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Brightside, 5/14/18 – Fresh from restoration, California Western M-200 is undergoing verification for a week on the mainline to be sure that all systems are working perfectly under load and will be ready for the “30 Years in the Canyon” celebration on 5/20/18.

M-200 departed Brightside and headed to Sunol and Verona with Engineer Gerry Feeney at the helm. Engineer Rich Anderson took the helm for the return to Brightside. Rich Alexander monitored the electrical systems, Dee Murphy took photos, Kent Hedberg oversaw operations, Gail Hedberg

formulated gift shop opportunities, Steve Jones monitored the vegetation ticklers, and Linda Stanley made sure that the diesel power worked perfectly.

Many others are responsible for bringing the M-200 back to life, including Dennis Mann and Greg Houle who did such a fabulous job on restoration and repainting. A special thank you to the Southwest Railcar Ltd for their generous donation of \$6,000 and to many PLA members for their financial support for the M-200 project. Thank You! *Photo by Dan Sarka*

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

June 2 MOW Building East	June 10 Regular Operation	June 20 MOW 7:30 - 4:00pm	June 24 Reg. Operations
June 3 Regular Operation	June 13 MOW 7:30 - 4:00pm	June 22 YV330 Work Day	June 27 MOW
June 6 MOW 7:30 - 4:00pm	June 15 General Meeting 7:30pm	June 23 YV330 Work Day	
June 9 RWP Training	June 16 Beer on the Rails 1:00 - 3:00pm	June 23 Brush Cutting 7:00 - 5:00pm	
June 9 Planning Mtg. for 4th of July BBQ 1:30 pm at the White House (Lunch served 12:30 - 1:30 pm)			

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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President's Report

President's Report –June 2018

Well, it is looking like the election of new Board Members is not happening this year. That is because all the current Board Member Positions which are up for a vote are being stood for by the current Board Members. This includes the Treasurer's position, where Paul Veltman has agreed, after the fact, to stand for election again. This was brought about by the Nominating Committee being unable to find anyone willing to put their hat in the ring and there were no nominations from the floor. There were also no nominations offered from the floor for any of the available positions. So this election will be pretty much a rubber stamp.

I want to thank the Nominating Committee of Dave Burla, Ed Best and Mark Miller who fought against the current right up to the Member's meeting.

That had to be a difficult and stressful task. This is the second time where the Nominating Committee was unable to find any Voting Member to stand for the Treasurer's position. Paul Veltman stepped up last time,

and he is stepping up again this time. He won't do it again. I wonder if I'm going to be able to find anyone to be on the Nominating Committee next year. Maybe if I offer a really cool hat.

I can attest that the PLA Board members work hard protecting the Organization. I can also attest that the Organization needs protecting, usually from outside sources, but sometimes even from ourselves. We have to make tough decisions that are best for the organization, and sometimes they are not necessarily best for individual members or groups of members. We get the job done, and I thank my fellow Board members for sticking it out.



Lights, Camera, Action! M200 is all spruced up and ready to roll for the 30th Anniversary celebrations of NCRy Photo by Dan Sarka

On Sunday May 20th we celebrated the 30th Anniversary of our inaugural run carrying passengers on the 1.8 miles of track our members had restored between Brightside and Sunol. I want to thank Linda Stanley and Gail Hedberg for spearheading putting this celebration event together. It was great to see so many old friends back again, and to meet some of the "Pioneers" who were around from before I joined the organization. Brian Wise came down from Washington to recreate his role as Engineer of the M200, which he did better than he did 30 years ago. The M200 looked and sounded fantastic all day, and the Pioneers were treated to a run East on the Valley Subdivision all the

way to Verona Road. The Commissary Department also put together a fabulous lunch in the Depot Gardens, and the Saint Gabriel Celestial Brass Band provided music for the event, including playing the Star Spangled Banner for the presentation of the Colors, provided by the Boy Scout Troop 912 from Sunol. A good time

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was had by all, that's for sure.

The Fourth of July Picnic and Train Ride will also be upon us before we know it. See the ad in the Club Car to find out how to get tickets and how to volunteer to help the Commissary Department who will always welcome new members wanting to learn how to feed the troops.

This year, the Fourth of July is on a Wednesday. That usually means a larger than normal turn-out, since people won't be going away for a long weekend (unless you are one of the lucky ones who can take off the whole week).

The organization continues to undergo changes. It may be a good time to go over the by-laws again to look at what needs to be updated. I would love to hear from you if you think there is something that needs to be changed. Whether it is how Board Members are elected, or how they get assigned their tasks, or how we manage the NCRy or our funding, they are all controlled by the by-laws.

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



M-200 undergoing verification tests prior to the 30th Anniversary celebrations. Photo by Dan Sarka

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ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The month of May has been a mixed bag on the NCRY. It has been cool and windy. Extra padding is still being worn in morning hours. This makes it a little tough if you are working outside in getting some items prepped for painting or working on air brakes. This weather does cut into productivity in what we are trying to get accomplished. Except for the guys that work on the Articulated coach on the inside. They have the best of two worlds. When it is chilly outside, they are inside with the heater/AC unit mixing for a perfect working condition. So, no matter what is going on outside, these guys are inside working in comfort. They are reassembling the rest room after it was painted back to the original color as it was changed by the Southern Pacific. So, when you visit the lounge, Notice the term lounge. It was. They smoked, sat and waited in luxury for the toilet. Ok, where is this going? At the beginning of August, the Commissary car will be pulled for painting and roof work. This car will be out of service for a month. The time has come to get it done. It cannot go another winter in the shape it is

in. The interior will start seeing more damage if work isn't done. This is a 24/7 car. We have run it to this point. The car has the snack bar and he has two toilets which is a very important feature in this car which will be a big loss. In its place, we will put the All-Day Lunch car into service for commissary and the Articulated coach will be used for the lounge with toilet. To relieve some of the pressure from the loss of two toilets in the commissary car, we will also be putting the open car 401 into consist with its portable toilet and wash basin on board. It is not as nice as the Articulated coach lounge, but like they say, any port in a storm. Jim Green, Gerald Dewitt, Dan Loyola and Rich Alexander have done a splendid job in getting this job done.

The SP 2101 coach interior is now completed with all the new bench seats back in car. The seats were rebuilt and covered by Alex Upholstery. Jim Green did a great job in coordinating the swap out of the seats and transporting them back and forth to the upholstery shop. Are they comfortable? Go sit on one. You

will stay there the rest of the trip. Our track is smooth, we know that. But sitting on these seats make it even better. Alex used to do seats for the Southern Pacific Prior to 1985. The seats are completely rebuilt with proper padding. We bought rolls of material for him to use so all of the seats for the 1949 will also be the same color.

Around MP 37.2 we have a culvert that dates back to 1875 and it has been doing its job for all these years. Then came the heavy rain a few years back and it dislodged a stone in the middle of the culvert that prevented the water to run freely and it backed it up at the face of culvert washing out the dirt and weakened the roadbed and cut into the track structure. Not good if you were running trains across it. So, we took track out of service except for M of W trains. Steve Barkerie took on the task of rebuilding the culvert head wall. Not to long ago, we decided to receive 33 large concrete building blocks which weigh about 4500 lbs. each. Steve had several blocks loaded one of our flats and hauled out to the culvert and

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unloaded. The Wednesday M of W guys got some long switch ties and took them out to the culvert. The material is not in place for Steve to use some of his creativity and build a new head wall for the culvert. But first he has to clear the inside the culvert which is not easy. But he got most. One rock needs to be replaced and the culvert will be open for use. The final product of a new face was accomplished and it does look like it will sustain a lot of water runoff.

The 261 caboose will be pulled from service so we can get it prepped for painting. In its place will be the 081

caboose. I will have more on this project next month.

