



# NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Owned and operated by the Pacific Locomotive Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 515, Sunol, CA 94586-0515

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Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of steam locomotive,  
Clover Valley Lumber Co. #4

Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 10:30 AM

The Niles Canyon Railway will host a special birthday celebration to commemorate 100 years of service of its restored and operating steam locomotive, Clover Valley Lumber Co. #4.

### *Photo, Video & Interview Opportunities*

**WHAT:** The Niles Canyon Railway (NCRy) will host a special birthday celebration to commemorate 100 years of service of its restored and operating steam locomotive, Clover Valley Lumber Co. #4. The locomotive has served most of its life working in the state of California and has been part of the museum's collection since 1973; just over one half of its life after being built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, PA in March of 1924.

A ceremony will be held at 10:30 AM at the railroad's restored Sunol railroad station and will include photo/video opportunities of operations of the locomotive and speeches commemorating the history and significance of the locomotive. Starting around noon, the museum will host a series of short, open to the public rides on its passenger train from Sunol to the museum's Brightside yard and return. These rides will allow the media and public to experience the #4 in operation. We hope riders will purchase a ticket and return to ride one of the museum's regularly scheduled weekend train rides between Sunol, CA and Niles (City of Fremont), CA, held typically on the second and third weekend of each month from February through October.

The Niles Canyon Railway is the only museum and tourist railroad that runs on the original and best-preserved alignment of the Transcontinental Railroad now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The NCRy is operated solely by a group of dedicated volunteers.

**WHO:** The event is open to the media and the public who would like to come celebrate this milestone with the volunteers of the Niles Canyon Railway.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, March 2, 2024 - Ceremony 10:30-11:30 AM Free for all to attend**  
Rides starting around noon and ending at 3:30PM  
The short rides for this special day are free on a first come/first served basis, but a donation toward the Niles Canyon Railway's Steam Department's ongoing maintenance and restoration efforts is encouraged. The museum is currently restoring the 1901-built Southern Pacific Railroad steam locomotive #1744 to operation via an extensive multi-year restoration effort.



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- WHERE: **Niles Canyon Railway - Sunol Station**  
6 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586  
Our Sunol station has parking in our lot with additional parking across the street from the station. The event will take place rain or shine.
- HOW: Interested media and visitors may learn more about the event online via the Niles Canyon Railway website, [ncry.org](http://ncry.org). There will be no pre-sale tickets for either event and availability to ride is first come, first served.
- CONTACTS: Christopher Hauf, Marketing Manager, (650) 350-2351 [marketing@ncry.org](mailto:marketing@ncry.org)  
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Clover Valley Lumber Co. #4 rolls over Farwell Bridge on the Niles Canyon Railway during its first public train rides of the 2024 season on February 11, 2024.

Image by: Christopher Hauf

The Niles Canyon Railway is owned and operated by the Pacific Locomotive Association. Our mission is to develop and operate a working railroad museum for the benefit of the public. The museum is designed to increase public education, enjoyment, and appreciation of the significance of America's western railroads. We are an IRS 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization.