you have received the notice and your contact info remains the same, or update as need be. If a family member is a part of a family membership a Life member holds, this is the time to renew that

membership.

With the end of the year it is hoped the membership would consider a tax-deductible donation to the General Fund or a favorite restoration project. There are many large expenditures that will be required in the year ahead to maintain the PLA's mission statement: "To be an operating railroad museum...". From ongoing re-build on the right-of-way East to Pleasanton, to the restoration and repair of historically significant Steam and Diesel locomotives, to the more mundane but critical infrastructure repair and improvements required to maintain bridges and support the planned Engine Shop in Brightside your kind donations will be gratefully accepted and dutifully supervised by trusted and qualified volunteers who take their fiduciary responsibilities seriously. Thank you for your support in 2019!

Twelve new members have joined the PLA since the November Club Car and they are James Armario and Veena Roesler of Sunol's Casa Bella Bistro, Minerva Lopez along with family members Roger Ordonez, Angelo, Juliette and Emanuel Ordonez-Lopez, Scott

Maze, Jacques Verdier and the family of Daniel, Katie and Sophie Retz. The PLA welcomes you!

To conclude, I am pleased to announce that the PLA's volunteer coordinator Ed Best has taken charge of the important task of recording our organization's monthly volunteer hours. If you report your hours on a monthly basis, please ease Ed's task by providing your hours to: ncryvolunteerhours@gmail.com when he requests they be submitted to him via an email the first of each month. As always;

Work Smart – Work Safe!

Linda Stanley
Membership Secretary

December BOD Meeting

moved to 10 AM

on 12/14/2019

due to TOL,

in the White House

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**No membership meeting
in December**



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President's Report

First, I want to wish everyone reading this a safe, sane and joyous Holiday Season. Please partake in all the celebrations of the season and try to enjoy them with your family and friends. This holds especially true for all the volunteers helping out with our Train of Lights this year. Between the crazy schedule, the unexpected hiccups and the stress of operating so many nights, I know how exhausting it can all be. I want everyone to remember to enjoy their time and have fun.

The Niles Canyon Railway would also like to thank all of our friends who purchased tickets for our Annual Train of Lights, which is completely sold out again this year. The Train of Lights is our premier fund-raising event for the year, and the revenue it generates helps us support all our activities year-round. We hope those non-members reading this are aware that we do run trains all year long, and are much more than just a Holiday Train! Our Train of Lights is also probably one of the oldest in the nation, as it started over 28 years ago as a two-car train for the enjoyment of our members. It is also still an all-volunteer effort, as we have no paid staff, and we spend 3 months decorating the train starting around Labor Day!

We feel the Train of Lights is the finest Holiday Train in the World, as it is, to the best of our knowledge, definitely the longest (18 cars, just short of a quarter mile long at 1280 feet). It is also the most heavily decorated Holiday train we know of. While many people talk of having 'millions of lights' LED technology has made this difficult to track (some LED lamps have 4 lights in them). We do know that we have more lights on the train than ever, but again LED technology has lowered our power consumption from 65kW to around 20kW, so our carbon footprint is much less!

Our Train of Lights is more than a fund-raiser, it is truly a labor of love for our volunteers, many of whom dedicate their lives to seeing that this experience

is the best it can be. It takes over 30 volunteers just to staff the operation for each time it runs. It also takes many more volunteers to ensure the train is ready to run, is safe to run, and that all the infrastructure is functioning properly. Without our dedicated volunteers, it just doesn't happen. As an organization we understand the value our volunteers provide. We work hard to protect them and try hard not to wear them out, but it is not an easy task.

Something we learned this year is to be careful when scheduling events. While we knew we wanted to capitalize on the Sesquicentennial, we also had to be mindful of the impact of all those extra days on our volunteers and our equipment. The Train of Lights has become critical to our continued success, and all other activities need to be weighed against their impact on TOL. To this end I am forming an Operations Committee to evaluate our operations and help us to focus on those that are most beneficial to our overall health. This may mean significant changes to our schedules (or no change at all), and possibly combining events to maximize our volunteer utilization. We have had a significant uptick in Charter requests, thanks to the weddings being hosted at Casa Bella in Sunol. The tariff committee reviewed the demands and reformulated our charter rates. While we significantly raised the fees, there was minimal impact on demand. Still demand is higher than what we can handle with our volunteers, and we need to limit them to a finite number. Money is great, but it will never overtake the value our volunteers provide. The new committee will look at a variety of options to us. If you are interested in serving on this committee, are familiar with our operations, and know our history and mission, drop me an email at president@ncry.org.

