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*Photos 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

August 1 MOW 7:30 a 4:00p    August 15 MOW 7:30 a 4:00p  
 August 4 MOW Building East    August 19 Regular Operation  
 August 5 Regular Operation    August 22 MOW 7:30 a 4:00p  
 August 8 MOW 7:30 a 4:00p    August 25 Brush Cutting 7:00 a 5:00p  
 August 12 Regular Operation    August 26 Regular Operation

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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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# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

## President's Report

President's Report –August 2018

We are in the midst of the summer doldrums. Things are getting done, but the pace is summer slow.

The GGRM move was cancelled at the last minute by the UP management in Omaha. Apparently, they didn't have the right paperwork for moving a 90-year-old Pacific locomotive with standard bearings. I wonder what they thought they were moving up until then.

Anyway, they now need to have someone come down from Cheyenne to look the locomotive over and determine if it is safe to move to Vallejo. This may have less to do with their concern that it will break and more to do with ensuring they don't break it. So right in the middle of their preparations to get the Big Boy to Promontory next year, someone needs to peel off and come inspect GGRM's SP 2472. I doubt they will be too happy about that. Hopefully all goes well, and they get approval from Omaha for the move in August.

A couple of weeks ago I was able to take a hiking tour with fellow stakeholders of the Niles Canyon Trail initiative.

These are all Alameda County department representatives, as well as East Bay Regional Parks and San Francisco Public Utility Commission (Hetch Hetchy Water).

The purpose was to garner support for Alameda County Public Works attempt to get Grant funding for the trail planning and developing the necessary Environmental Impact Reports. They want the stakeholders to go to bat for them with Caltrans, who would be funding the grant. So basically, the County wants the State to pay for it. Of course, this means us, the taxpayers, will end up paying for it one way or another, and blaming some government agency for spending money, and praising some other government agency for wisely spending the money. That's how government works.

As an aside, Alameda County has increased our monthly rent a tiny amount. We pay them this amount as a contractual rent. We also pay them a fixed portion of our revenues. So, the more money we make, the more money they make. Alameda County now makes far more money from us than they ever envisioned when they granted us the license to operate.

The hiking portion of the trip was walking the Right of Way from Dresser to Farwell bridges. I was able to impart a lot of the history to the attendees on just this little stretch of the ROW, making them aware of how important what we do here is. Of course, they are still guided by what their bosses tell them they need to do, so the history lesson is more for their personal growth.

The real high point of the trip was we all got to visit the old Mission Clay Works property, which is undergoing a transformation. There is a fabulous history of the brick and tile works at:

<https://calbricks.netfirms.com/brick.calpressed.html>

This site is undergoing a transformation that is briefly visible from our trains when passing the site. There are at least 8 gigantic excavators, a matching number of gigantic mining dump trucks, and assorted other excavating vehicles. I also get to see this from the ACE train on the other side of the property, so I have a good idea of what is happening there. I had no idea as to why. Since the work started, the contractor has improved the ac-

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cess road to the property and formed some roads and removed a lot of weeds. Most trees were saved.

When we arrived at the site I was introduced to the Site Superintendent for Patriot Environmental Services. He welcomed us to the site and gave us the quick mandatory safety instructions. Then he proceeded to proudly explain what they were doing. This company takes their environmental services seriously, and do not cut corners.

In a nutshell, when the brick works were converted from wood-fired to oil-fired kilns the pollution of the site began. Over the decades, a significant amount of bunker crude oil was allowed to leak in to soil. Current California requirements decree that this oil contamination must be remediated prior to any development of the site. And that is what Patriot is doing.

Since they began their efforts, they have discovered that almost all the property is covered with many feet of broken brick and clay tile. Rejects are a large percentage of output of a clay works, and these rejects just get broken and spread around. So, while they know precisely where the oil contaminations are on the 53-acre site, they need to basically remove many feet of the upper

crust to get to where they need to be. A small mountain of broken brick and tile has been excavated, and the secondary effort are to pulverize these remnants and turn them back into the native soil from which they came. They expect to move half a million yards of earth as part of this process, but the majority will remain on the site. Only the oil contaminated soil will be removed from the site. This contamination goes all the way down to bedrock! Once exposed, the bedrock will be cleaned prior to replacing the soil. This is a huge job, but it is mandatory, and it is expensive. I am glad we aren't paying for it.

