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OUR MISSION:

To be an operating railroad museum for standard gauge railroading, past, present and future, with emphasis on the Western United States and special emphasis on Northern California.



Photo by Chris Hauf

#918-D rolls into Sunol with its train for Western Pacific Day. More photos on Page 8.

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The Niles Canyon Railway has several special events planned for our riders.

We have a Wine Train, the last scheduled run is this month. We have added something new, an Oktoberfest Beer Train Special. We just recently had Western Pacific Day (Photo above and on Page 8) and Black Widow Day.

And don't forget the Harvest Moon Train Potluck train. There is also the possibility of a Halloween Train, any of you ghouls interested?

And the big event is now in the decorating stages. Our Train of Lights. We can always use your help decorating the many train cars inside and outside. See Dexter's column for contact information.

These events are possible by the many volunteers we have working. If you have some time, we can use your help on the many projects and events.

Remember, the Train of Lights is a large event and we need your help.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sept. 5 & 7	1st Sat. & Mon.	GGRM Steam Operation
Sept. 12	2nd Saturday	Board of Directors Meeting, 3 p.m. (Sunol Depot)
Sept. 26	4th Saturday	Harvest Moon Potluck & Train (Sunol Depot)
Sept. 26	4th Saturday	Brush Cutting, 8 am (Brightside Yard)
October 3	1st Saturday	Octoberfest Beer Train (Niles/Fremont)
October 10	2nd Saturday	Board of Directors Meeting, 3 p.m. (Sunol Depot)
October 16	3rd Friday	Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. (Sunol Glen School)

All 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.

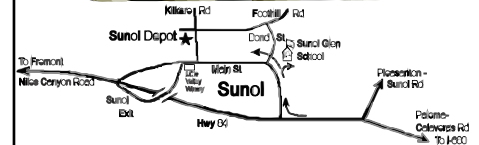
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The Club Car

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for next month's issue of The Club Car is the **20th of this month**. Submitting articles is easy by e-mail in MS Word™ text format.

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Digital photos may also be submitted on digital media or by e-mail. Electronic images should be saved as PC format .jpg files with minimal compression (i.e., average to excellent quality). A text file with the photo number, description of photo and identifying the people in them is required.

To send documents, articles or photos, contact the editor at (510) 431-3401 for mailing instructions. Submissions will not be returned unless accompanied by a SASE.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jingle Bells - Jingle Bells – Jingle all the way! Ho-Ho-Ho, Merry Christmas. Yep, it is now September and on the Niles Canyon Railway that means the decorating of the Train of Lights has already begun. It's a big train, so it takes a lot of time and volunteer man-hours to get the job done. And this year we need to have as many new people come out to help as we can muster, as the volunteer teams who have done such a great job are looking to share their knowledge and experience with the teams who will carry on the tradition for the next 20 years.

First, I would like to thank Leslie and Charles Smith for all their efforts these past years. Leslie's organizational skills and attention to detail will be hard to replace, but they have decided that for personal reasons they will not be able to lead the charge again this year. They will be sorely missed, and the TOL efforts will be more difficult because of it.

Tom Crawford will be leading the exterior decorating team for us again this year. As the members of the Car Department make up the majority of the decorating team, the restoration efforts of the Car Department will once again go on hold until the train is undecorated in January. Having volunteers willing to take on these double responsibilities is what has allowed us to have the biggest and best holiday train in the world. If we also had volunteers who were strictly dedicated to Train of Lights decorating, we would be even more efficient (and have more volunteers!).

With Leslie leaving, I have a big hole to fill. So I have asked Dr. Christmas to come out of semi-retirement and resurrect his role as TOL decorator. Who is Dr. Christmas? Well, our General Manager and Resident Elf, Dexter Day. Dexter began the Train of Lights as a fun event for our members 20 some years ago by putting lights on a couple of cars and running the train up and down the canyon. The event was popular, and so it grew, and grew. It eventually grew to the point where it became visible to the public and they

wanted to ride it. So the Holiday Train of Lights excursions were born, for the enjoyment of the general public. This has become our major fund raiser for the year, and has pretty much taken over the organization from September until February.

Dr. Christmas turned the train into a show piece, going from a few strings of C7 bulbs to literally millions of Italian lights and animated displays. I remember one year when we were straining our big generator to deliver the 56kW of power necessary to light the train. A lot of what we see on the regular trains today also grew out of the Train of Lights. The roofed open cars Park and Brightside were developed for TOL. The Generator/Snack car was added to allow a second train to meet the demand. The opening of the Niles boarding platform also supported the second train.

