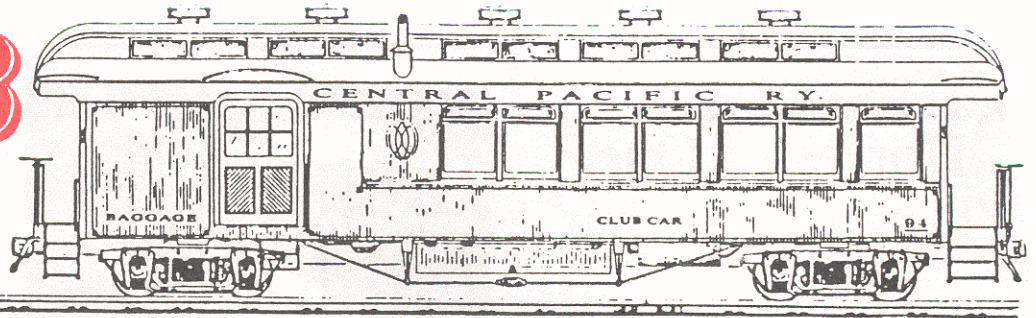


THE CLUB CAR



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General Manager's Report

Pad Clear, #2 and #12 Off, Work Starts in Niles

By Peter Schulze

By the time this *Club Car* is in your hands, all of the equipment should be off of the Navy pad area. This alone will be a significant starting point. Now all our energy can be directed to progress in Niles Canyon. My special thanks to all the workers who built the ramps, loaded the equipment, unloaded the equipment and helped on the many related details. Rich Paulsich and John Dillman of Statewide Trucking deserve special thanks for all their help to us.

The *Steamexpo* project is moving forward. Most significant has been the excellent painting and lettering done by Louis Bradas and his crew of frustrated Picasso's. All of you can be proud of the contribution made by these people to the PLA's public image. Again, by the time you read this, #2 and #12 will have been loaded on flatcars donated by Chuck Babers and the Southern Pacific Railroad. Mac and his crew will be well on the way to a tie-down and rail movement to Vancouver where our locomotives will be seen by the entire world.

Meanwhile, back at the Canyon. . .

With the purchase of one mile of ties - from milepost 33.7 to milepost 34.8 or from the Ki-lite plant heading east - and with a temporary work permit in hand, work began in Niles Canyon on Sunday, May 4. Primary track work projects were, are, and will be: cleaning dirt and ballast off of ties, plugging old spike holes, loading and hauling rail from San Jose, setting up rail on the right-of-way, and spiking down our rail on our ties (one



The crew that loaded #103 on a trailer pose with the Plymouth engine before sending it off to storage at Vallecitos.

Photo by Jim Evans

side only) for one mile.

As Roadmaster for PLA, Phil Orth will be coordinating the construction of our new track in the area of Brightside (the area around the Ki-lite plant). We will meet at the Ki-lite crossing about 10 AM every work day (Take Highway 84 through the Canyon from either I-680 on the east or from Mission Boulevard in Fremont on the west. The Ki-lite plant is about a mile and a half west of Sunol.). It is tentatively planned to move rail to Brightside on May 18 and 19. This will require special scheduling so contact Phil, Dexter Day, or me to assist on these two days.

In summary, this is the "start of something Big" and I know our association and each of you as PLA members want to see the project off to a strong future. Please come out to help build your railway!

The Hot Box

The items listed below are desperately needed by the PLA. If you know a source that may want to donate something on this list or even just lend it to us for any amount of time, please contact PLA General Manager Peter Schulze.

- 1) A backhoe; an operable CASE or John Deere Diesel for use in repairing the roadbed in Niles Canyon.
- 2) A skid mounted gas or diesel air compressor (100-150 cubic feet/minute).
- 3) 3/4" or 1" air impact wrench.

We still need equipment for hauling materials as mentioned in last month's Hot Box.

People Who Make It Happen Horses of One Type or Another

[Editor's Note: This is the first of a monthly column featuring member's who in their own way contribute something special to the PLA. This month we introduce you to Ray McAllister who writes the Mechanical Department column for the Club Car and has been instrumental in preparing #2 and #12 for Steamexpo.

If you know of a member whose contributions make him or her deserving of special recognition, send the name to the Club Car and we'll write about him or her in a future issue.]

By Patty Schulze

When is a horse not a horse? When it is an iron horse. Ray McAllister is a man who has always loved horseback riding. He has had a dream to own his own horses and to ride them whenever he chooses.

Well, Mac's dream has not come to pass; or has it??? He does ride an iron horse rather frequently and he makes riding one possible for many people. One of Mac's many projects for the Castro Point Railway was #3. He took #3 when it was little more than a basket case and turned it into an iron horse of which we are all proud. He has done much more than I have room to mention here, but I mention #3 because it is one of my favorites and Mac is one of the many people in the PLA who "makes it happen."

How did this man who loves to ride horse get here?

In Moberly, Missouri a few years ago an employee of the Wabash had a son. This man and his wife named their son Ray. It appears that iron horses were with Mac from the beginning. Mac went through school in central Missouri and

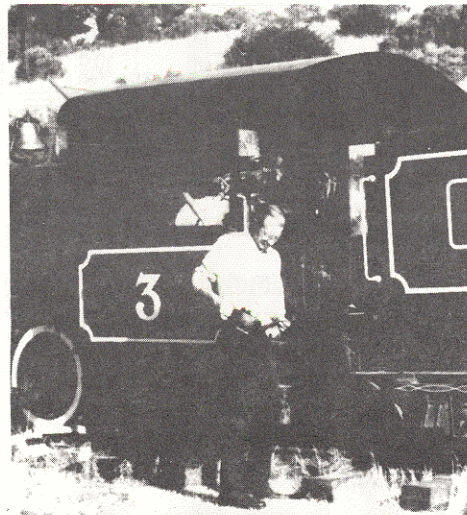


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"Mac" McAllister prepares to do some maintenance on #3.

then went to the University of Texas where he graduated in 1956 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Sometime in the late 50's Mac headed to the Bay Area where he went to work for the U.S. Navy at Hunter's Point. After a time, he switched to the Coast Guards where he is today.