Gerry Fenny, Richard Anderson have been doing air tests on the GGRM cars to get them up to holding air without leaks. This Gives GGRM what is needed to correct the leaks and we will re-test them. Before the UP gets them, they have to be able to pass our air test to take them out to Hurst. When all the cars meet requirements, we are going to bring all the equipment to Brightside and put the whole train together and do a initial air test on the train.

Hopefully, UP will be here that day to witness it. Then plans can start

being made for movement. I am hoping for June.

We are planning for two RWP classes this year. Peter Schultze will be the instructor. The first on is scheduled for June 9th. Call our crew scheduler to make reservations for class. traincrews@comcast.net Pat 1-650/369-0414.

The 30th anniversary of Niles Canyon Railway was held Sunday May 20th. This was really an enjoyable event. The M200 had the assignment to do runs on our Valley Sub Division. And Brian Wise was the engineer and Tim Flippo was the Conductor

on first day of operation 30 years ago. So it was only fit to have them be the crew on the 30th anniversary runs. A ceremony was held and President Henry Baum was the MC. Mike Mc Quad who was the organization president on our opening day got up and said a few words of the past. The band played and the colors were presented by the Sunol Boy scout troop. Then the ones that were here 30 years ago all boarded the M200 for its run to Verona road. For lots of them, this is the first time that they were out on the Valley subdivision. When we returned to Sunol, Doug Debs had a great lunch ready for us. Yes, it was a

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

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

STATION - (SUNOL) - Work parking, ticket sales, set-up, etc. - Donna Alexander - station-agent@ncry.org

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great celebration and it was fun. Thank you's go out to Gail Hedberg, Linda Stanley, and all that helped in putting the event together. Great job done.

That's it for this month, as always, work safe and have fun doing what you are doing. This is not a job, so don't make it one. I hope to see you along the right of way.

Dexter Day



Doug Vanderlee helping Steve Barkkarie place shoring blocks with the Burro crane.

Photo by Steve Barkkarie



Radiator hood being lifted into place on the SP 2010 Photo by Dee Murphy

Completed interior of SP2101 coach.

Photo by Dexter Day



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Wednesday Maintenance of Way Update

With thanks to Pat Stratton, Gregg McNaughton, Bob Pratt, Dee and Sierra Murphy, Ron Thomas, Jim Stewart, John Zielinski, Doug Vanderlee, Steve Barkkarie, Steve Jones, Rich Alexander, and Greg LaFramboise, a lot was accomplished along the Right-of-Way this past month.

In fact, so much was done I'm going to let the pictures tell the story. With pictures equal to a thousand words, I'm out of breath already ;-)

There are places where you can pay hundreds of dollars to spend a week learning to work on the railroad. If you are reading this, chances are you have already paid your dues and only have to come out to the railroad any Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday and learn the skills to help keep the railroad, cars, locomotives, signals and everything else it takes to keep our operation going! Come out and give it a try some day soon!

Don't forget to sign up for the RWP class being offered on June 23rd. Sign up for the class Traincrews@comcast.net.

Green blocks to you all.

Joe Peterson



Above: Here we see Bob Pratt putting the final screws into the new walkway panel on the Arroyo Bridge. Photo by Joe Peterson



Top: Having changed the oil, Jim Stewart is now cleaning the brakes on the tie handler. Photos by Joe Peterson.

Above: Pat Stratton gathers tools while Dee and Sierra Murphy unwrap a new roll of Trakmat material to finish the Sunol tracks.

