



# THE CLUB CAR



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## Are we there yet? Heading to Pleasanton



*Photo by Barry Lependorf*

Track heading to Pleasanton, looking West toward Verona Crossing.

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We are in the doldrums of post-holiday activity, and things are good. First I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make this year's TOL a rousing success. If you helped out for 4 hours or 200, the organization wants you to know that we highly value every minute you helped out. While I would love to thank each of you personally, by the time I did we'd be decorating the train again for next year.

A lot of people think the TOL is over after the last train run. Au contraire. There is still a lot of TOL activity going on. First and foremost, now the train needs to be undecorated. The interior

team is making great progress, and may be finished by the time you read this. The exterior team is also making progress, but they are being hampered by some unusual thing called rain. Four years of drought had a good side, because your work was never hindered by the weather. This year, the storms have been rolling through steadily. But progress continues with every workday, even if it is slower than desired.

The return of rain also has brought with it the looming threat of mud slides and rock slides. While Niles Canyon

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**OUR MISSION:** To be an operating railroad museum for standard gauge railroading, past, present and future, with emphasis on the Western United States and special emphasis on Northern California.

# ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

February 13	2nd Saturday	Board of Directors Meeting, 3 p.m. (Sunol Depot)
February 27	4th Saturday	Brush Cutting, 8 a.m. (Brightside)
March 12	2nd Saturday	Board of Directors Meeting, 3 p.m. (Sunol Depot)
March 19	3rd Saturday	General Meeting, 4:00 p.m. (Sunol Glen School)
March 26	4th Saturday	Brush Cutting, 8 a.m. (Brightside)
New Member Orientation by Appointment Only - Glenn - 510-793-0270 or grfoun10@aol.com		

All General Meetings take place at the Sunol Glen School in Sunol, meetings are held in January, March, May, June, July, and October, but can be subject to cancellation.

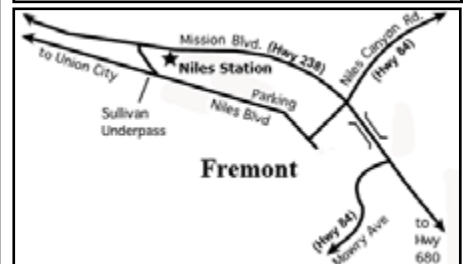
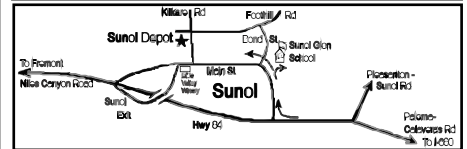
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## The Club Car

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 MS Word™ text format.

Send e-mail to:  
**clubcar@ncry.org**

Digital photos may also be submitted on digital media or 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.

To send documents, articles or photos, by snail mail, contact the editor at (510) 431-3401 for mailing instructions.

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, March, May, June, July, and October, beginning at 7:30 p.m. 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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## President's Report

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Highway has been closed several times due to rock slides, we have been very lucky that the sequential storms have had large enough gaps between them to allow the hillsides to drain and not become saturated. Of course, that won't last. But I am knocking on wood like crazy.

We are going to see if we can get the stretch of track between Happy Valley Bridge and Verona Road laid out and hardened up this year. This involves using the panel track we have stockpiled there. The current plan is to grade and prepare the roadbed, laying a base of reclaimed ballast as we go. Then we will lay out the panels, off to the side of the prepared road bed. We then believe the new forklift and the Burro crane should be able to easily position the panels in place, and we can get them bolted up.

A lot of thought and preparation has also gone into dealing with the fact that the panels do not provide staggered joints. I have heard this called 'English Track' as apparently in England the joints are not staggered. We will use a short piece of rail (called a 'Dutchman') to take the stagger out of our track, and then bolt up 3 to 5 panels of track, ballasting and tamping to lock the track in place. Then we will remove the Dutchman, and using some specialized bracketry designed and built by Steve Jones, attempt to re-introduce the 'stagger' in the one rail. Then we move the Dutchman to the end of track and repeat the process. We don't know how it is going to work, but we will find out this year.

