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On the road East toward Pleasanton



Photo by Mike Strider

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Steve Jones guiding first panel toward ground location. Frank Fontes looking on, Doug Vanderlee giving instruction to Henry Baum operating Burro crane.

Mike Strider and his Saturday MOW crew are back in action adding track panels at the end of the line at Verona.

NCRY is continuing to build the line East toward Pleasanton. This is a slow process and we can use all the help we can get. If you would like to come out and help Mike Strider and the crew continue, Mike would love to have the extra help.

Any help is appreciated and will be gladly accepted by the crew. Contact

Mike at: michael.strider@hdrinc.com if you would like to participate in this great adventure.

More photos on Pages 8 & 9.



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

May 7	1st Saturday	RWP Class (Brightside)
May 14	2nd Saturday	Board of Directors Meeting, 3 p.m. (Sunol Depot)
May 20	3rd Friday	General Meeting, 7 p.m. (Sunol Glen School)
May 28	4th Saturday	Brush Cutting, 8 a.m. (Brightside)
May 12, 19 & 26	Thursdays	Education Trains
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.

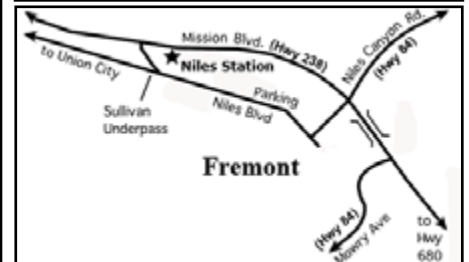
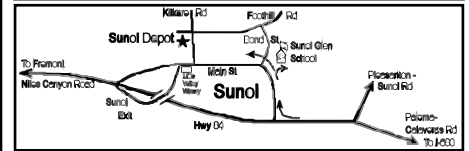
Every Wednesday and Saturday is a WORK DAY at the Brightside Yard

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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.

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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.

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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

Recently, I snuck out of work for a long lunch to come out to the canyon to go for a train ride.

I had been asked if we could again provide support for an event that is held (bi-annually? semi-annually?) about every 2 years in Sunol.

As part of their curriculum at the Sunol Glen Elementary School (in whose Cafeteria we have our member meetings), the school reserves a day to take all the 2nd and 3rd graders out for a walk around Sunol, so they can learn some of the history of the town where many of them live, and all of them go to school. The Sunol Glen School is a public school, but is in its own school district, a pretty unusual thing for the Bay Area. It is a pretty cool little school. The 2nd and 3rd grade classes are combined, and there are three classes worth of 2nd and 3rd graders, about 75 kids in all. It is an interesting idea to have the grades intermingled like that. And explains why they only have to do the Walking Tour every two years.

First they walk the kids over to the Sunol Water Temple, a monument erected in 1910. The San Francisco Public Utility Commission operates and maintains the facility, and they are in the process of building a multi-million dollar interpretive Center there primarily for school groups. But the Sunol Glen students can walk over whenever they feel the urge. They don't, but they could. Many people don't even know that the Water Temple grounds are again open to the public weekdays when the SFPUC employees are around. You can just drive right in, if you've never had the opportunity to check out the site, you should take an hour and do so.

The kids then learned about the Sunol AgPark, which is located on the Water Temple Grounds. They then walked through downtown, learning about the historic buildings and locations that make up Sunol Main Street. The kids walk up Kilcare Road and visit the Little Brown Church. They then walk out



Photo by Henry Baum

Students and teachers enjoying a ride through the canyon.

Foothill toward Bond Street, and visit the Butner House, which was a private residence, except for one room which became the Sunol Public Library

The kids then are brought into the Depot gardens for lunch, and finally, they head over to the Sunol Depot to learn a little bit about Railroad History. Normally, we use the M200 for this event, and divide the group in two, with half listening to the lecture, and the other half riding the train, and then switching, with the other group going for the ride. But the M200 has a minor issue, so instead we had a train with the WP918, the SP1949 Coach, the Generator Car, and the Brightside Open car. So all the kids rode at one time, and listened to the lecture over the train PA system.

The adults in the group had asked if we could go East. I explained that our plan was controlled by orders, which stated we could run from Sunol to Estates Crossing. I mentioned the request to Gerry Feeney, and he thought the orders actually allowed us to go all the way to MP38. A quick check and discussion with the Conductor, and we took the train into 'Rare Mileage' territory. While I don't think the kids really cared, the adults all thought that it was beautiful out in the Valley with lots of great comments from everyone.

