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At left: The M-200 circa 1954, photo from the collection of Ray Crist.

Below: The 1954 schedule of the California Western Railroad, aka the "Skunk Train".

STANDARD TIME EXCEPT WHEN DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS IN EFFECT

CALIFORNIA WESTERN RAILROAD

TRAIN SCHEDULE

MOTOR COACH		Distance from Ft. Bragg	Effective August 27, 1954	Distance from Willits	MOTOR COACH		
3	1				2	4	6
Daily June 20 to August 25	Daily				Daily Except Saturday	Saturday Only	Daily June 21 to August 26
READ DOWN					READ UP		
Lv 5:30PM	Lv 9:45AM	0.0	FORT BRAGG	40.0	Ar 3:45PM	Ar 4:45PM	Ar 8:55AM
5:35	9:50	2.1	Pudding Creek	37.9	3:39	4:39	8:49
5:39	9:54	3.5	Glen Blair Jct.	36.5	3:35	4:35	8:45
5:48	10:03	6.6	South Fork	33.4	3:26	4:26	8:36
5:55	10:10	9.0	Ranch	31.0	3:19	4:19	8:29
5:58	10:13	10.0	Redwood Lodge	30.0	3:16	4:16	8:26
6:06	10:21	12.7	Grove	27.3	3:09	4:09	8:19
6:12	10:27	14.9	Camp Three	25.1	3:03	4:03	8:13
6:16	10:31	16.4	Camp Noyo	23.6	2:59	3:59	8:09
6:21	10:36	18.1	Alpine	21.9	2:54	3:54	8:04
6:25	10:40	19.6	Camp Marwedel	20.4	2:50	3:50	8:00
6:30	10:45	21.3	Northspur	18.7	2:45	3:45	7:55
6:38	10:53	23.9	Irmulco	16.1	2:37	3:37	7:47
6:45	11:00	26.3	Shake City	13.2	2:30	3:30	7:40
6:49	11:04	27.8	Burbeck	12.2	2:27	3:27	7:37
6:58	11:13	30.4	Clare Mill	9.6	2:20	3:20	7:30
7:06	11:21	32.6	Crowley	7.4	2:13	3:13	7:23
7:16	11:31	35.4	Summit	4.6	2:05	3:05	7:15
Ar 7:30PM	Ar 11:45AM	40.0	WILLITS	0.0	Lv 1:50PM	Lv 2:50PM	Lv 7:00AM

NOTE: Camp supplies, provisions and small parcels will be handled in Motor Car Service at Tariff Rates. Schedule subject to change without notice.

A. T. NELSON, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.
Fort Bragg, California



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4th of July Raffle

It is that time of year again. Please solicit items for our 4th of July raffle. They can be dropped off at the Sunol Depot on any Sunday operating day.

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.

NILES CANYON RAILWAY CALENDAR

May 5, 2018 MOW Building East May 13, 2018 Regular Operation/Mother's Day Tea May 23, 2018 MOW 7:30 - 4pm
 May 6, 2018 Regular Operation (S) May 16, 2018 MOW 7:30 - 4:00pm May 26, 2018 Brush Cutting 7 - 5pm
 May 9, 2018 MOW 7:30 - 4:00 pm May 17, 2018 Niles School Train 10am May 27, 2018 Memorial Day Operations
 May 10, 2018 Sunol School Train 10am May 20, 2018 30 yrs . In the Canyon event 11 - 3:00pm

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 the current calendar month. Simply submit articles by e-mail in MS Word™ text format.

Send email to: clubcar@ncry.org Digital photos may also be submitted on digital media or by email. Electronic images should be saved as PC format . Jpg files with minimal compression. A text file with the photo number, description of the photo, and identifying the people in them is required. To send documents, articles or photos by U.S. Postage, contact the editor at (510) 260-7967 for mailing instructions. The editor reserves the right to hold or edit material as necessary.

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NILES CANYON RAILWAY

President's Report

I need to put the Sesqui-centennial Celebration on the back burner this month. That is because May is the month when we prepare for the election of new Board Members.

The PLA is unusual in a couple of respects from your conventional charitable non-profits. That is because our by-laws, which govern how the organization is managed, spells out specific items that are not run-of-the-mill.