I know it is difficult to ask folks to volunteer during the Holiday season, but I do want to ask you to consider volunteering to help us with our operations

during the rest of the year. Your doing so allows us to ensure our critical experienced volunteers are available for the Train of Lights operations. You will gain valuable experience, and also (here's the best part) earn tickets for the Volunteer Appreciation Train of Lights runs we operate as a way of saying Thank You to our volunteers!

An unusual opportunity was presented to us from the Center for Railroad Photography & Art, based in Madison, Wisconsin. They hold conferences in Lake Forest, Illinois called Conversations where they host a roster of presenters who give presentations on their expertise and interest in railroad imagery and its significance. See their website for more information: www.railphoto-art.org/conversations-2019. They will be offering 4 full docent scholarships to young (18-30 years of age) or emerging railroad photographers/ visual artists for their upcoming conference April 17-19, 2020. They have asked me to share this opportunity with our members who may be, or may know of people who might be interested in this opportunity, and meet their criteria. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact me directly for more information. I also will be sharing this with the graphics departments at the area Colleges.

As always, if you would like to discuss any topic in further detail, please contact me by phone at 925.447.7358 or by email at president@ncry.org.

Respectfully submitted
Henry Baum



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Treasurer's Report

Happy Holidays are Near –

At Thanksgiving we members of the PLA can give thanks that our flagship holiday train, the Train of Lights, is so popular that it sells out 99% in 3 hours. This activity funds itself and over half of our other regular operations. Now, as operators of Niles Canyon Railway and its Train of Lights, we all need to step up and volunteer for a shift or two so we can deliver the holiday treat our customers have paid for. There are many jobs that need doing, and it's easy to sign up online.

Our railway gets support from our members, and our customers; from the County and cities we operate in; from local and national suppliers and

contractors. Most recently, working with our local bank we were able to set up an interest-bearing account for our short-term cash that draws 1.74%. That is huge, and very beneficial to us because we earn so much cash from the TOL. It's best if it works for us while being stored until it is needed through the rest of the year.

Speaking of support for the PLA, individuals made donations totaling \$6,562 during October. Generous contributions were designated for the diesel KM9010, the SP2473/74 Articulated Chair Car, Maintenance of Way operations, both the new Locomotive and Car Shops, as well as our General Fund. There was also an in-kind contribution made

of services for diesel loco SP1423. These donations are invaluable to this organization. If you would like to support the Niles Canyon Railway you can make a donation to the General Fund; or you can designate the use of your donation for any specific project we have under way. Right now that may include any of the projects mentioned above as well as restoration of the new GN1242 Ranch Car, or a new paint job for a deserving locomotive, passenger or freight car. For more information look in our Club Car newsletter, ask any uniformed volunteer, or send me an email.

Pat Stratton, Treasurer
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A Big Thank you to all TOL Volunteers

As you read this, we are well into our Train of Lights season. A big thank you to all who signed up for all of the positions on the train and off the train. Thank you to all of the car and caboose hosts, snack bar help, gift shop workers, Santa's and Mrs. C. (because the real big guy and his wife couldn't be there), engineers, firemen, brakemen, conductors, electricians, people who made food for the crews, parking lot and ticket booth workers, Chinese exhibit hosts, and everyone behind the scenes like all of our interior and exterior decorators who started decorating in August this year, and then will take off

the decorations in January, and everyone else who worked to ready the train for the season. This is always a joint effort put on for the public and to make our capital for the coming year, and it takes many people to do everything.

As of this writing, we were still a little short for people helping in different spots at the end of December, so if you find yourself with some free time and don't know what to do, check online, or send me an email and I can look it up.