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Saturday Maintenance of Way Update

Saturday MOW

By Mike Strider

I always think that the thought of “rain” induces fears about being cold and wet, so must be the case of MOW days when the weatherman hints of rain. However, as it turns out, some of the best work days are on so-called rainy days as the temperature is cool and the rain usually cooperates. Saturday, April 7th was no exception as the crew of 5 including Bill Ross, Chris O’Gara, Steve Hill, Frank Fontes, and Mike Strider,

completed two major tasks under per-

fect weather conditions. In the morning, we loaded the stake truck with track tools, along with the CASE backhoe, and headed for Happy Valley bridge near MP 39. In preparation for the final inspection on the bridge and the

planned installation of 132-lb rail, the existing 90-lb rail and approach track was removed and the materials were stacked nearby. This was completed just after lunch. Once the track was removed, the crew headed to the new Verona Spur where we spent the rest of the afternoon spread-



Bob Pratt observes while Steve Jones guides Dee Murphy and the restored Sunol sign into position for re-installation. Photo by Joe Peterson

ing base rock and raising the track in preparation for ballast. Jeff Haslam joined the crew in the afternoon to help with the Verona Spur.

The next step at Verona is to sur-

face both mainline and spur including the switch with ballast so that we can open up these two portions for both MOW and train operations. The mainline eastward construction will start to see some activity in the next couple of months. Next month Steve Jones will lead the charge and re-

move overhanging vegetation in the curve leading up to Happy Valley bridge so the Burro Crane can freely handle track panels as we build east. Steve Barkkarie will be reclaiming ballast with our ballast shaker as he works east now that we have all the out-set markers established

for the horizontal portion of the track alignment.

We should be getting fair weather from now until next winter, so come out on the first Saturday of the month and join the fun.

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BRUSH WORLD

It has been said that the trees and brush that reside alongside of our right-of-way grow 24/7, but we only have the fourth Saturday of each month to cut them back. Well, first, I don't think they actually grow while the sun is down, but I'm pretty sure they are plotting. Because of track space conflicts with the Train of Lights, we don't go out on the ROW to trim trees in November or December, so that's only 10 Saturdays out of 365 days a year to keep the track side vegetation from taking over and holding us hostage.

The first Saturday of the month is traditionally dedicated to new track construction at the East end of the line. The first Saturday in May found Chief Engineer Mike Strider out of the state, so he ceded track construction to Brush Cutting. We took the opportunity to test the versatility of our new custom-built Bandit Chipper off-rail. We rented a small dump truck and towed the 8,000 pound chipper to the far East end of track to trim trees which would interfere with future track construction. Vol-

unteers who participated in this historic event included John Pelmulder, Ron Thomas, Ed Best, Dan Mills, Dee Murphy, Brian Hitchcock, Bob Bailey, Brooke Murphy and the undersigned. Dan Sarka photodocumented the occasion.

In an effort to regain the upper hand, we have begun to experiment with a "Second Wednesday" brush cutting day in addition to our customary 4th Saturday. On Wednesday May 10th, the crew of Dee Murphy and Doug Vanderlee joined yours truly to remove branches close

chipper was in the shop, so all slash was stacked for chipping the next week.

This stretch of right-of-way is not normally used for public operations, but will be part of the 30th anniversary celebration of the Pacific Locomotive Association in Niles Canyon. The M200 will take returning pioneers who built the first tracks from Brightside to Sunol in 1986 to 1988 on special excursion runs from Sunol to the Verona Crossing.

On Wednesday, May 17th, the whole Wednesday gang consisting of Joe Peterson, Dee Murphy, Sierra Murphy, Bob Pratt, Pat Stratton and yours truly, returned with the repaired chipper to process all of the slash cut the previous week. We also identified a few spots which escaped cutting the previous week and cleaned them up. At this writing, the ROW East of Bond Street to the Verona crossing is free of immediate hazards.

My thanks to all volunteers who have pitched

in to support this Herculean effort three weeks in a row.

