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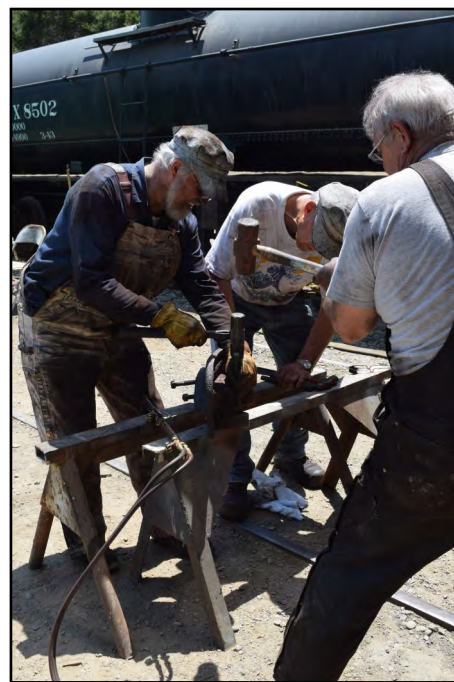
September 2018



Above Left: Henry Chandler is working hard at staying dirty all day while pulling a shift with the Steam Department



Center: Jim Stewart cleaning a signal housing.



Right: Bill Ross, Henry Chandler, and Chuck Kent spending time in the Steam Department dealing with that last stubborn bolt.

Photos by Dee Murphy

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Sunol, 8/19/18 –

A "CALIFORNIA ROCKS" was discovered on the bench at Sunol station shortly after a Wine Train event. The "Rock" was then re-hidden the next day on a Regular Ops train and found while in route to Niles by a happy passenger. The "Rock" is a Facebook fun group that paints common river rocks with beautiful designs and places them in public places to be found. More information about the rock can be found at Facebook.

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

Niles Canyon Railway Volunteer Work Schedule Sept. 2018 New Volunteers are always welcome!

September 1 MoW Building East
 September 5 MoW 7:30 a - 4:00 p
 September 12 MoW 7:30 a - 4:00 p
 September 19 MoW 7:30 a - 4:00 p

September 22 Brush-cutting 7:00 a - 5:00 p
 September 26 MoW 7:30 a - 4:00p

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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. Please feel free to attend.

Every Wednesday and Saturday is a Work Day at the Brightside Railyard, New Volunteers welcome, just call ahead!

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The Club Car

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Send email to:

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NILES CANYON RAILWAY

President's Report



Yep, it is here. September! The most anticipated month on the PLA Calendar. It is time when the volunteers on the NCRy start having visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads. Yes, it is time to begin preparation for another Train of Lights season. We have slightly more than 10 weeks after Labor Day to make the magic happen.

The first thing that happens is the two baggage cars that are used to store the decorations from year to year are brought into the yard. One car holds the exterior decorations, the other car holds the interior decorations. The cars are opened up and the contents inspected for obvious damage. If a car has sprung a roof leak or been infested with vermin, the great re-opening will let us know. Usually, there are no great surprises, and the decorating teams can get right to work inspecting the lights.

The outdoor team, working under the guidance of Tom Crawford, will begin testing and uncoiling the LED rope lights that have become the mainstay of our exterior decorating. The team members will also begin installing the wire structures to the cars that secure the rope lights. Working on one car at a time, the rope lights are installed, and the accent pieces are wired into the mix. Each car has a particular selection of accent pieces. My favorite is the dome car which gets LED palm trees. One of the open cars gets the fancy American flag display.

The outdoor team has to deal not only with the sheer height of the cars, working 16 feet off the ground, but also has to play peek-a-boo with the sun to keep from frying. It is still summer, and the canyon can be a pretty toasty place.

As with all things that must survive winter weather (even California winter weather), after a number of years, they just become worn out. So new accent pieces are procured and worked into the display. This obsolescence keep the TOL new and shiny every year.

The interior team is geared to supporting the dreams and inspirations of our very own General Manager Dexter Day, or as he is affectionately known, Dr. Christmas. Dr. Christmas spends the year imagining new displays, beginning as he un-decorates the train after each successful TOL.

The interior decorations (primarily the accent pieces) are slowly converting to LED lights, but still the majority of the light strings use the tiny Italian or Miniature lights. And they are wired in series, so that when one goes out, they all go out (regardless of what it said on the box). Over the years a really efficient method of troubleshooting the dark strings has allowed us to recover the strings and that is important. Most of the light strings are wrapped around many many yards of artificial pine garland. If the garland is in good shape, not having to restring it with new lights can save many man hours.