I talked to Henry Luna recently, who wants to see if he can gather a few good people to help him re-activate the member activity for railfan excursions. The PLA was actually founded based on a desire to find unusual and exciting opportunities to visit and ride trains around the world. I know I enjoyed my trips to Cuba, China, and Copper

Canyon, to name a few. And I certainly kicked myself for the excursions I missed, especially the Great Slave Lake Canadian trip.

The PLA will probably never have the ability to create and sponsor rail excursions, but they can certainly help find interesting trips and pass the information to our members. And if there is enough demand for excursions, and enough member involvement that Henry can actually train members to create excursions, it would be a good

thing for the organization. But a lot of things have changed in 50 years, so opportunities are drying up and it just may not be practical. But it doesn't hurt to test the waters. And I am glad Henry is still able to guide this effort. Contact Henry at (925) 705 7986.

If you would like to discuss these or any other issues, please contact me at [President@ncry.com](mailto:President@ncry.com) or call me at 925.447.7358.

Respectfully submitted  
Henry Baum

## Commissary Department

I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped with commissary during the Train of Lights.

Our commissary department plays a big part in adding to the experience our guests enjoy on their Christmas journey. Because we had two cars to staff for our regular passengers, plus the first class dome car and parlor car it required a minimum of 10 people per night to staff the train.

There were times when I wasn't sure we were going to make it, but everyone came together and signed up to help,

and we did it! This year we added the parlor car which increased our need for volunteers and gave us an opportunity to learn new things it was a great success. It just keeps getting better and we are looking forward to a very successful 2016.

Thank you  
**Commissary manager**  
**Bob Bradley**



### March General Meeting Date & Time Change

The March General meeting will be held at the Sunol Glen School as usual, however it will be on:

**Saturday, March 19  
at 4:00 p.m.**

### RECERTIFICATION CLASS TRAIN CREW ENGINE CREW

**MARCH 5, 12 & 13  
Brightside  
(in the White House)  
0900am-1230pm  
mandatory attendance**

contact:  
[traincrews@comcast.net](mailto:traincrews@comcast.net)  
to reserve spot  
bring rule book and  
timetable

## NILES CANYON RAILWAY

# Along the Right of Way

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

January saw the NCRY say good-bye to the 2015 TOL. This was one heck of a season for us. It was so good! I got an email from the FRA questioning my passenger count and passenger miles traveled. Really, I told them that what you see is what we carried and for the passenger miles carried, I had my shoes off. I also mentioned that there was a note where it was supposed to explain this increase. I guess they bought it, haven't heard back from them. For them it is something that they do not see any place in the U.S.A. When you check other railroads in the area of our type of operation with a train of our size, they can't picture that many people in one month for a Christmas train. The last time this happened, in the FRA Washington Headquarters, there was a Sunset Magazine laying on a coffee table which had a feature article on the NCRY. It said we carried 50,000 passengers and we were all volunteer operated railroad. Explaining how we operate and what we operate. Within two weeks, I had an inspector from SAC to inspect the equipment that we use on our trains. What does this prove? We handle more passengers on this train TOL in one month than some operations do for the whole year if they are lucky. We are very lucky. We have the base to support our operation. This is important to have programs that we introduce each year that might be different from what we have done in past. But the base is there to support it in this area. They always have been there and they look forward to what we come up with year to year. Our passengers don't know much about railroading. They like trains and they have fun. Walla! Formula established.

TOL knock down is well underway from inside and out. Yes, what goes up comes down. Yes, that is a little sadistic, since we do this each year that we do the TOL. But the crews that put this stuff on the TOL takes it down



Photo by Dexter D. Day

### Warren Benner paint job on baggage car, WP13.

and check it out for lights on. Wow, they still work.

Jim Green has a contractor that has the Diner in his crosshairs. This is like an aircraft pre-take off check list. "Gas on, Ice Box electrical on, Heat on, AC on, Blowers on, Check list complete". That was for the Diner. Look at articulated coach. It will have heat, AC and charm of the Daylight era, also toilets.

The Combine might still be able to have all the rivets applied to the roof. But not welded. This is unfolding. This is like a zoo. We are a rolling museum. It would be easy if we were a tourist railroad. But we are established as a rail museum.