Teachers know that you have to keep your students under control, and they had ordered the kids to stay in their seats. The kids were getting antsy, and kept asking to swap seats. I escorted a few particularly unhappy students to new seats away from the people that were disrupting their enjoyment of the ride, and told the teachers it was really OK for the kids to move around, who allowed it as long as they stayed in their respective cars. The kids all jumped to new seats, and then moved around from group to group. Some even ended up back in their original seats. Funny how that works.

Whenever I would make announcements on the PA, I was very pleased to see the kids would stop what they were doing, and actually listen. I don't think we created any next generation rail fans, but you never know. And I had a blast.

I want to extend my thanks again to all the volunteers who helped out on this event, it turned out great.

May is also Nomination Month, so if you are interested in becoming a PLA Board member, talk to one of our Nominating Committee members (Charles Navarro is committee chair) to see what is going on.

Respectfully submitted

Henry Baum

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Along the Right of Way

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

This month has been on the slow side compared to some of the months we have had. There was a lot of car movement with the GGRM that continues to get their equipment ready for the move. Also the picture last month of the Combine getting all those false rivets applied. Well, all the rivets that were there originally are back in place



Photo by Dexter Day

Finished roof with new attached rivets applied by Wednesday group.

and they do make the roof look complete. The roof grab irons will be reapplied and the roof of the Combine will be ready to receive roof paint to seal it for leaks. This would not been accomplished in a timely manner if it wasn't for Tom Crawford's Wednesday workers. They got into putting the rivets on

the roof. Voila, Done! Great going!

There was some work that has been planned and got underway. The Burro crane was used to lift a panel into place on the Eastward build. This was done to see if the Burro could handle the panels due to the location where the panels sit. Doug Vanderlee was happy this was accomplished. Now we will have some work done on the Burro since it looks like we will be using it for the panel placements. This was a test that Doug, Frank, Henry and Steve wanted done to see how the Burro would handle them. More ballast shaking will be taking place with the new shaker. If a build is to get underway, a lot of ballast will be needed.

Who painted our track? It looks that way if you look at it closely. The time finally came when the Alameda County Spray crew could schedule a few days



Photo by Joe Peterson

County Weed Abatement.

to get the complete mainline and other than main tracks sprayed for weeds. For a Class II branch line, we do keep a mainline profile. Yearly weed spraying is a big part of it. Once again, our Wednesday M of W crew member Steve Lowe came through in providing the transportation for the spray rig and carrying the spray crew for two days up and down the right of way. The crew even got to the train yard and the

back forty. That is our upper storage area. Add it all up; it was a good three days of spraying. The best part about it, the rain is coming Friday. That will soak the agent in and goodbye weeds. Have you seen the old gift shop box car



Photo by Dexter Day

New shelves and car repair.

lately? It is now a Quick change car for the Commissary Department which will be used when we switch from Diner to lounge car. This car is designed to store the tables and chairs for the Diner and the plush chairs for the lounge car along with the new drink tables being

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Photo by Dexter Day

John working on tables.

built at this time in the green baggage car. The shelves were gotten by Warren Benner from an auto supply house that closed down in Belmont. This is great shelving at the right price. The car also needs a little up grading here and there. You would also if you were stored out in the weather as long as this car has. This is a great project in

getting a dead piece of equipment back to active operation status being done by Carlo, Warren and John.



Photo by Dexter Day

New drink tables for lounge car. Not finished but still looks good.

We now have a Hi-rail get off track safely area in Sunol. This will become useful for turning backhoes and the bucket truck around without putting them in the middle of the street. Rich



Photo by Dexter Day

New high rail turn around area at Sunol station.

Alexander and the Wed M of W crew got the pads up into place and set.

There will be a brakeman class in July. This is being timed with arrival of our new Rule books and Timetables. New items for operations and a new look. Exciting! Also we will hold a makeup recertification class for T & E crews. This is timed for our members that have been attending college. Announcement will be made next month. It most likely will be toward the end of the month.

This should do it for this month. Work safely and have a good month. Hope to see you ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY.

Dexter D. Day



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ROADWAY WORKERS PROGRAM RWP CLASS

M of W CREWS
SIGNAL CREWS
TREE CUTTING CREW

May 7

BRIGHTSIDE
(in the White House)
0800am-1230pm

Mandatory

Contact
traincrews@comcast.net
to reserve spot in class

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Photo by Curt Hoppins

Jim Stewart and Dave Lion performing the 4 year relay tests at Farmers crossing.