Thank you again, and have a terrific Christmas,

donna
station-agent@ncry.org

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generator is in the locomotive and not on the ground! The WP 713 is several weeks away from being back on line. In fact, I would say it will be in early January. The flex plate changeover will take place in another week.

I have to hand it to Mad Max and its builder Stephen Barkkarie! You just wish you had it for your front yard! Stephen had Mad Max out blowing leaves when it ran out of gas. I guess you can tell where this happened. This crazy looking thing actually works! The unit is portable and is available to other railroads for leaf removal. Of course, there is an operational fee along with Stephen's fee for being there to operate Mad Max.

We recently changed Port-O-Pottie suppliers for facilities in Brightside, Sunol Depot and Niles Station. You have to love our new out houses. They are very nice with many new and improved features. For one thing, they are much better looking, but the biggest feature is the wash sink. Yes, each unit has one on the other side of the fancy door. I want to thank Rich Alexander and Bob Bradley for taking care of the change in companies. They did a great job which was not all that easy, including moving out of the old out houses and unloading the new ones.

The Steam Crews had the SKOOKUM out for a run on Saturday, 11/16. It ran fine with its little freight train consist. The engine has had a lot of adjustments done to it and it is starting to be a reliable engine once again. This run was a good time to get some training in for our people and ROOTS OF MOTIVE POWER personnel who have been doing a lot of the work on the engine. The freight cars went through their required inspections per our waiver since they will be used in a photo train on an upcoming charter.

Also, on 11/16, personnel from the Sunol Cal-Fire Station stopped by to check our people out on the use of



Photo by Steve Barkkarie

Mad Max makes the difference in keeping track clean of leaves.



Photo by Dexter Day

Skookum training with test train.

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our new fire truck. They also delivered to us some surplus fire hoses. Now we have a fully operational fire truck, though its primary planned use will be to pump feed water from our tank cars to our steam locomotives.

Stephen Barkkarie, Mike Strider and other members have been working steadily out on the East End getting track ready for a test train. It is hard to see what has been going on with the East End expansion. The "EOT" (End of Track) is way up the hill and is approaching Happy Valley Bridge.

The 2019 TOL test train was held on Tuesday 11/19, prior to Thanksgiving since Santa will be arriving early on the NCRY. The trip was a Great run. We took the TOL East of Verona road for the first time. A lot of work was put in out on the East End, and we wanted to show it off to those on the train. It was perfect weather with a little rain thrown in, but who cares? It's the Train of Lights! Next year, we will have the train across the Happy Valley Bridge and heading East. The railroad is in a building mode. Remember the old cry, "Go West young man"? Now it is, "Head East to Pleasanton. We are coming!"

After TOL Season is over, we may continue to test the Eastern section of Right-of-Way using Motorcar M200. I'm just thinking out of the box at this moment. If the tests will be conducted with the M200, it will get the call when the tests are ready to take place. It's a perfect car for that route and I'll advise on the result. The trouble with East End operation is the need to recruit and train additional crew members and what we get out of it (cost to benefit ratio).

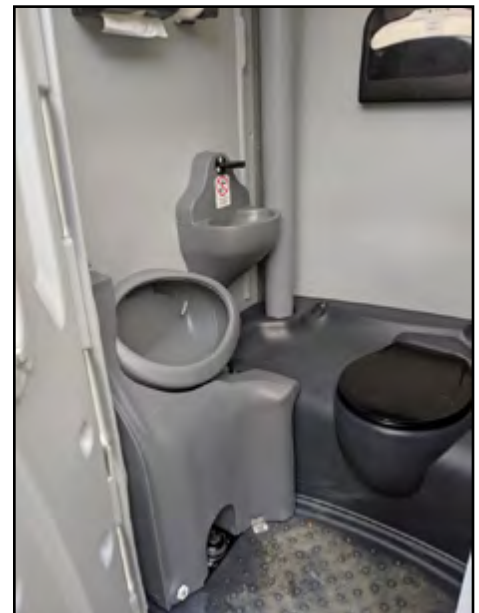
That's it for this month.... hope all of you have a great Christmas, holiday season and New Year. Until next year, be safe and hope to see you along the right of way!