Warren Brenner. Who has the watch on him? Or do you know what he is doing? On what piece of equipment is he working on? He attacks a piece of

equipment and it gets done. The latest masterpiece is the UP green Goddess in the driveway for all to see. Wear sun glasses. Not done yet.

Yes, it is March and time for our yearly Recertification Class at Brightside for all Train and Engine crews. The meetings this year have been divided up for two Saturdays and one Sunday. The dates chosen are March 5th, 12th and 13th. The Classes will begin at 9:00am to about 12:30pm at the White House. Bring rule book and Timetable. Pen in hand would help along with a little studying prior to coming to class.

Well, that's it for this month. Hope all have a great month and be safe in your working habits. Hope to see you along the right of way.

**Dexter D. Day**

## 2015 Train of Lights Wrap Up

February.....we did it; we made it through another Train of Lights event!! Thank you so much to everyone who helped and came out once, twice, or more nights for this amazing fundraiser. It could not happen if it weren't for everyone banding together to make it the success it was. We did have a few uh-ohs, what ifs, and will we have enough volunteers, but everything worked out, and we can rest for a few months before we start all over again. If you didn't have a chance to help out this year, please consider coming out for our 2016 Train of Lights. I feel it's much like a theatrical production: preparing the train like a stage, with all of the scenery and backdrop curtains being readied for the opening night. Then each night, prepping the train, everyone getting in place for when the curtain goes up, or the train departs from Brightside. Act One is at Niles/Fremont, getting everyone ticketed, punching their tickets, and getting the passengers seated, Santa sauntering down the aisles greeting everyone on board, and our illustrious snack



The Train of Lights at the Sunol Depot.

bars warming the insides of so many passengers with their delicious hot chocolate and cookies. Then we go to Act Two at Sunol, doing everything all over again but with a different group of passengers. They marvel at our volunteers' ability to decorate these cars inside and outside in the three months it takes to ready our cars, and thank us so many times each night for doing what we do, knowing that we are all volunteers, and don't have to be out there each night, but we are because we love what we do. We're a great bunch of people, a wonderful "chosen" family that works together to put on an amazing event every year for returning and new passengers, and I thank you for all of your hard work and continued support.

donna alexander

**2015 Train of Lights  
Wrap-Up Meeting  
and  
2016 TOL Planning  
will be on  
Saturday,  
February 27th  
10:00 a.m.  
at the White House  
at Brightside.**

### TRAIN CREW KEYS

Need keys for Train Crew?

Get essential keys for  
Brakemen &  
Train operations

Switch Lock Key

(for Switches)

Old "S" key

Gate key

Car key, etc.

**Key Contact:**  
**Derek Schipper**  
at

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## Gift Shop News & Notes

Since the PLA is a SPH&TS dealer, we have their quarterly magazine SP TRAINLINE available for only \$11.00. The winter edition, No. 126, is now available. There are two copies of the fall edition, number 125 still available as well and they are priced at \$9.95 each.

Members can buy any book published by the SPH&TS at the regular 10% PLA member discount and, there is no shipping cost associated with your book purchase. Watch for details of the upcoming title next month, right here in the Gift Shop News and Notes

Fifteen brand new refrigerator magnets are set to make their debut in 2016. Images range from the Train of Lights to engines working on the railroad. These magnets should be seen to fully appreciate them.

Also new this year is a brand new collection of post cards. Again they need to be seen to be appreciated.



*Photo by Curt Hoppins*

Keeping with current FRA regulations we are installing new blue ENS (Emergency Notification Sign) signs at all our grade crossings.

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER? START HERE!

### VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

**BRUSH CUTTING** - Clearing the RoW of bushes and trees - Steve Jones - fcocompost@aol.com  
**CAR DEPARTMENT** - Maintenance and repair - Tom Crawford - tom@thecrawfordfamily.net  
**COMMISSARY** - Food Service on the trains - Bob Bradley - ncry.commissary@yahoo.com  
**GIFT SHOP** - Work in the Sunol Gift Shop - David Ernest - giftshop@ncry.org  
**MOW CREW - (WEDNESDAY)** - Work on track repair, etc. - Joe Peterson - wedmow@ncry.org  
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## Membership Report

Does your sweetie get a little jealous when you come out to work on your first love, the railroad? Is that really jealousy or could it be envy? A good many couples among our members have found the solution to that problem. They both come out to volunteer for PLA, if not together then at least on similar schedules. They tell me life gets a lot easier when the passion for trains and for this organization is shared with their partners, at least to some extent.

