



# THE CLUB CAR



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## 2017 Train of Lights volunteers needed!



Train of Lights at Niles Station.

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What takes 3 months to decorate, runs for 25 days at the end of the year, uses 45,000 watts of electricity, and needs at least 46 volunteers per night, and a minimum of 629 spots for volunteers total to operate the season? If you guessed our Train of Lights, you're right! And that's if someone signs up to do both the 4:30 and the 7:30 trains on many of the jobs. If we have different people signing up for the 4:30 and 7:30 trains, then the numbers are higher. So if you're looking to help out with any of the opportunities during

our big fundraiser for our trains, please check online and sign up. We need 2 caboose hosts per train, 1 electrician, 3 dome car hosts per train, 3 parlor car hosts per train, 1 foodie to make the food at home and bring it that night for the crew, 3 station agents for Niles, 3 depot agents for Sunol, 6 parking lot people at Niles, 5 parking lot people at Sunol, 5 snack bar people on the train, 2 train gift shop people, 1 gift shop person at the end of the night at Sunol, 1 Santa and 1 Mrs. C. stand-ins while

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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

October 7	1st Saturday	East Track Building, 8 a.m. (Brightside Yard)
October 7	1st Saturday	Harvest Moon (Members), 5 p.m. (Sunol Depot)
October 8	1st Sunday	Beer on the Rails, 1 p.m. (Niles Station)
October 14	2nd Saturday	Board of Directors Meeting, 3 p.m. (Sunol Depot)
<b>October 20</b>	<b>3rd Friday</b>	<b>General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Sunol Glen School)</b>
October 28	4th Saturday	Brush Cutting, 8 a.m. (Brightside Yard)

Most 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.

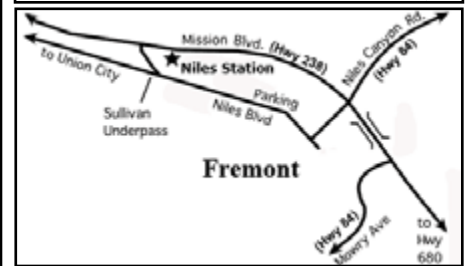
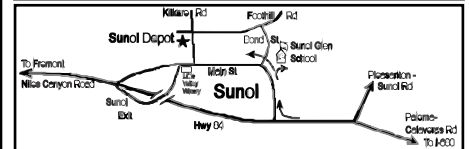
**Every Wednesday and Saturday is a WORK DAY at the Brightside Yard**

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## The 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.

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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

Train of Lights decorating is well under way, and planning for the various activities that go with running the TOL is also proceeding smoothly. Commissary Department has a lot of logistics to work out to provide the necessary crew and foodstuffs to operate the many days we operate. That means gathering up the many dozens of dozens of cookies and other treats, as well as the ingredients for the special NCRy hot cocoa mix.

Last year I proposed that we develop a hot cocoa delivery system that would lessen the workload on our Commissary volunteers. This did prove to have some major challenges that we were unable to work out. While I expected the need to empty and clean the system would prove to be a challenge that would negate the benefits, this actually turned out to be solvable. The need for the system to be extremely flexible when it passed between cars, and still have the ability to be separated easily was the difficult task. Oh, and it was going to be expensive, but that is not a show-stopper.

So once again we need lots of volunteers to come out and help with the decorating this year. If you have never done it before, come on out anyway. There are Wednesday crews, Saturday crews, and as I understand it, there are even elves working on Sundays this year. If you do come, bring gloves and lots of water. It is thirsty work.

This past month has found me spending most of my volunteer hours right here at this keyboard. I did get to play on the MOW team on Labor Day weekend, operating the Burro Crane to position the panels for the spur at Verona. That was fun. But mostly, I have been typing. I wrote three separate responses to the 2000+ page ACEForward Environmental Impact Report. One as a Livermore Resident, one as a long-time ACE Passenger, and the most voluminous was the one I wrote for the PLA. As that one runs 16 pages long, and it is not written to be fun to read, I won't include it here. Drop me an email if you need/want to



*Photo by Dan Sarka*

**President Henry Baum presided over the 2017 Town Hall Meeting at Sunol Depot Gardens.**

see a copy.