This garland has just spent the last 9 months piled into boxes. So in order to make it look like pine branches and not putting greens, the garland must be serviced by volunteers we refer to as "fluffers". And that is what they do, they fluff the garland back out into realistic looking things. There are a large number of wreaths that also need to be fluffed out for the same reason. Some wreaths have lights which must be checked. Most have bows that also need to be fluffed out.

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Running electric cords to where they are needed, both inside and out, is a big job that is best undertaken before the decorations go on, but usually it can't be done until the decorations are installed and one can look how best to supply power to them. We have had specialty extension cords made that make this job much simpler. And the use of magnetic hooks makes hanging cords, lights, garland and decorations a fairly speedy process. We will use literally thousands of magnetic hooks.

As always, the thing that is in shortest supply is manpower. We need a lot of people to help out with the decorating, especially in the beginning of the process. Just hauling everything out to the appropriate cars needs bodies who can lift big boxes. Most boxes are light, just unwieldy. Volunteers who are comfortable working on ladders are always the most needed. None of us are getting any younger. If you can come out and lend a hand, decorating takes place at a minimum on Wednesdays and Saturdays between middle of September and Thanksgiving.

A few weeks ago Ed Dickens, the head of the Union Pacific Heritage Facility in Cheyenne, Wyoming, was in Brightside to inspect the GGRM steam locomotive SP2472 to ensure it was ready to be moved over UP rails. I caught up with him after he was done, and we talked about how important it is for these 'hospital' moves to go off without a hitch, as it will on-

ly take one serious failure to end them forever. So it is in everyone's best interest to ensure that the move goes off without any difficulties. I bring this up because there is an even greater need for all train fans to become responsible for their fellow train fans. Without becoming the train fan police, we do need to ensure that train fans don't become the final nail in the heritage rail caboose. In other words, don't become part of the problem.

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

Above: Trackside poppies along the NCRy right-of-way.

Photo by Hugh Tebault



Above: Jim Green preparing Santa-Fe Caboose #999261 for its next step in the painting process.

Photo by Dee Murphy

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ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Last month ended with a disappointment when we found out that the Union Pacific (UP) had cancelled the GGRM move. This was on the basis that the UP wanted a closer look at SP 2472 bearings. This was going to be done by the UP Heritage Team from Cheyenne. That is exactly what took place about two weeks later. The engine was inspected and given approval to move. No new date has been set, but one will be coming.

The 'Bloody Nose' Southern Pacific 1195 Switcher re-painting is now completed and she is back in service. Like those new paint jobs that have been done before SP 1195, you must approach the engine with sun glasses in hand. This paint we use is great and goes on well. And like I said, it is smooth and shiny.



The Commissary car has had a new roof sealant application for the winter. The car did show some areas where moisture was getting in. It won't now.

Also, after the Train of Lights (TOL), this car will be going in for a repair and a new paint job. The car will be repainted as it was delivered to the Southern Pacific, grey with white lettering.

The next car to be painted will be the Combine. It will be Pullman green color with SP lettering. This will be done before the TOL. While we are on the topic of car painting, the #999261 Santa Fe Caboose is finished. Once again, it is shiny and bright. Boy, what a paint job does for a car.

This car went from looking bad to looking like a new caboose again. The 261 will be back in regular service this September. Jim Green is going to give this caboose a yearly check before returning it back to road operations. Although the caboose looks great when finished, the man hours that went into to this caboose is off the chart.

Masking, trimming with two to three coats of paint, and the clean up after the job is done. It takes time to get it to the point as you see it now. Lot of time. The lettering still must go onto this car sides and ends before it is finished.

The TOL is approaching way too fast. Yes, the decorating cars will be back on site soon.

This is so we can start getting ready to decorate. You got to love it, it is 100 degrees outside not saying what it is inside the cars that have no AC and we are putting up garland and Christmas lights.

Ho, Ho, Ho. If you want to get into the Christmas spirit before you eat the turkey at Thanksgiving, then come out and join the exterior or interior crew and get Christmas behind you early.

The exterior crew always goes to JIM'S for lunch

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Above left: Rich Anderson working on removing paper and tape after the paint job for Santa-Fe Caboose #999261

Above Center: Brakeman Jorg Linke on locomotive.

Above Right: Bill Stimmerman working on the rear nose of the SP #9010 body.