The property owners have the property zoned for 9 large residential parcels, so this will eventually become a mini enclave in the canyon. A lot of other hurdles lie ahead for the owners, and we wish them well. If this all falls apart, they are welcome to donate the property to us and cut their losses.

The Brightside gate appears to be working much better these days. We are still tweaking the controls, so the response time of the gate is not as quick as we would like. We have noticed that some people are using this slow response to piggyback through the gate, rather than re-activating the gate with their card. For those

persons doing this, we will publicly humiliate you here in the Club Car – SHAME! SHAME!

I want to remind you of the rules you agreed to when we granted you access to the yard via the card you received. If you are identified as a person violating the rules, your card will be deactivated. Simple as that.

If you come up to the gate and it is open, swipe your card and it will stay open for you. If it is closing, swipe your card and it will reverse direction and reopen.

There is no acceptable reason to pass through the gate without swiping your card. Also, racing to catch the gate creates an unacceptable amount of dust. We are spending a fortune to paint cars and locomotives, we don't need them getting unnecessary dust baths. So slow down and use your access card.

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

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## ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Last month it was mentioned that the GGRM was going to be moved by the end of the month by the UP. That did not happen. The move was called off at the last minute on Friday by UP Omaha Operations just when we were getting ready to have our crews switch their equipment out to Hearst Siding to be set up for departure the following morning by the UP. This was a major disappointment by all that were involved both with the GGRM and the PLA. Over the past several weeks, a lot has gone into this move to get it where it was to be moved. The reason for the cancellation on the part of UP was so they could send an expert on large steam engines to give the 2472 and other equipment another going over to verify that they are ok to move. Although all this equipment had already gone through examinations by inspectors of UP, I guess that what was filed was not what they wanted. Or they wanted their Steam Department Inspectors to have another look. At this time, there is no new date set for the move.

The SP1195 is going through the finishing touches on its new paint job. As they called this Paint scheme on the SP, (The bloody nose), this switcher is the only one I know of in this paint scheme with full light package that is running. The SP 1195 will be back online in a couple days. It really looks good. Another great paint job by the painter contractor, Greg.

Jim Green and Gerald DeWitt have now decided to make the Women's lounge in the SP Articulated coach fully functional with toilet and sinks. When completed, it will look like the Men's lounge which is completed and functional. For this year, the women's lounge will be a crew room with a toilet that works. That is what it will be until the TOL is over with. Then the fun starts. Just like the men's lounge, walls need repair and walls need to be prepared for painting. Lounge seat and chairs need to be redone along with the lighting. By the TOL in 2019, this car will have two

lounges with toilets that work. While we are talking about the Articulated coach, Rich Alexander has gotten the generator wired in and hooked up so it now provides power for the Articulated coach. Yes, the car is now self-contained when it comes to providing electrical power. It is being set up to provide power to the Diner also. The generator under that car could provide power to the whole train if set up to do so.

We held a new Brakemen Class this month. It consisted of one day in the classroom learning to be a Brakemen and a few hours in the field going through some drills on switches, air hoses and hand brakes. The following day they were put into training mode on train operations. I provided the classroom teaching with Mark and Warren sitting in. After the classroom part was completed, Mark and Warren took over as the drill instructors and will be with them for a few outings. Then they become Student Brakemen. We try to hold two Brakemen classes each year,

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usually in the Spring and Fall. This year it was Summer and the next one will be in Spring 2019 after our annual re-certification classes.

That should do it for this month. It seemed like it was a slow month, but a lot got done. Until next month, work safely and think on what you are doing before performing a task. I hope to see you along the right of way.

Dexter Day

*Painting Contractor Greg working on the 'Bloody Nose' of Southern Pacific Switcher # 1195. Photo by Dexter Day*



***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

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

**MOW CREW - (SATURDAY)** - Work on track repair, etc. Michael Strider - michael.strider@hdrinc.com

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



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**Sunol, 7/1/18** – The Snack Bar attracts the nicest people and this time it's Sue Thomas and Armano Giovacchini serving up the goodies. Next time you're riding with us and enjoying one of Armano's family stories, check out the Polish Hot Dogs which are moist and with a perfect touch of spices. *Photos by Dan Sarka*



**Niles, 7/1/18** – Gwen and Linda are sending a Have-a-Happy-Ride to guests aboard the train departing for Sunol. Adults and children are always thrilled with starting out on the railroad adventure and excited to return the smiles and waves back to the ladies.