And still it grew. Over the years we have had to bring in additional coaches from private owners and even from Caltrain to meet the demand for seats on the TOL. We eventually brought enough new coaches and open cars into service to support our needs. Manpower issues forced us to limit ourselves to one big train, but this big train was possible because we were able to also run once as a round-trip out of Niles, and once as a round-trip out of Sunol, helping to alleviate the parking issues in Sunol. We added the Caboose charters, which always sell out. Premium Service supported by the Santa Fe Dome Car and GGRM's SP Lounge Car was added and has been extremely popular.

As it grew, the need for volunteers became greater. The decorators are key to the TOL existing. But it cannot operate without the rest of the organization. We need Operations to provide the train crews. We need the Car Department to maintain the cars in safe condition. We need the Mechanical Department to keep the locomotives ready to go. We need Commissary to supply and man the snack bars. We need our marketing and website teams to ensure the word

gets out about ticketing and schedule. We need the Station Agents to handle the crowds and manage parking. We need Donna and Rich Alexander who man the phones to provide a live voice to answer the questions of our patrons. We need MOW to keep the track up to snuff and keep the ever-growing trees away from the train decorations. We need the Signal/Electrical Department to keep the train lit, and the crossings safe.

None of this can happen without our dedicated volunteers, who understand how important this event is for our organization and who dedicate their time to see it happens, despite the inevitable conflicts both personal and technical that are bound to arise in any project of this size.

I am actually looking to appoint a member as TOL Chairperson. This is an administrative function that would oversee the entire TOL process. The TOL now needs to be managed year-round, as a lot of things need to be prepared between the time the last decoration comes off and the first decoration goes back on. If this sounds like something you might be interested in (especially if you are not volunteering as much as you would like to), please give me a call.

If you would like to discuss these topics in greater detail or you have additional comments or concerns, please contact me. If you are willing to assist with any of our upcoming projects, or serve on any of our extremely important committees, please contact me at 925.447.7358 or at president@ncry.org.

Respectfully Submitted
Henry Baum



ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The month of August was a little on the warm side around the Niles Canyon Railway. For me, it is hard to get motivated, but for some, like Jim Green, he was hard at it getting the roof of ATSF 261 caboose ready for painting. He also got the first coat of paint on the roof. The final coat will be a little darker red than what is on there now. Jim also has sand blasted the cat walks and getting them ready for painting. When parts and roof are ready, Jim will reassemble the cat walks onto this caboose. With the roof looking so good, I am sure the rest of the caboose will get some new paint also. Now we can choose what paint scheme we want looking at the car's rebuilt date.

Joe Peterson and the Wednesday M of W group has been busy doing some tie replacement with the help of Steve Barkkarie on the backhoe. The East Sunol switch had a FRA write up on no support under insulated joints. In other words, bad ties under joints. This was the first for this group for installing switch ties. They are a little harder to install than an ordinary mainline tie. I had three ties marked to get replaced and six other ones that needed to be replaced when we got around to them. Well, they put all nine ties in and the switch should be good to go for many years. Along with doing the switch, the Wednesday M of W group put in three ties at Sunol depot on the mainline to remove a future violation. By having them able to do these smaller jobs that are a must to get done when we have a situation that pops up and turns into a violation situation. This type of back up is something we have needed for a long time. Talking about the Wednesday group, Karen has been documenting items that have been filed at Blake's Palace for many years. We have blue prints of Southern Pacific Railroad that goes way back. Yes, blue prints. That is when you had to hire drafting personnel that could draw



Photo by Dexter D. Day

Working on the new platform in Sunol are Rich, Steve and his brother.

objects and print lettering neatly and in different styles. Looked at one the other day, it was a cross section of a pit and explanations on material used. Another was something we just don't think about. It was a cross section of an angle cock for the air brake system. I guess at one time they repaired them instead of throwing them into the scrap bin and put a new one on. Karen has them documented in bundles. The items will be moved from Blake's Palace to the White House for storage. Also, Jackie Vlasak is helping Karen up in the White House organizing the office.