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
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SIGNALS - Install / Maintain signal systems - Curt Hoppins - curt@ncrysignal.com
STATION - (NILES) - Work parking, ticket sales, set-up, etc. - John Fenstermacher - johnnsheerif@aol.com
STATION - (SUNOL) - Work parking, ticket sales, set-up, etc. - Donna Alexander - station-agent@ncry.org

Membership Report

What a nice party that was, thanks to our gracious host, Brian Schott of AdMail Express! From our membership of almost a thousand, a perfectly self-selected group of exactly the right size for the space available was there for a pleasant evening together. How did they do that? I never once told you how big that party space was. How have the people of PLA and GGRM done any of the amazing things that have been accomplished over the years by these two museum organizations? It is more than just the dedication and the wide variety of skills that we bring together. There is some kind of magic in it. Of course any group of that sort of people would have a good time together! And they did.

This month we welcome 20 more new members. They are Mary Nash, Kimberley Susukida, Joan Henry, Jeffrey Lamb, new family member Adam Tennant, the family of Marvin and Carol Neveu, the family of Andrew and Megan Kelsey, the family of John Corbin and Naichi Liu, the family of Rick Roe, Anne Thissen-Roe, and Logan Roe, the family of Chris Ramirez, Pauline Miller, and Aaron Ramirez, and the family of Christoph, Vicky, and Milian Hennerkes. Let's see how many of these new people will find that same magic.

The magic is in the volunteers, of course. Nominations are now open for the Volunteer of the Year, to be announced at the Independence Day party. Every volunteer gets a vote, and the candidates are all write ins. To limit you to one vote each, we need to know the voter's name, along with the candidate's. Send me your vote in writing, either on paper or by email. You know people who deserve this recognition for what they do. Somehow, you have to pick just one to vote for.

The General Meeting in May will revert to our usual Friday evening time and place. Please see the Activities Calendar in this issue. It might not seem so magical, but with board

member elections coming up, this will be one of the most important meetings of the year for our Voting Members. And don't forget that we will be voting on accepting one more Voting Member, Mark Miller, at the May General Meeting.

Let the magic continue!

Peter Midnight

Treasurer's Report

Paul Veltman, Treasurer

March 2016 Treasurer's report


A total of \$200 in donations was received during the month of March. Donors include Charles Jellison, Phil McCall, Andrew Goodson, Harvey Henkelmann, Jean-Pol Zundel and Nancy Peterson.

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Photo by Mike Strider

Placing first panel on ground at Verona. Henry Baum operating Burro crane, Doug Vanderlee on panel with chain rigging, Steve Jones next to Doug, Steve Barkkarie on Cat backhoe, and Frank Fontes looking on.



Photo by Mike Strider

New Gate and Fence being constructed by Baily Fence at Verona. Old gate over track to be replaced.



Photo by Mike Strider

New access gate and fence along roadside at Verona.

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Photo by Mike Strider

Burro crane at Verona getting set up for lift of first track panel. (Doug Vanderlee on panel, Frank Fontes on track, Henry Baum in crane).



Photo by Mike Strider

Burro crane and M/W train just east of Brightside on mainline stopped for repair. Heading to Verona.



Photo by Mike Strider

Steve Jones guiding first panel being lifted by Burro crane. Henry Baum in crane.

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Busy schedule and Specials on the NCRY

What a busy spring we are having, and the fun continues into the summer! We had two great Sundays with steam and wow.....the people came out to see our engines! It's always so good to see lots of people at the depot and station. We also had another successful Ride the Rails Relay for Life train ride for the American Cancer Society.

We began our Education Trains in April and continue into May, and then we have 2 summer trains planned for July 1st and August 5th for schools, recreation departments, and families just wanting to take a ride during the week. We are trying something new

this year for Mother's Day. Besides offering complimentary champagne or sparkling cider to moms riding with us we also are having a Tea on our dining car with tea, sandwiches, and desserts. It's always exciting to try something new on the rails. We are planning a Memorial weekend event operating Sunday and Monday honoring our military, and June begins our Beer on the Rails with two Saturday events planned, and July brings our Wine Tasting Specials during the summer. I

also heard that another day of speeder rides is scheduled for July 9th. We're also planning a Hot August Night on the Rails. Our passengers can ride at night and not worry about the cold like when they ride our Train of Lights. Come join the fun and ride with us for some of these events, or help out on the trains, or help at the Sunol depot or Niles/Fremont station. Phew!! I'm tired just thinking of all of these operation days! Hope to see you soon!!

donna alexander

DROP OFF ITEMS FOR OUR RAFFLE

**Niles Canyon Railway
Celebration**

Annual 4th of July Picnic

Drop Off Location: Sunol Depot
Times: Any Sunday during train
operations

Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
June 5, 12, 19

ITEMS:

Share your cooking, crafts,
gardening, kid's interest, music,
books, gift certificates and your
railfan items.