**Sunol Gardens, 7/4/18** – A beautiful blue sky and a gentle cool breeze provided perfect picnic weather on this special Independence Day. Members, volunteers, guests, and families boarded a special train being pulled by our beautiful SP Black Widows for an excursion to Niles with a photo run-by on the return to Sunol. After the train ride, a short walk across the street to the gardens where the picnic rounded out the day with lots of food, drinks, friends, a raffle, and awards. President Baum proclaimed the annual "Whistle" award was won by Rich Anderson and the "Volunteer of the Year" award was presented to Doug Debs. Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time to make this annual picnic a success with fun for all!

*Photos by Dan Sarka*



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**Niles, 7/22/18** – During our regular operations on Sunday NCRy was honored with a visit by David Newell, known as Mr. McFeely, the famous Delivery Man on the PBS show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

Mr. McFeely was in Niles for a special Laurel and Hardy Laugh Challenge event at the Essanay Silent Film Museum and stopped by to ride the "NCRy neighborhood train".

He is as heartwarming and friendly in person as the character wearing the Speedy Delivery hat which he portrayed on the show. Most of us can remember the Electric Trolley going ding-ding-ding while taking us through the show's neighborhood and Mr. McFeely delivering good news.

*Photos by Dan Sarka*





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*July 7, 2018... A Day in the Life of MOW*



*Left: Tamping at the Verona switch. Frank Fontes operating the tamper, Mike Strider guiding the tamper, and John Zielinski adjusting track jacks.*

*Photo by Chris O'Gara*

*Right: Same crew as above showing track level gauge in place and removing track jacks as the tamper progresses. Photo by Chris O'Gara*



*Left: The MOW crew setting top-of-rail stakes for the switch profile at Verona. From L-R, Frank Fontes, John Zielinski, Chris O'Gara, and Adriane Diaz De Rivera.*

*Photo by Mike Strider*

# ***NILES CANYON RAILWAY***



## ***August 2018 Special Events Calendar***

**August 3 Niles Summer Train 10:00 am & 12:30 pm**

**August 4 Wine Tasting Special 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**August 11 Public Speeder Rides, Trip to Verona at 4:00 pm**

**August 18 Wine Tasting Special 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**August 25 Hot August Nights on the Rails 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm**



*Photos by Dan Sarka*



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## June Volunteers

by Paul Veltman

The following is a list of the people who helped run your railroad in June. Names in **Bold** are new members, first timers, or the first time in a long time. If you are new to volunteering on the railroad, please print your name clearly on the sign in sheet so it can be read. You can also send hours by e-mail to [stumpie1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stumpie1@sbcglobal.net). **Note that if I can't read your writing, you may not get credit for the hours you worked.**

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Henry Baum	Henry Baum	Dave Lion	Sue Thomas
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Jim Evans	Dave Burla	Dan Loyola	Donna Alexander
Gail Hedberg	George Childs	Dennis Mann	Bob Bailey
Jim Kearney	Jim Evans	Jim McDaniel	John Burnside
Roger McCluney	Tim Flippo	Bob Moore	Trudie Burnside
Joe Scardino	Zona Fowler	Denis Murchison	Glenn Fountain
Linda Stanley	Gail Hedberg	Tony Peters	Gail Hedberg
Paul Veltman	Kent Hedberg	Joe Scardino	Len Leavitt
	Karen Kadaja	Linda Stanley	Joe Romani
<b><u>Meetings</u></b>	Dennis Mann	Phil Stone	Pete Willis
Donna Alexander	Roger McCluney	Don Stuff	
Rich Alexander	Peter Midnight	Claudia Swift	<b><u>Train of Lights</u></b>
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Bob Bradley	Jim Stewart	Steve Van Meter	
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Gail Hedberg		Bob Bailey	Rich Alexander
Kent Hedberg	<b><u>Car Department</u></b>	Ed Best	Bob Bailey
Steve Jones	Rich Alexander	Steve Coon	John Burnside
Dennis Mann	Bob Bailey	Dexter Day	Trudie Burnside
Roger McCluney	Lou Bradas	Gerry Feeney	Gwen Davis
Peter Midnight	Jeff Brazelton	<b><u>Commissary</u></b>	Dexter Day
Jim Stewart	Tom Crawford	Linda Best	John Fenstermacher
Paul Veltman	Doug Debs	Bob Bradley	Glenn Fountain
Jackie Vlasak	Gerald DeWitt	Doug Debs	Jim Gilmore
	Jon Engberson	Laura Engberson	Kent Hedberg
<b><u>Membership Meeting</u></b>	Laura Engberson	Bonnie Harrington	Steve Jones
Donna Alexander	Norm Fraga	Jack Harrington	Ken Lippman
		Steve Jones	
		Roger McCluney	