Left: Joe Peterson of the Maintenance of Way crew on the job.

Right: John Zielinski walking his creation "magnet on wheels" through the Brightside Yard, cleaning up stray debris (note the bucket).

All photos by Dee Murphy



Want to Volunteer with the Niles Canyon Railway? Start here!

YOUR VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED !

BRUSH CUTTING - Clearing the Right of Way of bushes and trees - Steve Jones - fccompost@aol.com

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COMMISSARY - Food service on the trains - Bob Bradley - ncry.commissary@yahoo.com

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Maintenance of Way (MoW) Crew - (WEDNESDAY) - Work on track repair, etc. - Joe Peterson - wedmow@ncry.org

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

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Union City, 8/9/18 - A 40-minute talk with projected illustrations and photos of the historic railroad in Niles Canyon was presented by our fabulous Chef and Hazmat Manager Doug Debs, along with Laura Bajuk, at the Union City Tomatina Restaurant. The importance of the Original Transcontinental Railroad and Niles Canyon was put in perspective, and why the railroad through Niles Canyon has proven so important to the State of California and the entire nation over the past 149+ years. Afterwards Doug received a Lions coffee mug from President Bill Stone and congratulations from past president Dave Garges. All and all it was a super evening and we may have some Lions interested in becoming NCRy members. Thank you Doug and Laura for continuing to spread the word to other service clubs and the public!

Photos by Dan Sarka



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and that is fun and filling. The exterior and interior will be working on Wed. and Thurs. The Interior crew is planning a few Sat decorating sessions this year for those that can't make midweek. It might be doing set up work or decorating, whatever is needed.

This Mark IV tamper of H & H will be on property for a week doing our turns on the railroad. This needs to be done to keep up the super elevations and keep the profile of the turn. This machine has a computer on it, you simply set the numbers and it takes care of the rest of the tamping. We should get some broken ties out of this operation. The last time with the Mark III we did. That will call for H & H track crew to come onto the NCRY and put in three days of work on tie replacement. This will make the ride smoother and less rocking motion when the car finds a fallen track super elevation.

We have gotten approval from Alameda County to drill a well. It will be down by MP 34. The well will have a pump and it will be pumped to a tank on the hill. What size tank has not been determined yet.

Also, real live restrooms with running water. With that well, we can support a fire suppression system for the new engine house. This is what you call progress.



Above: Santa-Fe Caboose #999261 following completion of major paint work.

Left: Southern Pacific 'Bloody Nose' Switcher #1195 returning to service after her new paint-job.

Photos by Dexter Day



That should do it for this month. Hope you all have a good one and work safely. Hope to see you ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY.



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Harvest Moon Special

NCRy Potluck Dinner & Moonlit Train Ride

Saturday, September 22, 2018, 5-9pm

5:00pm - Potluck Dinner at Sunol Depot Gardens (6 Kilcare Rd, Sunol)

7:30pm - Diesel 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 a moonlit train ride!

Dinner will be served in the Sunol Gardens ca. 5:15pm. Our HARVEST MOON SPECIAL DIESEL TRAIN departs Sunol Depot at 7:30pm on a round-trip journey by the light of the silvery moon. Return to Sunol ca. 9pm. This is what memories are made of! 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, cups, etc.

If your last name starts with, bring:

A, B, C, D, E, F & T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z - MEAT, CHICKEN, or HEARTY MAIN DISH
G, H, I, J, K, L, M - SALAD
N, O, P, Q, R, S - DESSERT

Information: Doug Debs - e-mail: dougdebs2472@yahoo.com, 650.704.1487 (c)

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

Tell us you're coming! Send your request to:

harvestmoon@ncrysignal.com

If you do not have email please contact Doug Debs at 650 704 1487

We need to know:

- Your name
- How many people in your party

AND if you will be dining with us in the Gardens

- How many with potluck and how many without

Pay on site with Cash (credit change is helpful) or Check to: NCRy Commissary Dept - HARVEST MOON SPECIAL
Limited seating available so sign up early!



Niles Canyon Railway

PRESENTS

Beer on the Rails

A Niles Canyon Railway Fundraiser

\$50.00
person

beer
and
lunch



2 hour
train
ride

June 16, July 21, October 14, 2018

Departs Niles/Fremont Station at 1:00, returns at 3:00
37029 Mission Boulevard, Fremont

Tickets only available online at 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

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A day of regular operations is captured rail-side on an April Sunday morning.