Speaking of couples, our newest members this month, while few in number, are all clever enough to have entered into Family Memberships. They are new family member David Boyd and the family of Aron, Chelsea, and Nicholas Digumarthi. We hope they, too, will get more out of their membership experience by sharing it together.

Another thing we hope they will enjoy together is the party we are throwing in April. See the notice on the back cover. It is important that we know well in advance how many of you to expect at the party. Please let me know as soon as you have a pretty good idea whether or not you can be there to share in the fun, with the members you work with on the railroad and with some you have never met before.

And here's another heads up for you. Not only the party in April, but also the General Meeting in March will be on a Saturday at 4 pm. Each year we deal in a different way with a schedule conflict in March in our normal meeting place. This year, it is the time that will change, rather than the location. If you have been missing our regular meetings because of the difficulty of getting to Sunol in Friday night traffic, this will be the change that works for you.

Until then, work safe and play safe. Do what you love and love what you do. We are here to do both.

**Peter Midnight**

## Treasurer's Report

Paul Veltman, Treasurer

### December 2015 Report

**Donations in the amount of \$4,230 were received in December. That included \$475 for the General Fund, \$2,405 for the SP 9010, \$250 for the SP10040 Dining Car and \$1,100 contribution to the endowment.**

### DECEMBER PLA DONORS

Donations were received from Henry Baum, Michael Brilliot, Phil Copple, Jon Cure, Everywhere West LLP, Andrew Goodson, Anthony Gura, Jack Harrington, Michael Johannsen, Paula Lion, David Maris, Chad McFarlin and Thomas Myers.

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Steam City at the Sunol Depot.

*Photo by Dan Sarka*



Niles Canyon Railway Presents:

# ROMANCE ON THE RAILS

**Make your Valentine's Day truly unforgettable!**

Experience the magic of a bygone era as you travel through scenic Niles Canyon on a vintage train from Sunol to Niles and back.

The train features Southern Pacific 10040 Parlor Car newly restored to its elegant 1920's appearance. The car is climate controlled for your comfort, and attendants will be on board to assist during your trip. An open-air car is also included on the train for your viewing enjoyment.

Note: The parlor car is not wheelchair-accessible due to the narrow passage on our vintage equipment.



**Two Valentine's Day Wine Tasting trains depart Sunol, CA,  
February 14, 2016 at 12:00pm and 3:00pm.**

1920's - 1940's attire admired but not required.

**Tickets: \$75.00** plus small ticketing fee

Trains depart Sunol Depot (6 Kilcare Rd., Sunol, CA)  
Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure. Seating is limited.

To purchase tickets visit our website: [ncry.org](http://ncry.org)  
Must be 21 years old and older. No pets or personal food or drinks allowed.

**Contact Bob Bradley: (510) 910-7024**



## **Scenes at Brightside**



*Photo by Don Buchholz*

On a Saturday stroll around Brightside, the photographer is engaged by Warren Benner, who shows him around the shop and paint cars. Here in the paint car, a former Southern Pacific commuter coach, we're looking at recently sandblasted parts of the stove from the Yosemite Valley combine..



*Photo by Don Buchholz*

Bill Ross is closing the smokebox on ex-Quincy Railroad No. 2. The following Saturday, he says, some lucky volunteer is going to crawl in there to clean it and get good and dirty in the process.

# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

## Sierra Scenic Special Train

After several years of meager snowfall in the mountains, winter has finally arrived in grand style.

Join us as we wind our way to Reno aboard the Sierra Scenic special train, March 1 - 3 for a two night stay at the Eldorado Hotel. Traversing the beautiful Sierras in the heart of winter amongst a group of happy rail fans is an experience not to be missed. Price \$305 per person, double occupancy

includes roundtrip rail, hotel, most meals and more.

Call Henry or Connie Luna at (925) 705 7986 for information and reservations. Phone calls only please.