Steve Jones



Sierra and Dee Murphy feed brush to Steve Jones and the Bandit chipper. Photo by Joe Peterson

enough to the tracks to touch passing main line equipment from the Shoofly to the Verona Crossing. Due to technical difficulties, our new

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April 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.**

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Gail Hedberg	Jim McDaniel	Sue Thomas	Pete Willis
Kent Hedberg	Denis Murchison		
Peter Midnight	Tony Peters	<u>Special Events</u>	<u>Gift Shop</u>
Jim Stewart	Joe Scardino	Linda Stanley	

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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
ncry.commissary@gmail.com
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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Trudie Burnside	Warren Haack	Fred Krock	Jeff Haslam
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Ed Best	Donna Alexander	Tom Anderson	Laura Engbersen
Chris Chisom	Rich Alexander	Jeff Boone	Frank Fontes
Scott Crislip	Bob Bailey	Henry Chandler	Pat Hafey
Ray Crist	Laura Bajuk	Steve Coon	Steve Hill
Gerald DeWitt	Mike Bozzini	Doug Debs	Steve Jones
Gerry Feeney	Doug Debs	Gerald DeWitt	Greg LaFramboise
	Jim Evans	Gerry Feeney	Gregg McNaughton

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April Treasurer's Report

Paul Veltman, Treasurer

In April, \$1190.00 in donations were received. Donations year to date for our fiscal year are \$82,544.69.

\$200 was received for the Car Department, \$350 for the Mechanical Department, \$100 for the engine house, \$520 for the General Fund and \$20 for The SP 9010.

Donors were:

Andrew Goodson

John Graff

Charles Jellison

Steve Jones in memory of Ray McAllister and Chili Barlow

Phil McCall

Linda Stanley in memory of Ray McAllister and Chili Barlow

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: Warren Haack, Eric Wright & Patrick Stratton have all applied to become Voting Members of the PLA. He has met the requirements spelled out in the bylaws. A vote on making Warren, Eric & Patrick Voting Members will be taken at the General Meeting on July 20.

That will be the fourth General Meeting in a row where we have had the opportunity to vote in a new Voting Member. That bodes well for the future of PLA, because it is the Voting Members who do not just contribute to the operation of our railroad but also guide the management of our association. For the size of the membership that we have, we could use a few more members who become deeply enough involved that they choose to pursue the responsibility of Voting Membership. If you might be one of those, your first step is to contact me.

Not yet qualified for Voting Membership, our 21 newest members are Eric Golanco, new family members Suzanne Dutra, Jade and Henry Barker, and Kaia Holleman, the family of Prashant Patil, Nilanjana Chanda, and Alisha Patil, the family of Jose and Pam Picazo, the family of Michael Harries, Andrea Keay, and Rob, Miranda, and Artemisia Harries, the family of Kitty Ng and Chi Pan, Chislon, and Silas Lao, and the family of James and Lynn Brown. Which ones of them will find their new homes among us and become our next old timers in the years to come?

Summer is one of the best times of year to get started with the railroad. I hope yours will be exciting but safe.

Peter Midnight

Niles Canyon Railway Announces:

RWP Training for 2018

June 9, 2018 & June 23, 2018

Brightside White House

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Sign up at:

Traincrews@comcast.net

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Dan Mills Josh Ellington
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Jim Stewart

Pat Stratton

Mike Strider

Ron Thomas

Doug Vanderlee

Mike Winkler

John Zielinski

Other

Don Buchholz



Mother's Day cuisine was especially prepared by the great food artisans Jacki Delduco and her daughter Jena Ruggeri and graciously served by volunteers Ruth Ebert, Bob Pratt, and Sue Thomas. Herbed Cucumber, Fruit Sandwiches, Asparagus Puffs, Ricotta Scones, Cocoa Meringue, Lemon Melts, Neapolitan Skewers and a variety of teas are examples of the treats from the menu... yummy!

The beautifully restored, climate controlled, Southern Pacific 1927 Dining Car provided a perfect setting in the Niles Canyon with the lush hills and historically significant Alameda Creek. It doesn't take too much imagination to look out the passing scenery and see Bronco Billy Anderson or Charlie Chaplin filming "The Tramp" along the roadway. Photos by Dan Sarka



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