I'm pretty proud of it. I don't know how much the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission paid their consultants to produce this most excellent and comprehensive document, but I was able to blast it to Swiss cheese pretty quickly. I also provided workable alternatives. And they got all that wisdom for free.

Our agreement with Alameda County for leasing the right-of-way (ROW) now requires that:

On or about the anniversary date of this LICENSE AGREEMENT in the years 2012, 2017, 2022, 2027 and 2031, the LICENSEE shall coordinate and host a Town Hall meeting, to serve as a review and planning session, open to all Sunolians, where concerns, past or future, as well as plans for the following five years can be discussed. Advance informational notice of the date and time of the Town Hall meeting shall be sent to the COUNTY, the County District Supervisor, and the Sunol Citizens Advisory Committee or community group as so designated by the County Board of Supervisors or County Community Redevelopment Agency.

This year was that year. We hosted the 2017 Town Hall in the Sunol Depot Gardens for the concerned Sunolians. I put together a 30 slide PowerPoint

presentation to cover the areas of expressed concern. This year we focused on explaining how many government agencies oversee our operations, and how we interact with those agencies. We also covered our intensive in-house training programs. Since projecting PowerPoint outdoors in daytime is not really feasible, I reduced the number of slides and had them printed out 17x22 so they could be seen at a distance, and presented old-school flip chart style. I want to thank Commissary Department members Doug Debs and Karen Kadaja for providing a sumptuous spread for our guests, which was, as usual, better received than my talking. I also want to thank the Board Members for coming out and 'representing' to the community. Needless to say, the sheer volume of information was a shock to most of those in attendance and I believe fostered a newfound admiration for what we are doing out here.

I also agreed to repeat the presentation again at the Sunol Citizen's Advisory Committee monthly meeting, which was last night at the Sunol Glen School. Doing so gives us an official record of having met our commitment per our agreement, which will eliminate the need to deal with those who say 'they were not aware of the meeting', which was used against us about the last meeting in 2012. Nothing was done differently than last time about announcing the Town Hall meeting, so we'll see if people toss that at us again.

And now I am in the middle of writing the PLA Annual Report, which is distributed with the financial statements to the Voting Members of the organization. The financials are done, and we hope to get this in the mail yet this month.

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](mailto:president@ncry.org)

**Respectfully submitted  
Henry Baum**



## Along the Right of Way

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

It must be the alignment of the moon, but it seems that various projects seem to be coming together. It must be the curse of the TOL hanging above our head. Yes, believe it or not. It is Christmas with the weather with heat in the 100 range. So here we are in shorts and sleeveless shirts putting up garland and hanging little Christmas stuff in the cars being decorated. But with that said, other projects are well under way to be completed. The Combine 453 has been welded by Howard Wise to get it to the point for Chris Hauf to paint the car. The damage on this car is being repaired at this time. The counter for the gift shop is built and prepared to be installed. The seats are ready to be installed and the cleanup will begin. The car will be painted prior to the TOL but the lettering will be accomplished after the TOL. This year the TOL will have one more car which will be the gift shop. It also has seats to sell. It will pay for itself in one season. Yes! It is Christmas in September when it comes to the Train of Lights. The Big Bad One as I call it since it is the longest, heaviest and brightest Christmas train in the country. Yes, Christmas has come to the NCRY. Let us be the first to say. MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and your family.

In the past Club Cars, we have mentioned that we bought two new 35 ton lifting jacks. They have arrived and they look great and they operate very smoothly.

We also just acquired two new jack plates. Those are the plates that the jacks sit on when in operation. We were using GGRM's jacks, but they were packed up. We bought two new ones. These will pay for themselves in what they will help to be accomplished.