### DEPARTURE DATE

**Tuesday March 1**

Train departs Emeryville at 10:30am. You may board the train at Emeryville, Richmond, Martinez, Suisun, Sacramento or Roseville.

### RETURN DATE

**Thursday March 3**

Leaving Reno at 10:00am



## Niles Canyon Railway wants you!

It's not often we have a variety of Positions available at the same time on the Niles Canyon Railway from M of W, Commissary, engine wiper or qualify for train or engine crew. A Broad spectrum of jobs and the interest and talents of our many members are looking for a match. If you are interested, Contact:

**Kent Hedberg** (Volunteer Coordinator)  
**hedbergs@sbcglobal.net**  
**510-793-7153**



*Photo by Joe Ward*

PLA McCloud River Railroad Excursion, January 1970.



## Wednesday Maintenance of Way

That's right, in spite of all the horrific weather forecasts, the Mighty Ballasteritos did show up in Brightside (including one Newbie!) to check out the railroad. Both Wednesdays went about the same, once the rain stopped, we went to work. Solved an air problem on Big Bird so Ron Thomas, Steve Lowe, Greg LaFramboise and Bob Pratt could head west to inspect the ROW and reported that the western end was in good shape.

While they were out, Pat Hafey, Pat Stratton and yours truly dismantled the Tree-of-Lights and packed it away until next October.

Upon the return of the Western explorers, we had lunch ending with Mom's Christmas Cookies for dessert. Once replenished, the Western team became the Eastern team and checked out that part of the railroad and found a couple of areas to be dealt with. While out, they also filled the Blue Rooms water jug.

To create marshalling space, we moved the MarkLift up onto the White House plateau. Man, that thing moves SLOW! That marshalling space is now a hazmat area that needs soil checking by engineers.

Whenever it does rain, we work on a list of "smaller" chores. You know, the ones that never get done ;-)

Joseph Dougherty, on loan from Amtrak, joined in to lend a hand! As did Rich Alexander, trading help exchanging gas cylinders for a discourse on pneumatic controls that helped with the Tamper discovery. Even Gregg McNaughton, Craig Kauffman, John Zielinski and Karen Kadaja were also participants in the month of fun ;-)

New brake shoe installed on Mongo, checked brakes on Tie Handler taking note on part number to order replacements, took a trip to Dresser Bridge for measurements then cut up some of the conveyor belts for future installation, moved large tire from gas

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Photo by Joe Peterson

I think that is Rich Alexander looking under the tender with Ron Thomas while Pat Hafey, Greg LaFramboise and Bob Pratt look on.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Ron's happy face shows that he found the bad gasket, now to replace it and get our tender back!



Photo by Joe Peterson

Gregg McNaughton and Bob Pratt are cutting some of the conveyor belt material into smaller pieces. These will eventually find their way onto the Dresser Bridge to protect the roadway below from falling objects.



## Wednesday Maintenance of Way

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shed to Hazmat area for dismantling and, by the time you are reading this, it has gone on to recycling, moved bookshelves in White House, loaded 11 ties onto a flat for use next Wed., troubleshot air leak on Fairmont Tamper and ordered the rubber gasket that is trashed and had a great lunch in Blake's Palace while it rained ties and spikes outside.

If you need to reduce the effect of all that good holiday food, cookies and candy, come on out any Wednesday and/or Saturday to the Niles Canyon Railroad Gymnasium. You have already paid the yearly fee and the work is much more fun than a treadmill!

All-in-all, even with the rain, a great start to 2016!

**Joe Peterson**  
**Team WEDMOW**



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

Pat Hafey, Greg LaFramboise, Steve Lowe look over Big Bird's engine while Ron Thomas does a pirouette in the cab.



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

Pat Stratton moves the MarkLift up to the White House. Even in high gear, that machine moves SLOW!!!



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

Once the boom is lowered, Pat, Bob and Pat make quick work of winding up the rope lights and storing them until next year.



## **Wednesday Maintenance of Way**



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

What do you do when it is raining spikes and ties outside? Enjoy lunch with hot chocolate and Mom's Christmas cookies, of course.



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

Pat Hafey gives new member Greg LaFramboise a tour of the Tie Extractor while, in the background, Steve Lowe inspects the Jackson Tamper.