Photo by Dan Sarka

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Niles, 8/11/18 – Speeders galore, not the kind on the roadways but the kind on the rails. Ten speeders were on hand for the annual Niles to Brightside public event. Great fun either riding the rails near ground level, going over the Dresser and Farwell bridges, or crossing over Alameda Creek and Hwy 84. During the event, Al McCracken and Bob Bailly demonstrated the unique velocipede and handcar with kids and parents taking them for a short spin on the siding. *Photos by Dan Sarka*

NCRy Special Events Calendar

September 2018

Sunday, Sept. 2 Regular Operations

Sept. 8 Wine Tasting Special 1:00 -3:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 15 Charter, Sunol to Niles

Sunday, Sept. 16 Regular Operations

Sunday, Sept. 16 Tea on the Rails

Sept. 22 Members Harvest Moon Train 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sept. 29 Wine Tasting Special 1:00 -3:00 pm



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July Volunteers

by Paul Veltman

The following is a list of the people who helped run your railroad in July. 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.**

<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Membership Meeting</u>	<u>Car Department</u>	
	Donna Alexander		Steve Van Meter
Henry Baum	Rich Alexander	Bob Bailey	Marshall Williams
Dexter Day	Bob Bailey	Jeff Brazelton	<u>Commissary</u>
Jim Evans	Steve Barkkarie	Tom Crawford	Donna Alexander
Don Gholson	Henry Baum	Gerald DeWitt	Steve Coon
Gail Hedberg	Bob Bradley	Norm Fraga	Doug Debs
Peter Midnight	Dave Burla	Rob Giles	Armano Giovacchini
Joe Scardino	Tom Crawford	Pete Goodier	Bonnie Harrington
Paul Veltman	Tim Flippo	Jim Green	Jack Harrington
	Zona Fowler	Jeff Haslam	Sue Thomas
<u>Meetings</u>	Zonker Harris	Mark Jacobs	<u>Special Events</u>
Donna Alexander	Gail Hedberg	Steve Jones	
Rich Alexander	Kent Hedberg	Ken Lippman	Donna Alexander
Henry Baum	Karen Kadaja	Dennis Mann	Rich Alexander
Dexter Day	Fred Krock	Jim McDaniel	Bob Bailey
Laura Engbersen	Peter Midnight	Arthur McKenzie	Laura Bajuk
Jim Evans	Mark Miller	Bob Moore	Bob Bradley
Gail Hedberg	Dan Mills	Denis Murchison	John Burnside
Kent Hedberg	Bob Pratt	Tony Peters	Trudie Burnside
Fred Krock	Derek Schipper	Joe Scardino	Steve Coon
Dennis Mann	Pat Stratton	Linda Stanley	Doug Debs
Peter Midnight	Paul Veltman	Terry Stokes	Gerry Feeney
Jim Stewart		Phil Stone	Glenn Fountain
Paul Veltman		Don Stuff	Rob Giles
		Wes Swift	

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Left: L-R John Zielinski, Mike Strider and Tom Anderson guiding panel track in place on Saturday, August 4th- Photo by Chris O'Gara

Middle: The Burro connected to rolling stock and moving cars. The military flat was taken up to Verona to transport track panels to the end of track on Saturday, August 18th- Photo by Frank Fontes

Bottom Left: L-R John Zielinski, Frank Fontes (operating Burro), Steve Jones, and Linda Stanley laying panel track at near MP 38.7 on a sunny August 4th Photo by Charles Navarra



Bottom Right: L-R Tom Anderson, John Zielinski, Chris O'Gara, Frank Fontes (operating Burro), Steve Jones, Mike Strider and Linda Stanley.