Currently our board is made up of 8 elected Board members, and one appointed Board Member, the General Manager. The by-laws require that 5 of the Board members are elected for specific jobs, and the remaining 3 are Directors-at-Large, which means they do not have specific tasks and can take on additional responsibilities. All Board members are PLA Voting Members and are therefore also volunteers.

Another unusual aspect of how the PLA is structured is the fact that we classify certain members as Voting Members. This was established because it was felt that the highly-specialized nature of managing a railroad requires that persons voting on items that affect the railroad need to have a fairly well-rounded un-

derstanding of the day-to-day issues that impact how the railroad is to be operated. Since very few of our members are actual professional railroaders, the voting members earn the privilege by showing a higher level of involvement in the operations of the railroads.

This is typically earned by volunteering a specific number of hours each year and volunteering for the various departments. In order to accommodate members who are unable to volunteer physically, they can show their involvement by attending meetings and participating on committees. There is a specific number of meetings that must be attended to be granted voting member status. The Membership Secretary is tasked with maintaining the records of hours for the various voting members. Voting members who fail to meet the annual requirements will lose their Voting Member status.

There is a finite number of Voting Member positions allowed by the By-Laws. The good news is that there are a substantial number of Voting Member positions available currently. The bad news is that there are a substantial number of Voting Member positions available currently. If you would like to take on the addition-

al status of being a PLA Voting Member (which is worth its weight in gold) just contact the Membership Secretary.

Voting Members typically are involved in several specific decisions: Voting by mail for Board officers and voting at General meetings for granting Voting Member status to new applicants and voting on the deaccession of items from the permanent collection. So it really doesn't take up a lot of your time unless you choose to run for a Board position.

Each year, 4 positions on the Board become available for re-election or for new people to stand for the office. This year one Member-at-Large position (Kent Hedberg's) and the positions of President (me), Recording Secretary (Jim Evans) and Treasurer (Paul Veltman) are up for election.

In order to put together a slate of candidates to present to the Voting Members for the election the By-Laws require the President to appoint a Nominating Committee. This year, Dave Burla has accepted the chair position of the committee. Ed Best and Mark Miller have also agreed to be on the committee. The Nominating Committee's job is to contact every Voting Member and determine if any are interested in, and are suitable for, running for a Board

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position. So get ready for a call from one of them if you are a Voting Member. They then put together a slate of candidates and present it to the membership at the May General Meeting. Nominations are also accepted from the floor at this meeting for any of the positions up for election. Once the nominations are closed, The Recording Secretary assembles a ballot and the candidate's statements and mails them to the Voting Members.

I am planning on running one more time for my position as President. This will allow me to oversee the Sesquicentennial Celebration, and since I am also retiring from my 45 year career as a Mechanical Engineer this year, I will be able to devote more of my energies to planning for the Organization's future. But I will save the comments about that for my Candidate's

Statement.

I do not know if the current holders of the Recording Secretary and at-large position are going to stand for re-election. I do know that our Treasurer is NOT running for re-election. The stepping down of the Treasurer has always caused great panic in the organization, but with the changes that have been made to the position over the time Paul has been our Treasurer has allowed the job to become far less stressful. Adding a bookkeeping service means the job of getting the bills paid is now handled with minimal oversight. The Treasurer does have to put together a budget for the following year, building on the current budget and input from Department heads. He or she must also manage the cash flow of the organization. The treasurer also has to provide the Board members with a

monthly report before the Board meetings. These reports are generated out of QuickBooks, so they are virtually automatic. Paul has also graciously offered to work with the newly elected Treasurer to help them get up to speed with the position. Give Paul a call if you might be interested in this position. I'm sure he can put your mind at ease about the responsibilities involved.

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

M200 Bell "Brucerized"

Long time PLA member, Bruce Sorel, ranks among the premier Diesel engine and Transmission gear mechanics in the Bay Area, and beyond. Bruce was well known for his attention to detail and dogged pursuit of perfection. The finishing touches to his work became known to his colleagues as "Brucerizing".