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The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood presents the 19th Annual

# Rail Fair

## Labor Day Weekend

September 1, 2, 3, 2018

10 am - 4 pm



### TRAIN RIDES

Ride the train pulled by "Katie" our diesel locomotive

### STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

For this year only, a steam engine will not be pulling the public. An 1890 Porter steam locomotive, Cortez Mining Co. #1, the "Ann Marie," will be pulling a demonstration train for everyone's viewing enjoyment and great photo opportunities.

### MODEL TRAINS

Many different sizes, plus LIVE STEAM model trains

### HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 3-7

Wooden trains; building activities using big waffle blocks, nuts and bolts, plastic hammers and saws, and construction sets; train book library; and MORE!

### EARLY DAY GAS ENGINES AND TRACTORS

### RAILROAD MUSEUM EXHIBIT

View railroad cars & artifacts over 100 years old

### MUSIC

### FARMYARD ACTIVITIES

Kids of all ages can join in farm activities, games and visit the animals

### HISTORIC PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS

### FOOD AND SPECIAL TREATS

Available for purchase at the Farmyard Café (or bring a picnic)

**All activities are FREE with admission**

**\$12 (ages 18+); \$8 (ages 3-17); 2 and under free**

**==== TICKETS SOLD AT THE GATE ====**



Operated by the nonprofit Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources ([www.spcrr.org](http://www.spcrr.org))

Ardenwood Historic Farm, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont, CA

Descriptions of all activities can be found at [www.facebook.com/SPCRRMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SPCRRMuseum) beginning August 1

For more information call 510-544-2797, or email [info@spcrr.org](mailto:info@spcrr.org)