Photo by Charles Navarra

*August Track-laying
operations on the
NCRY*



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Gail Hedberg	Kent Hedberg	<u>Train Crew</u>	John Zielinski
Kent Hedberg	Steve Jones		<u>Docents</u>
Steve Jones	Mark Miller	Rich Alexander	Bob Bailey
Dave Lion	Dan Mills	Rich Anderson	Mike Bozzini
Matt Maksell	Sally Mills	Ed Best	Jim Evans
Roger McCluney	Ed Noble	Walter Boland	Fred Krock
Patrice McDonald	Linda Stanley	Mike Carter	Derek Lyon-McKeil
Dan Mills	Paul Veltman	Chris Chisom	
Sally Mills	Pat Warren	Scott Crislip	<u>Bridges and Buildings</u>
Sharron Morrison	Pete Willis	Dexter Day	Rich Alexander
Brooke Murphy		Gerald DeWitt	Rich Anderson
Dee Murphy	<u>Gift Shop</u>	Bob Engbersen	Dexter Day
Sierra Murphy	Gail Hedberg	Jon Engbersen	Steve Jones
Charlene Murrell	Patrice McDonald	Warren Haack	Joe Scardino
Joe Romani	Charlene Murrell	Kent Hedberg	Alan Siegwarth
Dan Sarka		Donald Kirker	
Linda Stanley		Justin Legg	<u>Electrical & Signals</u>
Sue Thomas	<u>Training</u>	Derek Lyon-McKeil	Bent Christensen
Paul Veltman	Dexter Day	Gregg McNaughton	Curt Hoppins
Adrian Vera	Mark Miller	George Mednick	Dave Lion
Pete Willis	Paul Welch	Mark Miller	Joe Romani
		Andy Rao	Jim Stewart
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Bob Bailey	Gerry Feeney	Pat Stratton	
Gwen Davis	Kent Hedberg	Ron Thomas	
John Fenstermacher		Ted Unruh	<u>Mechanical Dept</u>
Glenn Fountain		Jackie Vlasak	Rich Alexander
Jim Gilmore		Paul Welch	Rich Anderson
		Jon Williamson	Henry Chandler
			Steve Coon

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Membership Report

The times, they are a changing. The meeting times, that is. Some people find it difficult to come out to the canyon on a Friday evening, which is when our general meetings have normally been held. We have also tried holding meetings on a weekend afternoon. That was difficult for a whole different group of people. What we are going to do next is some of each. Starting with the general meeting in October, we plan to alternate between Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Our next scheduled general meeting will be in the usual place, Sunol Glen School, but will start at 3:30 pm on Saturday, October 20. For those unfamiliar with our meeting place, it is in the cafeteria, behind the main building, at the west end of the courtyard.

Any of our 30 newest members might not already know where the meeting is. They are Anthony Noddings, Ted Christoffersen, new family member Ann Riley, the family of Anas, Hanan, Amir, and Omri Bder, the family of Hwarung Chen and Wenling and Chintu Chiu, the family of Veronika Khodareva and Alexander Khodarev, the family of Leticia, Mahesh, Agustin, and Amadeo Bhatia, the family of Josiah Leake and Qiulan Liang, the family of Vien, Steven, and Vincent Truong, the family of Yanpin Zhang and Huiqing and Luke Zhou, and the family of Weiyi Xiong and Ge, Alexander, Angelina, Felicity, and Leonardo Zhu.

As you read this, the decorating party is well underway on this year's Train of Lights. That's a great opportunity for any new member, or for you, to start getting involved with your railroad. You'll find the people doing the decorating come out to pitch in from many different departments of PLA. Those are some of the same people you might end up working with all year 'round, after you find the most rewarding place for yourself in our operation. Decorating the Train of Lights is a great way to meet some of them, all in one place. That train is also one of the most fun things to have had a hand in all year. I hope you won't miss it.

And whatever you do, *do it safely*. That always comes first.

Peter Midnight

July Treasurer's Report

Paul Veltman, Treasurer

In July, \$877.50 in donations were received. Donations year to date for our fiscal year are \$877.50.

\$195 was received for the SP 9010, \$100 for the engine house and \$ 582.50 for the General Fund.

Donors were:

Clark Black

Paul Ellis

Andrew Goodson

Harvey Henkelmann

Thomas Hunter

Charles Jellison

Jorg Linke

Melanie Lochli

Andy Martin

Phil McCall

Michael Mcewin

Harry Wong

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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Doug Debs	Steve Jones
Gerald DeWitt	Gregg McNaughton
Jon Engberson	Dee Murphy
Laura Engberson	Chris O'Gara
Gerry Feeney	John Pelmulder
Jeff Haslam	Joe Peterson
Chris Hauf	Bob Pratt
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Top: L-R Tom Anderson and John Zielinski tightening joint bar on panel track. Photo by Chris O'Gara

Middle: A close up of the Burro crane being used to move the military flatcar near Verona during MoW operations. Photo by Frank Fontes

Bottom: Bill Ross (left) and Henry Chandler inside the steam locomotive Robert Dollar #3, working on loosening nuts and bolts. Photo by Dee Murphy

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Crews readying Western Pacific 918 at Brightside Yard for service on a foggy valley morning. At left is Western Pacific 713 prior to her new paint job which was completed in the Spring of 2018.

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