In preparation for the 30th anniversary of the PLA's first revenue run in Niles Canyon, the M200 has just undergone cosmetic and mechanical upgrades. Bruce accepted the challenge to polish the M200's brass bell. Over time, the weathered surface had become oxidized to a dull gray-brown. Bruce removed the air driven clapper mechanism inside, then made special fixtures to allow the bell to fit in his lathe. After hours of sanding and polishing, the result is a bell that is more brilliant than when it left the factory as new.



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ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

This month on the NCRY was a pretty good month considering that we had late rains. Our Wednesday M of W squad continue to keep up with the track violations that Peter Schultze writes up on his track inspections. They also were helpful for Steve Barkerie in gathering up material that will be needed to repair the culvert head wall which got damaged in the heavy rains last year. We have been allowing M of W equipment to use the track East of Hay field crossing. This will be repaired before the M200 and the 30th and NCRY Anniversary event on May 20th. Just like Spring cleaning around your home, well we also do Some Spring cleaning. The grease mats at the Sunol Station were changed out by Ron Thomas (Wednesday M of W) for the M200 and the 30th NCRY Anniversary activities at the Sunol Station. Talking about the Sunol Station. Have you seen it with its new paint job? Wow! It looks brand new for a station that was built around 1875. The station was repaired and then contracted out for painting.

The GGRM continues to push to get everything ready for the UP to take to Shellville. Mean while at Shellville, the storage tracks have been completed and with the weather getting drier. They should be able to move in shortly. Gerry Feeney and

our Tue switch crew are providing the switch moves at Brightside for GGRM. On one of the inspections that took place, a bad coil spring was discovered on the business car Oakland. The Oakland had to be moved to the Jack pad and have the bad spring replaced. While this was taking place, Rich Anderson took this opportunity to wipe down the WP713 with its new paint and Gerry Feeney was able to get some work done on the 1195. This also allowed for the placement of the engines to be fueled by the fuel truck. Rich Alexander and Jim Green ran the jacks and the GGRM did their repair. Everything got done and put away by 1230pm and the Articulated spotted for the work on getting the restroom ready to work. Another good day on the NCRY.

The Articulated Coach Restroom is coming along and should be in full operation by the end of May. The lighting has been installed by Rich Alexander along with the new blue floor by a contractor. The walls will be painted by a contractor by the end of April. We plan to put this car into service this summer for several Sunday operations with its air condition cars.

For the news on the 9010. Howard Wise has put the cooling unit back on the 9010 with all the new radiators and plumbing. It is beginning to look like a KM again on its

long road back to become aa engine again and once again run.

This years Recertification classes are over. How about that. We completed all of our crews in four classes. We held four Sunday classes and one Saturday class. The classes were taught by Kent Hedberg, Gerry Feeney and myself.

This years RWP training will be held on Saturday June 9th at Brightside in the White House at 900 am. This class is for our M of W crews, Signal crew and brush cutting crew. Peter Schultze will teach the class.

I like to announce that Mark Miller has been promoted to Train Master and he will be in charge of Train Crews. Kent Hedberg is Road Foremen of Engines and is in charge of the engineers. Gerry Feeney is in charge of the engines.

That should do it for this month. Work safely and remember that no job is worth rushing and a chance of getting hurt. There is always tomorrow. Have a good month and hope to see you along the right of way.

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Signaleros

By Curt Hoppins

If you haven't been out east along Pleasanton-Sunol Rd. in a while, you may be surprised when you come upon our Verona crossing. Over the past month we've installed

more hardware including the crossing gate motors and gates. The signals are now pretty much complete. All they need is electricity. We plan on having our signal contractor, Summit Signal, return and install all the signal and track wires in the conduits that run to our signal house. We'll be able to start wiring every-

thing up once that task is completed.

Initially the crossing will operate as a stop and proceed crossing, similar to Kilkare Rd. and Bond St. The County's advance warning flashers will be activated as the train approaches the crossing. Once it arrives it will stop and wait for the gates to go down before proceeding. Eventually we'd like to install a grade crossing predictor, which will allow a train to continue on through without stopping.

To learn more about the Signal Department check out our web-site at:

www.ncrysignal.com.



Want to volunteer with the Niles Canyon Railway? START HERE !

YOUR VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED !

BRUSH CUTTING - Clearing the RoW of bushes and trees - Steve Jones - fcocompost@aol.com

CAR MAINTENANCE - 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 - Gail Hedberg - giftshop@ncry.org

MOW CREW - (WEDNESDAY) - Work on track repair, etc. - Joe Peterson - wedmow@ncry.org

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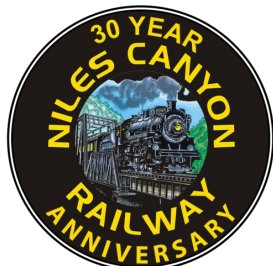
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STATION - (NILES) - Work parking, ticket sales, set-up, etc. - John Fenstermacher - johnnsherif@aol.co

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HELP US CELEBRATE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF NILES CANYON RAILWAY



CALIFORNIA WESTERN M-200 FOUNDERS TRAIN RIDE

The Pacific Locomotive Association is commemorating the M-200's first revenue run on the reconstructed right-of-way from Sunol to Brightside. The inaugural day was Sunday, May 21, 1988. It took volunteers two years to build the first 1.6+ miles of track by hand.

The PLA is celebrating this notable event, by recognizing the tireless work efforts from members who obtained the materials, built the track, transported equipment from Castro Point, and supported the "Gypsy Camp".

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018 (OPERATING DAY)

WHERE: SUNOL DEPOT

TIME: CEREMONY TO BEGIN: 11:00 AM, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE SUNOL GARDENS, AND RIDES ON THE M-200.

30 Minute round trip east of Sunol.

DVD - Limited edition reproduction of historic video film of opening day ceremonies filmed by Steve Slabach. Also included, footage of early Brightside Yard and track work toward Sunol. Cost: Complimentary to returning *Brightside Pioneers*. Donation of \$5.00 to all others while supply lasts.

Photo displays and memorabilia of the early days, circa 1986 & beyond.

To assure your space for the above ride and lunch, please **RSVP** to Gail Hedberg at marketing2@ncry.org, (510) 207-5524 or Linda at membercom@ncry.org



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Wednesday Maintenance of Way Update

Was there a special full moon that we didn't know about? Maybe it's due to all the legal pot being smoked in California! Whatever it is, more strange things are happening in the canyon than ever before. You might remember the desk and chair that were collected along the ROW? Well add to that a perfectly dysfunctional 48~55" flat screen TV! That's right sports fans, standing between the rails, just east of Farwell Bridge, was a flat screen TV! Was there a Movie Train test run and they lost the TV but didn't want to tell anyone? Go figure!

Enjoying the bizarreness and good weather this past month were Jim Stewart, Bob Pratt, Joe Shaw, Ron Thomas, Gregg McNaughton, Steve Jones, Linda Stanley, Pat Stratton, Dee Murphy, Greg LaFramboise, Pat Hafey, Mike Winkler, John Zielinski and yours truly.

Jim, Dee, Bob and Joe found the TV set while heading out to cover graffiti, lower spikes and tighten bolts. These are three jobs that are continuously being done and a good way to delve into working on your railroad!

Ron and Pat continued making/installing wooden spacers for the Sunol boarding area. The project is half done and another good entry point for those couch potatoes who feel a need to get involved.

John was out and about checking/filling the various rubber tires that needed it.

Steve and Linda continued work on the M-200 and installed a new tarp over the Pickering caboose to thwart H2O incursions from one of the rain storms that should bring lots of May flowers.

Pat H., Dee, Jim and I went east to move 9 ties to the culvert west of Hearst for Steve Barkkarie's headwall re-build work. We then attacked the compromise joint at the Hearst switch and tried to grind the holes so the bolts would fit. Gonna be a long process!

As you can see in the photos, Mark helped Dee get the Sunol depot sign down so it can be re-painted.

Whoever thought that Maintenance of Way could be so entertaining and bizarre? Until next time. .

Joe Peterson

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*With the appropriate amount of supervision, Mark Miller takes Dee Murphy up on the scissor lift to remove the depot sign.
Photo by Jim Stewart*



Jim Stewart is delivering ties to the culvert that Steve Barkkarie will be working on in the near future. Photo by Joe Peterson



Dee Murphy removing the Sunol Depot sign so it can be repainted. Photo by Jim Stewart



Pat Hafey and Dee Murphy are investigating the compromise joint at Hearst Interchange in order to plan what will be done to fix it. Photo by Joe Peterson



Left: Here is the compromise joint with all the hardware removed. Photo by Joe Peterson



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Boarding at Sunol for the 9th Annual Relay for Life on 4/21/2018. All proceeds benefitted the American Cancer Society. The train and crews are donated by NCRY for this special team event. Photos by Dan Sarka.