If you have seen the WP 713 lately, it does not have a paint pigment disease. The engine is out of service for the month of September and early October. It will have a new look applied



*Photo by Dexter Day*

**Our new jacks have arrived and been tested. They work.**

to this engine. It will be the only GP7 with the latest paint scheme applied to this engine. It has to be that way since it has a GP9 back end piece applied after its accident. The green paint has been selected, now we are looking at the orange paint to match it. This will be our answer to the WP 918 which is orange and silver. Now we will have a green and orange unit. Great pair to run together. Something to be proud of. After the WP 713, we will be prepping the SP 1195 to get it painted back to the bloody noise scheme. Wow! A bloody nose switcher on the NCRY. When the SP 1195 is done, we will do the M200 back to proper color and trim. This has to get done for our celebration coming up next year.

Talking about things new getting done. The SP 9010 is now installing the banks of radiators for the one engine that will be running on engine. Progress on this engine is hard to keep up with. You could watch snails



*Photo by Dexter Day*

**What a bank of radiators look like from the side.**



*Photo by Dexter Day*

**New manufactured mounts for radiators.**

# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

## Along the Right of Way

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

run across the Bonneville Salt Flats and see more action. The SP 9010 is a large project. You have to be there to see the action. It might be one radiator installed. But that is big. The engine will run next year. Howard Wise and crew have done wonders with this engine.

The new Generator unit for the Double Articulated has arrived. It will be placed under the car or protected until installed. When completed, the Double Articulated will be able to provide power for half of the TOL, or the entire TOL if need be. In other words, the SP 2101 and the Double Articulated can handle the entire TOL. This also means that we can have a special train now with deluxe train cars since we carry this generator. Also, the Commissary car will pick up a few new toilets.

We are looking at more tie replacement and right of way upgrade to be done before end of month. There is ditching being done which is needed before winter hits us again. We still have a lot of work to do from what was presented to us last winter. There were several slides and track roadbed contamination for hundreds of feet. Not a good setup with another winter looking at us. We will be trying a few plans to see if we can remove some of the thick dirt with the backhoe and the ballast regulator with its brush to get thin stuff cleared so you can see the tie again. Need to be able to track inspect the joints, tie plates and spikes if holding rail solid. We will be spending money this year for the right of way to keep the quality of the railroad up. H & H will be putting in as many ties that they can and they will also be correcting the degree of turn in the new switch at Verona East project.

The decorating of the TOL takes place for the exterior bunch each Wednesday and Thursday. The Interior works on Wednesday and Saturday. The interior crew usually gets under way around 10 am. We have 16 cars this year. Need to



*Photo by Dexter Day*

**The new generator for the Double Articulated.**

get this train decorated as soon as we can. November 21 is the test train out of Niles. The big show starts the day after Thanksgiving.

Well that's it for this month, hope everyone has a safe month. Think

before doing something. Don't take short cuts, we are volunteers. It will be there when you come back if you don't finish a job. Have a good month. Hope to see you along the right of way.

**Dexter D. Day**



*Photo by Dexter Day*

**VERONA RD. Ready for wiring and masts will be attached in a couple of weeks. Coming together.**



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## 2017 Train of Lights volunteers needed!

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the real guy and his Mrs. are getting ready at the North Pole, plus our train crew. We need you!! All of these jobs can be done by anyone (except the train crew jobs since you need to be qualified prior to the Train of Lights for those positions).

Please go to [ncry.org](http://ncry.org), and then click on "Volunteer" at the top and pull down "Volunteer Opportunities." You will see 2017 TOL ..... and a list of jobs to help us operate throughout the season. On some of the jobs you would need to log in first, but if you don't want to log in, you can sign up for any of the jobs you see on the 2 pages. Logging in would give you access to 3 pages and you would see gift shop, and Santa and Mrs. C. stand-ins. If you want to log in, you need to go to the right top corner where it says Member Login, and click there. Then on the next page, you would type in your username as your first initial and your last name, and your password. If you've never logged in before, click on Forgot Username/Password and you can make a password to use every time you log in. Also if you want to work both the 4:30 and the 7:30 trains as caboose, dome, or parlor car hosts, you need to sign up for both the 4:30 and the 7:30 opportunities this year. And remember that for every 30 volunteer hours you do between July 1st and June 30th, you get 1 free Train of Lights ticket (up to 6) for the next season. It would

be great if we had a few new people coming out to help this year. Even if you came out only 1 night to help us, it would be highly appreciated. And you might find out that it's a lot of fun to

show the public what we do, and how we do it so well. Come and be a part of the excitement this year!