## Tire Disposal in progress at Brightside

I've been working with Doug Debs and Steve Coon, our ace hazmat coordinators to clear one of the issues raised last year during our inspection by Alameda County. Several unmounted tires were noted on the property. Since they were no longer mounted on wheels, they could collect rainwater and serve as breeding incubators for mosquitos. The inspector directed us to remedy that situation. Many members were pressed into service as tire spotters and we collected a large selection of tires last summer. The first disposal pickup totaled about 50 tires and was completed by mid-summer. Almost as soon as that pickup was made, our crack team of tire spotters began honing their skills and locating even more tires. These tires come from multiple sources. Some are taken from PLA or GGRM equipment when they are replaced with new ones, many just show up on our right of way, courtesy of potential railroad customers who decline to go to the trouble or expense of properly disposing of these items. I hope that none of them were "donated" by members, but that is even a possibility. The photo first shows the tire pile which collected between June and September. I missed the opportunity to get a true "before" photo last week.

By the time we had another pickup scheduled, the pile had grown from the 16 you see above, to 20, including an ancient, 16.9-24 tractor lug tire of the type used by the PLA's backhoes. The total pickup expanded to 33 with the addition of some smaller tires from History San Jose. Those tires were added with the Hazmat coordinator's permission to help another local, non-profit group without significant risk to the PLA.

On January 20th, Waste Recovery West showed up with a truck and lift gate. In a matter of 19 minutes (see Karen Kadaja for an explanation of that arcane time note), they were all placed in the truck and headed off to a proper disposal location. This won't



Before and after photos by John Zielinski.



permanently end our tire disposal needs, but it does substantially bring us current with the requirements of the county. The author believes all the tires on the property, which are not installed on vehicles, are either mounted on rims and secured in areas not likely to be rained on, or have been tarped to

prevent rainwater from collecting inside them. If you know of exceptions to that last statement, please contact Doug Debs, Steve Coon, or John Zielinski so we can remedy that situation right away.

**John Zielinski**



# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

The following is a list of the people who helped run your railroad in **December**. Names in Bold are new members, first timers, or the first time in a long time. If you are new to volunteering on the railroad, please print your name clearly on the sign in sheet so it can be read. You can also send hours by e-mail to [stumpie1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stumpie1@sbcglobal.net).

**Note that if I can't read your writing, you may not get credit for the hours you worked.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Henry Baum  
Dexter Day  
Jim Evans  
Don Gholson  
Peter Midnight  
Paul Vetman  
Jackie Vlasak

## MEETINGS

Rich Alexander  
Kent Hedberg  
Dave Lion  
Dennis Mann  
Peter Midnight  
Paul Veltman  
Tim White

## CAR DEPARTMENT

Warren Benner  
Henry Chandler  
Frank Fontes  
Jim Green  
Jeff Haslam  
Chris Hauf  
Dennis Mann

## TRAIN OF LIGHTS

Donna Alexander  
Rich Alexander  
Rich Anderson  
Bob Bailey  
Laura Bajuk  
Ed Best  
**Linda Best**  
Kenny Bischoff  
Carlo Borlandelli  
Mike Bozzini  
Bob Bradley  
Kent Brezee  
Pat Buder

## TRAIN OF LIGHTS

Dave Burla  
**Cindi Casalo**  
Henry Chandler  
Bent Christensen  
Steve Coon  
Pam Cravens  
Tom Crawford  
Scott Crislip  
Ray Crist  
Dexter Day  
Doug Debs  
Gerry Dewees  
Nancy Dewees  
Gerald DeWitt  
Fred Elenbaas  
**Stephanie Ellis**  
Jim Evans  
Gerry Feeney  
John Fenstermacher  
**Lee Finlayson**  
Tim Flippo  
Frank Fontes  
Glenn Fountain  
Norm Fraga  
Charles Franz  
Don Gholson  
Rob Giles  
Jim Gilmore  
Armano Giovacchini  
Hector Gonzalez  
Barbara Goodier  
Pete Goodier  
Jim Green  
Chuck Gullo  
Warren Haack  
Jim Hague  
Garrett Hanford  
Nancy Harden  
Bonnie Harrington  
Jack Harrington