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Patrice McDonald

Mark Miller

Dan Mills

Linda Stanley

Pat Warren

Pete Willis

## Gift Shop

David Ernest

Shirley Ernest

Gail Hedberg

Charlene Murrell

## Training

Rich Alexander

Tom Anderson

Ed Best

Bent Christensen

Tom Crawford

Jon Engberson

Laura Engberson

Pat Hafey

Brian Hitchcock

Curt Hoppins

Steve Jones

Steve Lowe

Mark Miller

Dan Mills

Charles Navarra

John Pelmulder

Joe Romani

Jim Stewart

Pat Stratton

Mike Strider

Ron Thomas

Paul Veltman

John Zielinski

## Switching Crew

Rich Alexander

Gerald DeWitt

Gerry Feeney

Kent Hedberg

Mark Miller

Linda Stanley

Eric Wright

## Train Crew

Rich Anderson

Ed Best

Dave Burla

Mike Carter

Chris Chisom

Scott Crislip

Gerald DeWitt

Tim Flippo

Warren Haack

Kent Hedberg

Curt Hoppins

Jorg Linke

Gregg McNaughton

George Mednick

Mark Miller

Jim Stewart

Pat Stratton

John Sutkus

Ron Thomas

Ted Unruh

Jackie Vlasak

Jon Williamson

## Docents

Bob Bailey

Mike Bozzini

Jim Evans

Fred Krock

Derek Lyon-McKeil

Jim Stewart

## Bridges and Buildings

Rich Alexander

Bob Bailey

Steve Jones

Linda Stanley

## Electrical & Signals

Curt Hoppins

Dave Lion

Joe Romani

Jim Stewart

Paul Veltman

## Mechanical Dept

Rich Anderson

Henry Chandler

Steve Coon

Doug Debs

Gerald DeWitt

Jon Engberson

Laura Engberson

Gerry Feeney

Jim Green

Jeff Haslam

Chris Hauf

Kent Hedberg

Steve Jones

Chuck Kent

Justin Legg

Dennis Mann

## Arthur McKenzie

Dee Murphy

Bill Ross

Derek Schipper

Conner Schwab

Jeff Schwab

Linda Stanley

Bill Stimmerman

Howard Wise

Bob Zenk

John Zielinski

## MOW / Track

Rich Alexander

Tom Anderson

Bob Bailey

Steve Barkkarie

Frank Fontes

Steve Jones

Greg LaFramboise

Gregg McNaughton

John Pelmulder

Joe Peterson

Bob Pratt

Joe Romani

Linda Stanley

Jim Stewart

Pat Stratton

Mike Strider

Ron Thomas

Doug Vanderlee

John Zielinski

## Other

Josh Ellington

Zonker Harris

Paul Veltman

# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

## June Treasurer's Report

*Paul Veltman, Treasurer*

In June, \$255.00 in donations were received. Donations year to date for our fiscal year are \$88,834.69.

\$100 was received for the Mechanical Department, \$100 for the engine house and \$55 for the General Fund.

Donors were:

Andrew Goodson

Charles Jellison

Dennis O'Brien

Pat Warren

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

## *Membership Report*

Our newest members this month are Jesse Bowdle, Anand Rao, Sandra Weeks, the family of Timothy, Lorian, and Kiana Hatch, the family of David and Cherie Landon, and the family of Sowmya Sitaram and Balji and Santosh Vasu. Only eleven they are, but any of them could be one or more of those who will find personal fulfillment in active participation and really get the most for their dues money in PLA.

Unfortunately, that is not as easy as it sounds. We have welders and machinists and carpenters who would like a chance to maintain their skills, but they are not finding the places in our operation where they are sorely needed. We have people joining PLA because they want to learn how to operate a train, and still we have a crying need for more men and women on our train crews. We always have new members who dutifully fill out and return their Interests forms, and then nothing happens. Unless they take the initiative to also follow up with the new member orientation I recommend to each of them or make use of the volunteering or e-coupling information in every issue of the Club Car, those will be opportunities that are lost to both the PLA and the individual members.

We already have several people doing good work with volunteers in various ways, and still we are not getting all the volunteers we need, even when they are knocking at our door. What we still need is a matchmaker, someone with the right people skills and inclinations who will reach out personally to each of those would be volunteers and also to each of the people running projects and departments who need them and then make the connections and the introductions that will get the right people into those opportunities and will get the PLA the extra help we always need to keep us growing and succeeding as an all volunteer operation.

I am not that guy, with the people skills we need for that role. If you think you might be that person, I want to talk with you, even with my lack of those skills. Please email me. We need you. You'd be surprised how much good you can do for your railroad museum without getting your hands dirty!

Peter Midnight



# NILES CANYON RAILWAY



*Left: Vallejo Mill, Westbound,  
7/4/18 SP #5623 Black Widow pulls SP  
#2473-2474 articulated coach along  
with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July special picnic train.*

*Photo by Dan Sarka*

***NCRy Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 3:00 pm  
Sunol Train Depot***

If you volunteer and don't have a name tag, please contact Rich Alexander by email,  
[alexzoo@comcast.net](mailto:alexzoo@comcast.net)  
and ask for a nametag. He will cut and paste your name as you send it to him onto the name tag, so it is spelled correctly.

It's August, when everyone's thoughts turn to .....the Christmas holidays!?! Yes, that's right, Christmas is right around the corner and that means that as you're reading this Club Car, we are gearing up for decorating for our Train of Lights. Interior and exterior departments will be starting in September, or maybe sooner. It takes many weeks to build a train for the holidays and our biggest fundraiser for our organization. If you can help, please show up at Brightside on Wednesdays to start, and I'm sure additional days will be added as the decorating progresses.

And if you don't get emails regarding when we do decorating, need people for the snack bar on Sundays, or for the Train of Lights jobs, that means you are not on the PLA email list. If you would like to be on the PLA email list and find out where you are needed, please contact Paul Veltman, [stumpie1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stumpie1@sbcglobal.net), and ask him to add you to the email list.

Thank you,  
Donna Alexander

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