We need your items early so we
can create some wonderful gift
selections.

Contact Gail Hedberg

**Email: marketing2@ncry.org
(510) 207-5524**

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* We need extra volunteers to help
on the day of the event.

* Setting up (night before) and
taking down popup tents.

*Selling raffle tickets.

*Organizing and planning activities
(egg race, bean bag toss, three
legged race).

Contact Bob Bradley

**Email: ncry.commissary@gmail.com
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Mother's Day Tea on the Niles Canyon Railway



*Join us for a Mother's Day Tea aboard our train
Sunday, May 8th, on our 11:20 and 1:20 departures
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*37029 Mission Boulevard, Fremont
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A message from the Pacific Locomotive Association Nominating Committee

Well, it is almost that time of the year for our very own elections. In a few short weeks at the May meeting, we will place before the voting members a slate of candidates for our upcoming election. The available positions open for election are:

**President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary
At-Large Director**

Board members play a very important role in the Pacific Locomotive Association. If any of our voting members are interested in these positions, please contact one of your Nominating Committee members:

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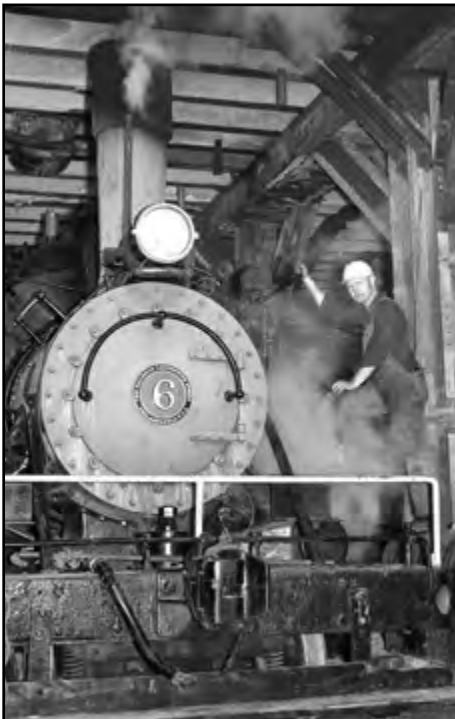
Charles Navarra
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We could always use one more person for our Nominating Committee as of May 1st, and the advantage of being on the Nominating Committee is that you won't be asked to run for a Board position!

Feel free to contact any of us for further information and a job description for each of the available Board positions; we would be happy to provide this to anyone who is interested.

Charles Navarra
cell: 510-552-9384

Passing of Karl Koenig



I was saddened to hear of Karl Koenig's passing, as we had been good friends since 1968. I'm attaching a photo of Karl steaming the #6 at Castro Point for the very first time on May 30, 1969. The sun glasses, black shirt and black pants were the typical image of Karl as engineer on the Castro Point Railway.

Bob Hogan
PLA Member since 1968
Former Vice President

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**MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING MILITARY**

Come Ride The Train With Us

**If you served, or are serving, in the military,
come ride the train for free**

Sunday, May 29th and Monday, May 30th

Roundtrip Departures

Sunol 10:30, 12:30, 2:30
6 Kilkare Road, Sunol

Niles/ Fremont 11:20, 1:20
37029 Mission Boulevard, Fremont

Tickets Can be purchased On Line
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Wednesday Maintenance of Way

Next time you use a “rubber wheeled” vehicle, give thanks to John Zielinski for making sure that the tires are in good shape and inflated to the proper pressure. John even changes out tires that need replacing. Like one recent one from under the Signal Dept. trailer. I guess some electrons got under his belt as well because he took a Makita drill home and changed out the intermittent power cord. Yeah John!