donna alexander

### Niles Canyon Railway

**PRESENTS**

## Beer on the Rails

A Niles Canyon Railway Fundraiser



**\$45.00  
person**

**beer  
and  
lunch**





**2 hour  
train  
ride**

**March 18, June 17, October 8, 2017**

**Departs Niles/Fremont Station at 1:00, returns at 3:00**

**37029 Mission Boulevard, Fremont**

**Tickets only available online at [ncry.org](http://ncry.org)**

**Must be 21+ when boarding; ID required at ticket window when tickets picked up**

**No outside food or beverages allowed, no children, no pets.**

**Non-alcoholic beverages available**



**Info: 510.996.8420**

Proceeds support Niles Canyon Railway fundraising activities.  
Thank You!

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## WANT TO VOLUNTEER? START HERE!

### YOUR VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

**BRUSH CUTTING** - Clearing the RoW of bushes and trees - Steve Jones - [fcocompost@aol.com](mailto:fcocompost@aol.com)  
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## Membership Report

Just a reminder: at the General Meeting this month we will be voting on a new Voting Member candidate. (The official announcement was in my report last month.) This is important because the number of our qualified Voting Members has been dwindling in recent years, while our overall membership has continued to grow. If you are an active member in our operating museum and you care about the future of our organization, you should consider becoming a Voting Member, yourself. Please get it touch with me for the details of how that is done.

On the growth side, we have 24 new members this month. They are Mark Jacobs, Rosanne Dudley, Vivi Valdes, new family member Niko Scott, the family of Wendy Cole and Greg Hahn, the family of Sarah, Sean, Wyatt, and Quinn Charles, the family of Dick and Barbara Harley, the family of Denise Gavello, Paul Nielsen, and Odin Fields, the family of Sainath Nagarajan, Shilpa and Mythili Seshadri, and Anagha and Abhijit Sainath, the family of Jun and Brockton Tao, and the family of Cyrick Hia and Linda Jin.

And there is plenty for them to do, too. By the time you read this, much of the Train will already be of Lights, but it will not be too late for the new folks or for any other member to get in on the fun of putting it all together. It's also high time you were signing up for your chance to be a part of the operation when our famous Train of Lights makes its magical runs for this year. No matter what your role in the operations will be, you will be amazed at how good it feels to be a part of the source of that magic for a crowd of happy people.

I know, it's not even Halloween yet,

but when you have a railroad to run you have to think pretty far ahead. I'm already thinking ahead to the end of the year, when most of our older members come due for renewal. You will know you are one of them if the date on the mailing label of this issue is 12/31. Please understand that most of our membership renewals still have to be processed at the end of the year and that it always takes a long time to get through all of them in the order they came in. You can help by renewing early, as soon as you get the form in the mail or the emailed notice to renew online. You can always renew your membership either way. Get that out of the way and then enjoy the holidays, knowing your renewal is one of many and they will all get processed eventually.

Meanwhile, stay safe and let the magic of the season begin.

**Peter Midnight**



*Photo by Dan Sarka*

**Tony Peters along with Martha and John Zielinski, promoting NCRy at the 18th annual Rail Fair at Ardenwood. Multiple NCRy volunteers rotated in during the 3 day event.**

## Treasurer's Report

**Paul Veltman, Treasurer**

**August 2017**

In August, we received \$11767.52 in donations.

\$10,000 was received for painting the WP 713, \$717.52 for the General Fund, \$1,000 for Ballast for the Pleasanton Extension and \$50 for the SP 9010.