## TRAIN OF LIGHTS

Zonker Harris  
Gail Hedberg  
Kent Hedberg  
Jerry Higgins  
Brian Hitchcock  
**Loretta Holzer**  
Curt Hoppins  
Jere Ingram  
Steve Jones  
Karen Kadaja  
Dave Keene  
Chuck Kent  
Don Kirker  
Chuck Koehler  
Fred Krock  
Denise Laberee  
Barry Lependorf  
Dave Lion  
Paula Lion  
Ken Lippman  
Dennis Mann  
Roger McCluney  
Al McCracken  
Jim McDaniel  
Gregg McNaughton  
George Mednick  
Mark Miller  
Tom Miller  
**Kylie Montgomery**  
**Phil Montgomery**  
Charlene Murrell  
Charles Navarra  
Lisa Nielson  
**Jan O'Laughlin**  
Bev Patterson  
Mike Pechner  
Tony Peters  
Joe Peterson  
Bob Pratt  
Phil Preeo

## TRAIN OF LIGHTS

Melissa Roberts  
Joe Romani  
Mike Roque  
Bill Ross  
Andrew Roth  
**Dan Sarka**  
Joe Scardino  
Derek Schipper  
Brian Schott  
**Gregg Schultz**  
**Nancy Schultz**  
Roger Schultz  
**Gregg Schwartz**  
John Senf  
**Diana Shull**  
Wayne Shull  
Alan Siegwarth  
Charles Smith  
**Janet Smith**  
Leslie Smith  
Richard Smith  
**John Sprenger**  
Linda Stanley  
Jack Starr  
Pat Stratton  
Don Stuff  
John Sutkus  
**Dan Thomas**  
Patsy Thomas  
Ron Thomas  
Sue Thomas  
Ted Unruh  
CJ Vargas  
Paul Veltman  
Jackie Vlasak  
Pat Warren  
Jeff Weeks  
Pete Willis  
Ryan Wood  
John Zielinski

## TRAIN OF LIGHTS

Travis Zuppo

## DEPOT CREW/OPERATIONS

Karen Kadaja  
Pat Warren

## TRAINING

Scott Crislip  
Travis Zuppo

## SWITCHING CREW

Rich Anderson  
Kent Hedberg

## BRIDGES AND BUILDINGS

Bob Bailey

## ELECTRICAL & SIGNALS

Curt Hoppins  
Dave Lion  
Tom Rett  
Joe Romani

## MECHANICAL DEPT.

Rich Anderson  
Tom Anderson  
Henry Chandler  
Pam Cravens  
Gerry Feeney  
Charles Franz  
Jim Green  
Chris Hauf  
Kent Hedberg  
Chuck Kent  
Ken Lippman  
Dave Loyola  
Dennis Mann  
Bill Ross  
Jeff Schwab  
Bill Stimmerman

## MECHANICAL DEPT.

Howard Wise  
Bob Zenk  
John Zielinski

## MOW / TRACK

Frank Fontes  
Phil Orth  
Joe Peterson  
Doug Vanderlee

## OTHER

Zonker Harris  
Barry Lependorf  
Ray Strong  
Paul Veltman

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MEMBERS PARTY**



A good party does not need an excuse, but we have one. GGRM has been with us in Niles Canyon for the past ten years, but is now moving on to a new opportunity, which hopefully will better serve their mission. That makes this a good time to celebrate all that has been accomplished by both PLA and GGRM in our period of working together.

The PLA Board of Directors is inviting every member of either PLA, GGRM, or both, along with their significant others, to come together with us in the party room at:

**AdMail Express, 31640 Hayman St., Hayward  
Saturday, April 16, from 4 to 7 pm.**

Food and drink will be provided. Please note: The party room is on the second floor of a building with no elevator.

There is no charge for this **members only** event, but to make the right preparations, we do need to know whether or not you hope to attend. If you do, please send your name and the name of your guest, if any, to the PLA Membership Secretary, either by mail to PO Box 515, Sunol, CA 94586 or by putting the same information in an email to [membership@ncry.org](mailto:membership@ncry.org). Please let us know as soon as possible.