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March Volunteers

by Paul Veltman

The following is a list of the people who helped run your railroad in November. 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. **Note that if I can't read your writing, you may not get credit for the hours you worked.**

	Don Gholson	Linda Stanley	Tim Flippo
	Rob Giles		Frank Fontes
<u>Administrative</u>	Jim Green	<u>Train of Lights</u>	
Henry Baum	Ken Lippman	Tom Crawford	Kent Hedberg
Ed Best	Dan Loyola	<u>Depot Crew/Operations</u>	Curt Hoppins
Dexter Day	Jim McDaniel	Donna Alexander	Dee Murphy
Don Gholson	Denis Murchison	John Fenstermacher	Charles Navarra
Zonker Harris	Tony Peters	Glenn Fountain	Mike Pechner
Roger McCluney	Bob Pratt	Kent Hedberg	Linda Stanley
Joe Scardino	Joe Shaw	Steve Jones	Jim Stewart
Paul Veltman	Phil Stone	Ken Lippman	Mike Strider
Jackie Vlasak	Don Stuff	Dan Mills	Ron Thomas
<u>Car Department</u>	Steve Van Meter	Tony Peters	Doug vanderlee
Rich Alexander	<u>Commissary</u>	Linda Stanley	Eric Wright
Bob Bailey	Bob Bradley	Pat Warren	
Jenny Benner	Doug Debs	Pete Willis	<u>Switching Crew</u>
Warren Benner	Bonnie Harrington		Ed Best
Carlo Borlandelli	Jack Harrington	<u>Gift Shop</u>	Gerry Feeney
Lou Bradas	Zonker Harris	Gail Hedberg	Eric Wright
Thomas Bradas	Sierra Murphy	Charlene Murrell	<u>Train Crew</u>
Dave Burla	<u>Special Events</u>		Rich Anderson
George Childs	Donna Alexander	<u>Training</u>	Ed Best
Tom Crawford	Norm Fraga	Rich Alexander	Chris Chisom
Gerald DeWitt	Sharron Morrison	Dexter Day	Scott Crislip
Norm Fraga	Bob Pratt	Gerry Feeney	Gerald DeWitt

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Niles Canyon Railway Celebration 4th of July Picnic

DIESEL TRAIN RIDE & BBQ

We invite you and yours to our annual 4th of July train ride through beautiful Niles Canyon, and then a fantastic barbeque lunch. Bring your partner, friend or potential new members to experience vintage railroading at its best!



DONATE ITEMS FOR OUR RAFFLE at the Sunol Depot, any Sunday on or before June 10. Share your cooking, crafts, gardening, kid's interest, music, and railfan items. (We need them by June 10 so we can create wonderful selections.)
- **Gail Hedberg**, 510-207-5524
or marketing2@ncry.org

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Help at the BBQ!

- Set up pop-up tents the afternoon before; take them down afterward.
- Set up food, prep salads & melons & corn, cook corn, BBQ sausage & chicken.
- Help with raffle, sell tickets
- Serve food (under canopies)
- Clean up – it feels good!

For volunteering info, contact:
Bob Bradley, 408-835-7119
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or

Doug Debs, 650-704-1487
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Diesel locomotives used while steam are under repair. Steam will return later this summer!



Wednesday July 4 2018, Sunol Depot

10am: Special Train departs Sunol to tour scenic Niles Canyon, with photo run-by on return trip.

12pm (approx.): Time for a Feast! When the train arrives in Sunol, enjoy a fabulous BBQ with a terrific [raffle](#) & [silent auction](#). Enjoy charcoal-grilled mild Sicilian sausage, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, zucchini vinigrette, corn on the cob, 3-bean salad, potato salad, green salad, bread & butter, melons, wine, beer, homemade lemonade, iced tea, & sodas.