Dexter D. Day
General Manager



Photo by Jim Evans

Thanks to efforts by Steve Slabach who was instrumental in getting PLA this 1990 Model 9 surplus Ford Cal Fire engine, we also got a friendly visit on Saturday, November 16th from Cal Fire staff from Sunol station who spent an hour with us to help us learn how the rig operates. Present for this informative session was Henry Baum, Linda Stanley, Steve Jones, Dave Burla, Steve Slabach, and Jim Evans.



Photos by Dexter Day

New look for our out houses on NCRY. Better facilities all in one unit.

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Santa visits our 2019 Train of Lights



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Santa visits Train of Lights Test Run Crew



Photos on Page 8 & 9

By Dan Sarka

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Vegetation control along the Right of Way

I have been a member of the PLA for nearly 20 years, and an active member of the Brush Cutting Gang for about 13 years. In all that time, I believe that the past two years have been the most intense in terms of tree limb failure incidents and Vegetation Control intensity. Last year, we saw a couple of mature trees slide down the hill in mud and rock slides. This year, we have seen almost a dozen cases of large limbs cleaving off of mature trees. The combination of excessive rain, excessive drought and excessive wind in the past few years has not been kind to the canyon.

A week before press time, we lost a limb on one of the three massive Eucalyptus trees at the East end of the Niles Parking lot in the big wind storm we experienced in late October. As it failed, the limb took two more limbs below it. A week later, the Monterey Pine at the West end of the Niles parking lot lost a limb. It was over 20 inches across at the butt end. That incident happened on a windless day!

In the first week of November, field specialists from Alameda County came to the yard with special off-road equipment and treated all of the Poison Oak from Niles to Sunol. They spent a total of 4 days working with us to beat this menace back from the ROW. They will return in the Spring for a re-treatment. This is the first time in my experience that Poison Oak has been specifically addressed, and I am personally very grateful for the County support.

Back before we obtained our new Bandit chipper 2 years ago, we were limited on size and volume of slash we could process in one day. As a consequence, the vegetation was growing

faster along the ROW than we could cut back. Now, the new chipper allows us to be more aggressive. We are pushing growth farther away from the track so the risk of branches touching the equipment is reduced for longer periods of time. We are also looking to eliminate small saplings growing up under established mature trees. The small growth will never thrive in the shadows of the bigger trees, so it is better to thin them out sooner rather than later.

Regularly scheduled brush cutting happens on the 4th Saturday of the

month, and the second Wednesday of the month. We are always looking for volunteers to participate in our vegetation clean up campaigns. Give some thought as to how you will spend your time in the new year. This is very fulfilling work. My contact info is published in several locations in the Club Car. Send your Brush Cutting Questions to me at fcocompost@aol.com. I look forward to working with you in 2020.

**Your Brother in Sawdust,
Steve Jones**



Niles Canyon Railway's 2019 Train of Lights

Online Ticket Sales October 12

Nov. 22 - Dec. 30	\$30.00 Gen. seating
Every Fri., Sat.	\$60.00 First Class
Sun. Wed.	Dome Car & Parlor Car
Round trips from	\$650.00 Caboose rental
4:30 Niles/ Fremont	(Flat Fee)
7:30 Sunol	An operating railroad museum
NCRy.org	510-996-8420

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Fred Krock, our legendary broadcasting veteran, Niles Canyon Docent is retiring

Thank You Fred Krock!

For almost ten years now, Fred has been the narrative voice for both our regular Sunday and Train of Lights NCRy trains. In fact, Fred has participated in every operation of TOL for several Holiday seasons.

This is extreme dedication and his efforts have greatly enhanced the riding experience for hundreds of our NCRy passengers.

Fred will be hard to replace. Rich Alexander and I will be seeking new volunteers to do the on train docent commentary for regular Sunday operations in 2020 and beyond.

We wish Fred a happy retirement and hope to see him as a frequent visitor on our Niles Canyon Railway trains.