### Donors were:

Rich and Donna Alexander  
in memory of John Senf  
Rich and Donna Alexander  
in memory of Kent Brezee  
Rich Anderson  
Ed and Linda Best  
in memory of Kent Brezee  
Bob and Kay Bickle  
in memory of John Senf  
Gerry Feeney  
Andrew Goodson  
Lawrence Livermore National Labs  
Mark and Barbara Mervine  
Jean Pol Zundel

We thank all of you for your generosity in helping the Niles Canyon Railway and its many projects.

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## Hunters Moon Special

NCRy Potluck Dinner & Moonlit Train Ride

Saturday, October 7, 2017, 5-9pm

5:00pm - Potluck Dinner, Sunol Depot Gardens

7:30pm - Steam Train Ride

Members & Family: **FREE** w/potluck, or \$5 per person w/o potluck

Guests: \$5/person w/potluck, or \$10 per person w/o potluck



Enjoy "Steam under the Stars!" Dinner will be served in the Sunol Gardens ca. 5:15pm. Our HUNTERS MOON SPECIAL STEAM TRAIN departs Sunol Depot at 7:30pm on a roundtrip journey through the darkened canyon, lighted by our locomotive's firebox bouncing off the canyon walls, its Golden Glow headlight, and the light of the silvery moon. This is what memories are made of! Return to Sunol ca. 9pm. *Friends and family welcome!*

**Potluck Dinner** Bring enough of your favorite dish to share with at least five others, **OR** pay \$5 *extra* and our Commissary Dept. will provide Italian sausage stew with fresh tomatoes, sweet peppers, and Yukon Gold potatoes. **Bring any serving dishes or utensils needed** to serve your dish (please label your items). We will provide iced tea, lemonade, wine, beer, paper plates, utensils, napkins, glasses, etc.

*If your last name starts with, bring:*

A, B, C, D, E, F – **SALAD**

T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z – **DESSERT**

N, O, P, Q, R, S&G, H, I, J, K, L, M – **MEAT, CHICKEN, or HEARTY MAIN DISH**



**Information:** Doug & Laura Debs: e-mail: [dougdebs2472@yahoo.com](mailto:dougdebs2472@yahoo.com), 650.704.1487 (c)

Tickets will be held at Will Call at Sunol Depot Gardens. Confirmation will be sent by e-mail.

**Members & Family:** FREE w/potluck, or \$5 w/o potluck. **Guests:** \$5/person w/potluck, or \$10 w/o potluck

No. of people @ \$ 5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people @ \$ 10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: \$**

(Make check payable to **NCRy Commissary Dept.**)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **NCRy Commissary Dept – HARVEST MOON SPECIAL, P.O. Box 515, Sunol, CA 94586-0515**

**After Oct.3:** email your rsvp to [dougdebs2472@yahoo.com](mailto:dougdebs2472@yahoo.com) and pay at the door.

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# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

## Steam Department



*Photo by Alan Siegarth*

Henry Chandler and Chuck Kent lifting the dome lid up onto the #3 in preparation for a hydrotest. Once the hydrotest is complete and witnessed by the FRA, the steam department can finally begin to reassemble the Robert Dollar with the expectation she will be back in service next year.



*Photo by Alan Siegarth*

Resident Machinist Bill Stimmerman using the newly acquired Cincinnati Milling Machine to make parts for the KM radiators. Thanks to Rich Alexander for doing the power wiring. The machine with its power feeds is a nice addition to our shop as our other mills are all manual.



*Photo by Alan Siegarth*

Chuck Kent installing the engineer's side steam gauge.



*Photo by Alan Siegarth*

A boiler contractor has been at Brightside installing new tubes in the Robert Dollar #3. All the tubes installed, rolled and nicely beaded in the picture of the smokebox.



## Wednesday Maintenance of Way

Deadline is approaching with lightning speed so I'm gonna take the easy way out and let you look at what WEDMOW did over the past month. Remember, picture worth one thousand words so I'm being extremely verbose this month ;-)

Always wondered, if picture is worth one thousand words, how come we always need a caption?