 \$10/members, **\$16/guests,** **\$5/children 3-12 if ordered by June 25.**
Tickets ordered after June 25, or purchased at the door: Add **\$6** per ticket.

Order on the members' website: <http://tinyurl.com/2018-pla-Bbq>. Log in with your username & password, go to "Calendar" and click on the July 4 event.

or

Order by mail:

Name _____
Phone (_____) _____ e-mail: _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ Check enclosed, payable to NCRy Commissary Dept. Mail to: NCRy Commissary Dept., P.O. Box 515, Sunol, CA 94586-0515. Ticket Info: David Ernest: 925-551-7772
davern@pacbell.net Ticket orders will be confirmed by e-mail.

All tickets will be held at "Will Call" - pick up at Sunol Depot, or at the BBQ

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Frank Fontes

Warren Haack

Kent Hedberg

Justin Legg

Jorg Linke

Adam Martinez

Gregg McNaughton

Mark Miller

Bob Pratt

Jim Stewart

Pat Stratton

Ron Thomas

Ted Unruh

Jon Williamson

Eric Wright

John Zielinski

Docents

Rich Alexander
Bob Bailey

Mike Bozzini

Jim Evans

Fred Krock

Bridges and Buildings

Rich Alexander

Kent Hedberg

Joe Scardino

Electrical & Signals

Rich Alexander

Ed Best

Curt Hoppins

Joe Romani

Jim Stewart

Mechanical Dept

Rich Alexander

Tom Anderson

Henry Chandler

Doug Debs

Gerald DeWitt

Gerry Feeney

Jeff Haslam

Chris Hauf

Steve Jones

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Dee Murphy

Sierra Murphy

Derek Schipper

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NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Treasurer's Report

Paul Veltman, Treasurer

In March, \$3,317.69 in donations were received. Donations year to date for our fiscal year are \$81,354.69.

\$2,000 was received for the Articulated Coach, \$100 for the engine house, \$1,117.69 for the General Fund and \$100 for facilities.

Donors were:

Warren Benner

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Jim Stewart in memory of Kent Brezee

Jean-Pol Zundel

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

Membership Report

Voting Members please take notice: Joseph Romani has applied to become a Voting Member of the PLA. He has met the requirements spelled out in the bylaws. A vote on making Joe a Voting Member will be taken at the General Meeting on June 15.

Just in time to begin our next 30 years in the canyon, these are our 25 newest members: Michael Ninneman, the family of Galen Ducey, Jennifer Diamond-Ducey, and Jace and Lillian Ducey, the family of Ranganath, Supraja, Sachith, and Samarth Sreenivas, the family of Geoffrey, Heidi, Riley, and Tyler Maits, the family of Rebecca Failor and Hugh Gregg, the family of Flor and Marcelo Alcoba, the family of Franklin and Liam Barreno, the family of Michelle McGowen and Brent Beutter, the family of Liyoong and Luke Lim, and the family of Laura and Jon Engberson.

Before I finished writing this report for the May issue, I took advantage of a chance to see the M-200 in its new paint, before even the light of day had seen it. It just looked like an old school bus, as it did 30 years ago. That's not the overpowering image you might expect to see representing a world renowned railroad museum. But just like a school bus, 30 years ago the M-200 carried the seeds of a great future for the PLA in Niles Canyon, and now, like an old, working school bus, it still does. Congratulations if you have the good fortune to be a part of that future!

Peter Midnight

Niles Canyon Railway announces:

RWP Training for 2018

June 9, 2018

Brightside White House

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Sign up at:

Traincrews@comcast.net

NILES CANYON RAILWAY MOW Crews



Jim Stewart uses the tie handler to pick up the tie that Greg LaFramboise has prepared.

Photo by Joe Peterson

Right: Close up of the compromise joint between 90 lb. and 113 lb. out at Hearst Interchange. Notice the lack of holes needed to make a proper joint. Photo by Joe Peterson.



Left: Before and after shots of the Whistle post just east of the Arroyo Bridge. Pat Stratton and Greg LaFramboise are finishing up the touch-up job. Photo by Joe Peterson.

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The M-200 circa 1954 during operations with the California Western Railroad in Mendocino County, California. Photo from the collection of Mr. Ray Crist.