Jim Evans

Niles Canyon Railway Docent Coordinator



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----- Wednesday MoW Report -----

The WEDMOW (Wednesday Maintenance of Way) team continued doing whatever is necessary during the months of October and November. Whether called on to: 1. Clearing trees under the Farwell Bridge, 2. Changing out broken joint bars, 3. Installing and/or replacing railroad warning signs, 4. Assisting with TOL decorating, 5. Ensuring the tie plates are present and installed correctly, 6. Correcting a frozen open joint (by removing, greasing and reinstalling joint bars at 9 joints), 7. Replacing Track Mat oil absorbent pads at the Sunol Depot, 8. Clearing vegetation between and adjacent to the tracks, 9. Supporting the Brush Cutting Blitz team, 10. Profiling a section of main line track in the Brightside yard, 11. Gathering and sorting OTM (Other Track Material) from previous work locations, 12. Performed switch adjustment, 13. Inspected, adjusted and refilled flange lubricators, 14. Performed Safety Watchman duties for the Alameda County Poison Oak Eradication Spray Team, 15. Inspected the right of way after the wind storms, 16. Continued development on the Heavy



Photo by Wes Van Osdol

Profiling the Main Line, Ron Thomas, Pat Stratton, Bob Pratt, Dee Murphy and Pat Hafey supervise while Steve Barkkari works.



Photo by Bob Pratt

Cleaning up Giant Eucalyptus Tree in Niles, after wind storm.

Hauler, 17. Continued Brightside monitoring and maintenance of air compressors and rubber tires, 18. Performed major cleanup from downed limbs in Niles, 19. Installed the WEDMOW Tree of Lights on the steam shop wall, 20.

Prepared for winter rains by Inspecting culverts, 21. Looked for and removed vegetation "ticklers" to the East End of Track, 22. Participated in the Sunol Glen School Halloween festivities.

The following individuals enjoyed

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----- Wednesday MoW Report -----

at least some of the above activities during this period: John Zielinski, Mark Whitman, Wes Van Osdol, Doug Vanderlee, Ron Thomas, Pat Stratton, Jim Stewart, Ken Southwick, Bob Pratt, Gregg McNaughton, Sierra Murphy, Dee Murphy, Steve Jones, Pat Hafey, Henry Baum, and Stephen Barkkarie.



Photo by Wes Van Osdol
Correcting a Frozen open Joint, Pat Hafey and Pat Stratton.



Photo by Wes Van Osdol
Laying new Track Mat at Sunol Station are Pat Hafey, Pat Stratton and Ron Thomas.



Photo by Dee Murphy
WEDMOW participation in annual Sunol Glen School, Halloween parade were Pat Hafey, Dee Murphy, Sierra Murphy, Bob Pratt, Jim Stewart, Ron Thomas.

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

East Track Build Now Within Sight of Mile Post 39

On November 2nd the Saturday maintenance-of-way (MoW) crew advanced the Eastward building of our mainline another 200 feet toward Pleasanton with 5 track panels laid in place. We are now within sight of mile post (MP) 39 and the Happy Valley bridge. We are now caught up with the current location of the ballast reclamation as performed by Steve Barkkarie. Steve will next excavate, grade and reclaim the ballast in the remaining part of the curve with our ballast shaker and backhoe toward the Happy Valley bridge. The next scheduled effort the MoW crew will concentrate on is the hardening of the track within the panels we laid so that the track can be properly ballasted, surfaced and lined. In addition, and as many of you are now aware, the track has been tamped all the way to the east end of the tangent near MP 38.7 where we took the Train-of-Lights test train on November 19th to that point for the first time ever.

Mike Strider



Photo by Frank Fontes

Mike Strider (on flat car) and Steve Barkkarie (operating Burro crane) stockpiling track panels for storage at end of track November 11.



Photo by Frank Fontes

Walking track panel to end of track November 2, 2019.



Photo by Frank Fontes

MOW crew aligning track panel at end of track November 2, 2019.

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

October Volunteer Report

By Ed Best

The following is a list of the people who helped run your railroad in October. Please print your name clearly on all sign in sheets so it can be read. If you find that your name is misspelled, please inform me of the correct spelling. You can also send hours by e-mail to ncryvolunteerhours@gmail.com.

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GIFT SHOP

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Benefitting from the recent brush cutting, #7 has its train stretched out along the wall just west of Farmer's Crossing.