Oh, and for those who missed it, that "fog" in the photo of Tie Handler lifting a tie, that is really a heavy mist that occasionally bordered on rain.

Stop missing out on all the fun, come join us any Wednesday that you are free and you can see yourself working in the next Club Car.

May your ballast be clean and your blocks green!

**Joe Peterson**



*Photo by Greg LaFramboise*

Dee Murphy, Ron Thomas, Pat Stratton, Bob Pratt are busy moving panels at the Sunol boarding area.



*Photo by Greg LaFramboise*

Using the Tie Handler, Gregg McNaughton retrieves another tie for transport to Brightside.



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

This is why Caltrans closes Niles Canyon Road. This crew is trimming and chipping the brush alongside the guard rail just west of Dresser Bridge.



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

Karen Kadaja and Jim Stewart observe as Hal Briar and Pat Stratton attach the "new" conveyor material to the ties on Dresser Bridge.



# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

## Wednesday Maintenance of Way



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

Bob Pratt, Ron Thomas, Gregg McNaughton, Greg LaFramboise, Pat Stratton and Dee Murphy are installing a new tie.



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

As Hal Briar and Pat Stratton steady the panel, Jim Stratton pries it into position under the watchful eyes of Karen Kadaja.



*Photo by Joe Peterson*

Greg LaFramboise observes as Ron Thomas guides Jim Stewart in tamping ties just east of Farwell Bridge.



*Photo by Greg LaFramboise*

Pat Stratton and Pat Hafey are seen re-bolting a joint bar.



*Photo by Greg LaFramboise*

Left, Jim Stewart watches as Dee Murphy and Pat Hafey get ready to install a rubber crossing mat in the gap between rail and asphalt walkway in Sunol. Gregg McNaughton is standing by in the Tie Handler.

*Photo by Greg LaFramboise*

Right, Bob Pratt holds the tie up against the rail as Ron Thomas brings the rails together before Pat Stratton drives in the final spike on this newly installed tie. Jim Stewart is in the background, ready to jump in where/when needed.





# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

## Saturday Maintenance of Way



*Photos by Frank Fontes*

The first work train over the new switch at Verona, dumped 450 feet of ballast.





## Western Pacific #713 Painting

WP GP-7 #713 was last painted about 1977 by its then owner Western Pacific. Now in 2017, after 40 years it is getting a fresh paint job. As the accompanying photo shows, those years of hard work and outdoor living have taken a toll. The new paint is sorely needed. The locomotive will continue in the same green with orange lettering. PLA also has an example of the WP silver and orange paint scheme in F7 #918.

Greg Houle who works with diesel contractor Matt Monson of Dieselmotive is doing the work. Greg arrived at Brightside over the Labor Day weekend. He will spend the next couple of months on the painting project. Since a Western Pacific lettering template is not available, Greg traced the existing lettering. The tracings will be used to create templates for use when the WP lettering is reapplied to 713. The entire exterior surface which includes many uneven areas such as louvers and door latches must be sanded. The sanding requires weeks of effort and lots of sanding discs. There is metal work to do where deterioration because of rust or hard living is present. Most of the prep work will be done outside the Car Shop building in Brightside Yard, but priming and painting will be done inside the Car Shop.

Expectations are NCRy will have a bright and shiny 713 prior to the upcoming TOL season.



*Photo by Howard Wise*

Greg Houle sanding WP 713 near the dynamic blister, getting the locomotive ready for its first new paint in 40 years.



*Photo by Gerry Feeney*

WP 713 before the current painting project commenced. The locomotive shows the impact of years spent outdoors working on the Western Pacific and NCRy. In this picture it is in multi-unit service with WP F7 #918 at Niles in 2012.



*Photo by Howard Wise*

An overview of the 713 painting project with SP SD9 #5472 on the adjacent Car Shop #1 track and the articulated SP coaches in the background. Greg Houle is sanding the significant surface of WP 713.



# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

## Tea on the Rails



Photos by Dan Sarka



# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

The following is a list of the people who helped run your railroad in **August**. 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](mailto: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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The Robert Dollar excursion train.

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