The Train of Lights is just around the corner, like this month on September 9th. That is when decorating will get

under way. It will be the same train as we had last year and in the same order. However this year we need to do some extra stuff we didn't have to do last year. We need to jack up and inspect all three freight open cars and the two cabooses to satisfy the Federal waiver. Tom Crawford will head up the exterior decorating crew and it looks like I will head up the interior decorating. Leslie Smith informed us that she and Charles will not be able to do it this year. She did put everything into doing this job for the past several years. She does leave the interior baggage car fully organized and with pictures. So all we have to do is identify and mount per picture. She is open for that phone call if we run into a snag on finding something

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or how to put it up. I just hope we can make it look as good as she and the people that helped her did. I expect we will get most of the interior helpers back, but I want departments to spend a day doing a car. Like I said, we have pictures. The hard job is getting things taken down and into the right boxes. The boxes are labeled. Should be a fun year. The test train for the TOL is November 24th. Gerry Feeney and the Tuesday and Thursday switch crew will keep the cars switched for Jim Green and the decorating crew both exterior and interior which operate out of two different baggage cars.

There will be a Brakeman class October 24 & 25. The classes will be held in the Whitehouse from 9-4. Material is provided. Students must be in good shape and able to climb ladders, and crawl under things. To sign up, call Pat Warren at 1-650/369-0414 or E mail traincrews@comcast.net. Here is your chance to become part of a train crew.

When walking around Station platform area in Sunol: Watch your step! There will be ties lined up along the track for the new platform. Also the West switch will be opened up and exposed. The hard pack toe path will disappear.

The platform edge will start from the West and move East until completed. The black top cross overs will be cut. Will have cones set for protection or plywood for use or both. Steve Barkkarie is in charge of this construction with his brother and Rich Alexander helping. The new rock shaker was put back into service by shaking the spoils that were dug out of the trench. The recovered rock will be applied between the tie



Photo by Dexter D. Day

Jim Green painted the roof red on the 9261.

wall and the track. I guess you could call that nature drainage. It does keep everything tight. Steve plans to have this operational for Labor Day operation. That means wall and rail in, back fill smooth. Can board off Mainline. Steve will have boarding areas formed to be used. Black Diamond will be doing the platform and the sealing of the parking lot along with stripping it after Labor Day. Also, the little building in the middle of the parking lot will be gone, and replaced with a Container placed down by the corral on east side. This will be new home of ADA lifts and our people mouse maze for TOL.

H & H will be on property for two days for tie replacement and a few more if we do the switch on the run around for wye at Niles. The points had to be spiked to kill off a violation. The switch will be replaced with another one built next to it. Maintaining a railroad is not easy. The Railroad is dying as you look at it. Do you know? We replace one thousand ties a year on average. That

is a lot of ties and expense, but we have a good running railroad to show for it.

That's it for this month. Practice safe work habits, and don't overdo it. Remember TOL starts September 9th. Hope to see you along the right of way.

Dexter D. Day

BRAKEMAN CLASS OCTOBER 24 & 25th

WHITE HOUSE
0900-1600

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UNDER CARS.

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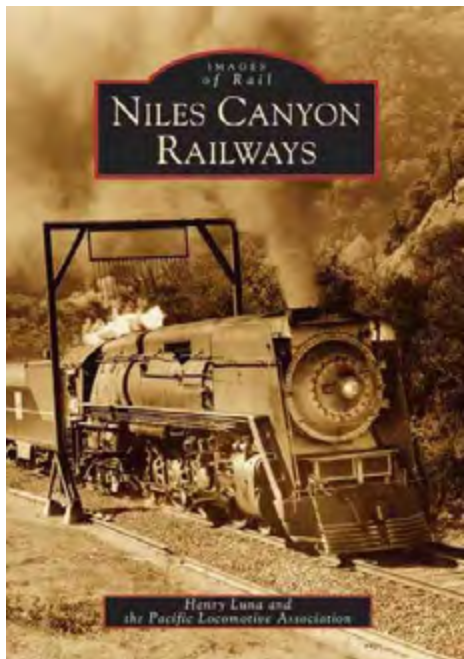
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BOOK SIGNING



The PLA is pleased to announce that Henry Luna, a Founder of the PLA, is scheduled to appear at three train events in Sunol, CA on September 5, thru September 7th.

Henry will be signing copies of his book, "Niles Canyon Railways", during the event which will start about 10:30 each day. If you already have a copy of his book, bring it along and Henry will sign it and put a personal message in it for you.