Bob Pratt and Pat Stratton recently took the Tie Handler east to help Rich Alexander move some rubber mats into position between the rails and the asphalt for safer loading/unloading of our cars as well as provide a place to get hi-rail vehicles on/off the tracks. While on their way there, they also found and replaced two 95# joint bars with the proper 85#ers. Talk about multi-tasking ;-)

A Tie Replacement Team, consisting of Jim Stewart and Steve Lowe on the Fairmont Tamper, Ron Thomas, Pat Hafey, Gregg McNaughton and Jacob Hulbert with Mongo and the supply train, went to Niles and tightened a nut that was called out by the FRA inspector (now, all five of the FRA items have been fixed) and then went to MP 30.16 and replaced three ties as called for in Peter Schulze’s track reports. They couldn’t find anything at MP 32.27 and we think that was the five ties that were tagged in blue tape, of which three have been replaced with the last two to be done next year.

Of course, before any of this happened, there was the usual morning ritualistic switching ceremony that happens every time any equipment needs to be taken out for use. A corollary happens on the fourth Wed. at the end of day when we put things in order for Steve Jones’s Arboricultural Odyssey to start out smoothly on the fourth Saturday.

Karen Kadaja continues to scan the manuals for our equipment to make them available in the MOW manuals section on the member’s part of the website. This will provide the base



Photo by Greg LaFramboise

Ron Thomas is giving hand signals to Joe Peterson in the cab while John Zielinski steadies the load and Gregg McNaughton observes.



Photo by Bob Pratt

Most jobs require supervision and here we see Donna Alexander checking to see that Steve Lowe, Hal Briar, Rich Alexander and Bob Pratt are doing a proper job!

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Wednesday Maintenance of Way



Photo by Bob Pratt

Ron Thomas, Gregg McNaughton, Steve Lowe, Pat Stratton and Greg LaFramboise are seen lubricating the east Sunol switch.



Photo by Greg LaFramboise

All that was missing was the popping sound as the pole came out of the hole. The leaning telegraph pole, just west of Farwell Bridge, is no longer a danger to anyone!



Photo by Greg LaFramboise

It takes a village to raise the young and it takes a family to convince a Burro that it wants to work. Ron Thomas and John Zielinski are doing their best as observed by Joe Peterson.

material to create the FRA mandated checklists for each as well.

On another week, the mighty Ballasteritos (Ron Thomas, Bob Pratt, Gregg McNaughton, Greg LaFramboise, Pat Stratton, Steve Lowe and Joe Romani) ventured forth and lubricated switches, checked flange lubricator operation (due to some reports of squealing wheels, happy to report that all are working properly) and noticed that, even after several evictions, there are two nests in use on Farwell Bridge! Will have to put up some spiky wire thingies next time we can get access!

Needed to use the Burro Crane to move some rail before it slipped down into the creek canyon. The Burro Crane worked very well. So after some simpler switching, Ron Thomas, Steve Lowe, Gregg McNaughton, Greg LaFramboise, Pat Stratton, John Zielinski and yours truly headed west to move the rails (the stump that held them in place disintegrated when we raised the last one). They now sit safely on the north side of the tracks.

There had been a telegraph pole just west of Farwell Bridge that had been precariously hanging in a tree. It was decided to bring it down before it came down and possibly hurt someone. We tried knocking it down with the Burros' "wrecking ball" but that didn't work. Next we attached a chain to it and ended up lifting its "support" pole right out of the ground! The five foot posthole was quickly filled with rock and dirt.

After the pole extraction, Greg L., Pat S. and John Z. joined me in Niles for a brief lesson and exercise on using the Burro Crane. So begins the process of getting three more Burro wranglers ;-)

If you think this sounds like something fun to do, come on out and join us any Wed. in Brightside at 0800. Bring a lunch, work clothes and water. We'll do the rest.

Until next time,
Joe Peterson

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Reclaiming ballast from along the Eastern right-of-way



Photos by Dexter Day

Steve in action digging out the right of way and shaking ballast....making the machine pay for itself.

Sunol Glen School train ride



2nd and 3rd grade students from the Sunol Glen School receive a history lesson from President Henry Baum before boarding the train for a special ride east to Verona Road.

Yard Limit



Photo by Don Buchholz

Just east of Mission Boulevard in Niles, Clover Valley 4 starts up Niles Canyon with its train on the last run of the day.

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

The following is a list of the people who helped run your railroad in **March**. 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 Paul Veltman at: stumpie1@sbcglobal.net.

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

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Running backwards pulling the train from Sunol to Niles presents no problem for the crew of the Clover Valley Lumber No. 4, given that it doesn't have a tender behind it, which defines a tank engine.