Even if the book does not light your fire, stop by and say hello to Henry. I am sure there are stories everyone has to tell that Henry would enjoy.

David Ernest

Gift Shop team member

GIFT SHOP NEWS

It is not too early to think about that special rail fan on your holiday shopping list. Since operations have gone back to their limited schedule for September and October, you can order any of the featured items via the online Gift Shop



if you cannot make it to Sunol when the store is open.

This month we feature the definitive history of the PLA from the earliest days at Castro Point to the arrival of the NCRy in Brightside. Although the title is "Niles Canyon Railways", over 90% of the book is about the first fifty years of the PLA. The member price is \$19.79.

The other pictures are the covers of the 2016 Steamscape calendar. This year we again have Southern Pacific,



BNSF, Union Pacific, and ...

The calendars are priced at \$17.95 for members.

These are only a small sample of the PLA items available in the online Gift Shop.

David Ernest, Gift Shop team member



Our newest Gift Shop item is "Casey the Engineer Bear". Laura Tsao, pictured here, and her parents stopped by the gift shop last month.

Her Mom reports: "Laura LOVES her bear and carries the bear everywhere. =). We had such a great time riding the train. Thank you for making our experience so wonderful!"

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

START HERE!

VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This has been a good month for new memberships, especially Family Memberships. Our 33 newest members are Vishaal Singh, Cathy Bolls, James Lochry, Tim Moriarty, new family member Marian Kolm, the family of Katherine Thornberry and Jonathan and Ellory Glasscock, the family of Gloria Holleman, Gary Osterhout, and Jason, Shannon, Jacoby, and Ryder Holleman, the family of Jamie, Tyler, Jackson, Jacob, and James Olson, the family of Johnny Chao, Quan Luong, and Christopher and Emily Chao, the family of Amy, Ethan, and Leo Shrago, the family of Margaret Costello-Chevis and Catherine Washington, the family of Lin Qi, and Jun and Chris Yan, and the family of Leroy Turcotte and Libby Harbour.

This is also a good time of year to become a PLA member, because we need to start so early on our Christmas decorations. Yes, I said Christmas. The annual Train of Lights will be thoroughly covered with lights and other decorations, and the work on that has already begun. That job is always one of the best opportunities to meet some of your fellow members and learn about the other activities they are involved in around the railroad.

To become involved, yourself, you will want to have had your New Member Orientation with Glenn Fountain. Then, if you still don't know where you want to fit in, get in touch with our Volunteer Coordinator, Jack Witthaus. Both Glenn and Jack are listed under Departments, near the front of this issue.

In the meantime, I hope to meet a lot of our members, new and old, on the Harvest Moon Special, later this month. You'll find that in this issue, too. Bring a flashlight, but use it sparingly. The canyon by moonlight is not to be missed.

'Til then and always, be safe.

Peter Midnight



TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Veltman, Treasurer
September 2015

Funds Donated to PLA in July, 2015

Locomotive Shop Building	\$100
Krauss Maffei	\$1000
General Fund	\$25

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BLAKE'S PALACE moving forward

DATELINE: August 12, 2015, Steve Barkkarie, Pat Hafey, Gregg McNaughton, Joe Peterson, Bob Pratt and Yours truly, Karen Kadaja (in conjunction with Museum Curator, Dennis Mann, General Manager, Dexter Day and HazMat Manager, Doug Debs) made some changes at our beloved Blake's Palace at Brightside, CA.

These hard-working volunteers ensured that items deemed not Museum appropriate by designated Management staff, have now found a new home or said their final farewell.

By-the-way, on Tuesday August 18, 2015, Gerry Feeney and Kent Hedberg joined in to continue this process. Thank you Gentlemen.

I sent out an email to the PLA membership list that evening sharing the excitement of this activity. This is a work-in-process project and there is more to come to Blake's Palace.

As the contact person for this (calloipekaren@gmail.com), I continue to ask that nothing be placed anywhere at Blake's Palace without contacting me first. We need to keep the front

office area, and the crew area, safe and accessible. Please do not put anything behind the entry door, under the front desk or anywhere in the crew room area. The Palace is not a storage area.

If you have something to donate that is deemed Museum appropriate/related, you must first contact either our Museum Curator, Dennis Mann or a Board Director for further direction. We do not have a drop-off system for leaving items around. All donations must be pre-approved before the PLA will accept a donation. Thank you for following this.

If you have space needs, need to arrange temporary drop-off of approved donations or have a general comment about the Palace, contact me.

So much hard work went into cleaning out and cleaning up the Palace, let's work together to keep it going.

Thanks to all who have participated in this work-in-progress project.

Regards to all,
Karen L. Kadaja
All abooooard!!!

WP DAY AT NILES CANYON



Photo by Chris Hauf

Western Pacific GP-7 #713 rolls through Brightside yard to take its place on the day's train to start Western Pacific Day on the NCRy. Note the newly repainted roof on that Sante Fe caboose thanks to volunteer, Jim Green.



Photo by Chris Hauf

Western Pacific EMD F7 #918-D leads the first train east to Sunol along Highway 84 to pick up passengers during Western Pacific Day.



Photo by Chris Hauf

All WP! From the deck of WP #713, WP #918-D is ready to head east with its train. Could almost be any WP yard at one time in the past...



Photo by Chris Hauf

A different view... Most of the pictures of the semaphores at Sunol have a train splitting them. Here is a different view through the engineer's window from the cab of WP #918 during Western Pacific Day.



Photo by Chris Hauf

The Conductor and the Engineer...Jack Starr and Kent Hedberg pose in front of the 918 in Sunol just before departure.

WORK AROUND BRIGHTSIDE



Photo by Alan Siegwarth

Chris Hauf takes a momentary break from painting the Bones to look at the photographer.



Photo by Alan Siegwarth

Jeff Schwab and Gerald DeWitt prepare for an interior boiler wash on the Clover Valley #4. Work continues on completing the annual for the #4.



Photo by Alan Siegwarth

Jeff squeezes down into the boiler with lots of verbal encouragement.



Photo by Alan Siegwarth

Henry Chandler working on the Clover Valley pneumatic cylinder cocks. All ten, yes 10, are being rebuilt - a very laborious task.



Photo by Mike Strider

Frank Fontes dumping fresh ready mix in the new drop inlet at Verona.



Photo by Mike Strider

Mike Strider's new truck at Verona on the rail hauling concrete sacks for the new drop inlet.



Photo by Mike Strider

Brush cutting train near MP 37.8 with Mongo pushing east.



Photo by Mike Strider

John Pelmulder riding the bucket truck heading east clearing branches near MP 37.8.

MONTHLY BRUSH CUTTING

We are always looking for volunteers to come out on the fourth Saturday of the month to help cut trees and brush. Meet at Brightside 8 a.m.

Contact: Steve Jones
fcocompost@aol.com



Photos by Chris Hauf

While the completion of the green paint on the K.C. Bones will need to wait until after Wine Train season, but before TOL season, the grab irons needed to be painted white to meet the rules before the car could re-enter service. Volunteer, Chris Hauf, with masking help from Jim Green was able to get all the grabs re-painted white. This took a bit of masking to protect the green, but the job was done over the course of a few hours.



Photo by Chris Hauf

The #3 rolling over Farwell Bridge enroute to Sunol Depot.



Photo by Chris Hauf

The #3 enroute to Sunol Depot on a nice sunny day.

WEDNESDAY → MAINTENANCE OF WAY

A diverse amount of work gets done on Wednesdays and thanks to the photographic talents of John Zielinski, Roy Conger, Ray Strong and yours truly, we have the accompanying show for your enjoyment.

You'll be glad to hear that the earthquakes had no ill effects on the Niles Canyon Railway! Also, the crow's nest (very well built I might add) up on Farwell bridge is now history (see photo) and the current batch of graffiti on Dresser has been eradicated.

The FRA swept through town and left orange droppings around the east Sunol switch. Nine of those droppings are now a pile of splintered wood! While working on the new platform in Sunol, Steve B. found some more bad ties that could turn into a violation if the FRA returned too quickly. Instead, he worked with the Wednesday crew and replaced three ties that brought the track up to snuff. As usual, it was a pleasure to participate in a performance of the Barkkarie Backhoe Ballet.

As per another FRA inspection note, a small group went to Niles to place a cotter pin in a linking bolt and to spike the west wye switch.

Some of the other "odd" jobs addressed in August were:

- Rich A. and Dick C. used the new forklift to extract some wood from the pile and now we can get started on repairing Farwell Bridge's walkway and guard rail! Dick then went to Farwell to take final measurements (you know, measure twice, cut once) before cutting the wood rescued from the pile in the north-east 40 for Farwell guardrail and deck repairs.

- Karen continued cataloging materials in the office sent the list to Dennis Mann in the Museum. Along with Pat H. (with occasional help from Steve B., Gregg M., Bob P. and yours truly) did a great job of cleaning out Blake's Palace, organizing what is left by Department for easy removal and they even swept the floor! A wonder to behold ;-)

- A small group gathered the necessary tools and headed toward Sunol to chip slash and cut some offending sightline blocks just west of the Sunol West



Photo by Joe Peterson

Pat Stratton, Bob Pratt, Pat Hafey, Ron Thomas and Ray Strong are in various stages of helping Steve Barkkarie (out of photo on Backhoe) extract one of the ties in the east Sunol switch.



Photo by Joe Peterson

How many people does it take to replace a cotter pin? Actually, one! While Pat H. is setting the pin, Bob and Gregg are checking the other switch components for proper alignment.

switch.

To close out some of the hotter days, a bunch of us hit the Niles Ice Cream shop for a well deserved treat.

Thinking of changing the name of the Wed. MOW group to "Gourmet Gandydancers and Finishing School"! Along with Joe D. and Jim Moon, our

graduates now include Nicholas Durant who just signed on with Amtrak and is headed to Delaware for train crew training! He says that the time and experience on the NCRy helped get past the low level hurdles.

Way to go Joe (who just finished his first training session) and Nick!

WEDNESDAY → MAINTENANCE OF WAY

And a special Thank You to the following, without whom none of this could have been done!

Bob Pratt, Craig Kauffman, Dick

Charpentier, Garrette Tom, Gregg McNaughton, John Zielinski, Joseph Dougherty, Joseph Romani, Karen Kadaja, Pat Hafey, Pat Stratton, Ray

Strong, Rich Alexander, Ron Thomas, Rory Christie, Roy Conger and Steve Barkkarie.

Joe Peterson, Wed. MOW Foreman



Photo by Joe Peterson

Sometimes you just have to do it manually! , Steve B., Pat S., Pat H. and Ron T. work to position the new tie in the crib.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Pat H., Steve B. and Ray S. watch as the next tie is positioned in the crib by the Tie Handler.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Pat Stratton watches as Bob Pratt pulls up on the tie so Steve Barkkarie can drive the spike home with the jack hammer.



Photo by John Zielinski

Overall view of where the new drop inlet drain will be at Verona.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Now that the Crows have moved out, it is time to demo the old nest in preparation for the next round of bridge inspections.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Here are County workers, Dave and Roy, placing the rocks that became the extension of the white fence.

NCRy Potluck Dinner & Evening Train Ride

"Steam under the Stars"
Saturday, Sept 26, 2015, 5:00pm

5:00pm - Potluck Dinner, Sunol Depot Gardens

7:30pm - Steam Train Ride

For Members, their Family & Guests

- Train Ride: **FREE**
- Food: **FREE** w/potluck or, \$5 per person w/o potluck

Harvest Moon Special



View the "supermoon" this year on a vintage steam train!* Dinner will be served in the gardens at 5:15pm. Our Harvest Moon Special Train departs Sunol Depot at 7:30pm on a roundtrip journey through the darkened canyon, lighted by our locomotive's firebox bouncing off the canyon walls, its Golden Glow headlight, and the light of the silvery moon. This is what memories are made of! Return to Sunol Depot around 9pm. Friends and family welcome!

Potluck Dinner Bring enough of your favorite dish to share with five others, or pay \$5 extra and NCRy Commissary Dept. will provide Italian sausage 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 provide homemade iced tea & lemonade, wine, beer, paper plates, utensils, napkins, glasses, & trash bags.

If your last name starts with, bring:

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

Information: Confirmation will be sent by e-mail. Tickets will be held at Will Call. Please bring a flashlight!
Doug Debs: 650-704-1487 (c), 650-856-3469 (h)

** A supermoon is a lunar phenomenon where the moon reaches a point in its orbit where it is closest to the Earth, where it appears bigger and brighter.*

For Members, their Family, & Guests: Train Ride: **FREE** Food: **FREE** w/potluck, or \$5 w/o potluck.

Tell us you're coming! Email: harvestmoon@ncrysignal.com

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** (exact change is helpful) or **Check** to: **NCRy Commissary Dept – HARVEST MOON SPECIAL**
Limited seating available so sign up early!



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JULY VOLUNTEERS

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.**

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