Along the way he met and married Bette and they had a daughter named Elizabeth. Bette and Elizabeth are both students and maybe their education will include "iron horses".

Mac, thank you for "making it happen."

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for Associate Membership may be requested from the Membership Secretary. All applications must be endorsed by two members and be returned with dues for the first year.

To be eligible for Active Membership, one must have been an Associate Member for at least six months and have regularly attended meetings in that time. The number of Active Memberships is limited to insure a quorum at club meetings.

What Type of Member Are You?

[Editor's Note: Jim Noble found this in a newsletter without attribution to the author. In light of the PLA's many projects we hope it will give some members something to think about.]

Are you an active member?
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just content
That your name is on some list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you attend,
Just to criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Do you ever voluntarily help
At the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come out to meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Think this over member,
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

Please send all Associate and Active renewals and any address changes to Membership Secretary Jim Evans, P.O. Box 451, Burlingame, CA 94011-0451. Please do not send renewals to our San Leandro mailing address or delays may result.

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*Mechanical Department***#1269 Is Operating Again in Sacramento**

By Ray McAllister

The weekend of April 26 and 27 saw #1269 under steam again, pulling the consist for the first operation in 1986 at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento. A number of items of work, including the annual boiler inspection, were completed late in the week for the most substantial overhaul of the locomotive since going to Sacramento.

Allan Shelley was our on-site PLA representative throughout the overhaul, working with both Ken Yo and Joe Passitino of the Museum staff and with Terry Stefani of the docents. His efforts included both hands-on mechanic type labor and coordinating the efforts of others with contributions that were essential to the overhaul.

Work accomplished included grinding and reseating the throttle valve and the dry pipe elbow, installing the new

blowdown valve and pipe to the muffler, installing new delivery pipes on both injectors, and installing new brake cylinder gaskets. As noted in last month's *Club Car*, the State Certification this year involved the removal of the jacket and lagging for an inspection of the boiler shell, with particular emphasis on threaded fittings. The inspector went into the boiler for a visual inspection of the staybolts. He required socket caps to be fabricated and welded over 13 of the flexible staybolt sleeves. Finding everything in order, the boiler was buttoned up, the lagging and jacket reinstalled, and she was steamed on Friday, April 25.

Allan reports she steams well, and handles well with the throttle valve seating properly. She will be the mainstay of the Museum operation until the museum's #4466 returns from Vancouver.

Bell Fund a Ringing Success

By Peter Schulze

Please accept my thanks and the thanks of the Board of Directors to everyone who donated to the bell fund. We were able to raise \$365 to donate to the church where the SP locomotive bell has been living for many years. **Dick Bettinger**, we thank you for your willingness to help PLA.

Following is a list of those who donated to this fund that has been a special project of mine. I am pleased to be part of an organization that values heritage.

Contributors to the Bell Fund: C. Barnes, C. Blake, M. Bozzini, B. Chandler, L. Chiaramonte, D. Day, R. Dyce, W. Empy, _ Garrett, C. Holumbo, _ Lees, P. Lewis, R. McAllister, F. McHugh, E. Powell, L. Reiners, E. Ryan, S. Slabach, C. Smith, M. Snyder, C. Sullivan, A. Teruya, _ Wilson, B. Wise, H. Wise, 1 anonymous.

April Roll Call

By "Bones" Andrews

Most of the recent activity at Castro Points has involved building a ramp, loading locomotives and materials, and removing rail from the Red Rock area. Unloading of the locomotives and materials also had to be done at the storage area at Vallecitos.

The names of a few who disassembled the water tank and worked at Alameda Creek may be missing, but we appreciate everyone's effort.

This is a list of people who worked this month and how many times at Castro Point during April: **G. Adams (1), B. Andrews (7), C. Barnes and son (3), C. Blake (3), M. Bozzini (6), L. Bradas (4), B. Burger (5), D. Burla (1), E. Chase (2), J. Chase (1), L. Chiaramonte (1), G. Childs (2), J. Cox (3), D. Day (7), M. Duffy (2), W. Empy (2), J. Evans (2), T. Fillipo (2), J. Follansbee (1), C. Holumbo (2), M. Maksel (5), R. McAllister (4), M. McQuaid (4), P. Orth (5), E. Powell (1), M. Price (2), A. Ramsey (1), D. Rousar (2), E. Ryan (2), P. Schulze (1), Pe. Schulze (5), M. Snyder (2), M. Wilson (4), B. Wise (4), H. Wise (4).**

Video Tape Rental is \$5.00 per week or rent two tapes and get the third one free. All tapes are VHS.

You can rent by mail for the rental fee plus postage for both ways.

See Charlie Blake on Saturdays at the Museum or at the monthly meetings, or call him at (707) 552-2394, to reserve tapes or order tapes by mail by writing to him at 869 Oakwood, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Please return all tapes after one week.

- 1 Destination Tokayo (WWII)
- 2 N&W Class-J #611
- 3 The General (movie)
- 4 Thunder of Steam in the Blue Ridge
- 5 The Cass Scenic Railroad
- 6 Farewell to Santa Fe Steam
- 7 Hurricane Express (movie)
- 8 Chattanooga Choo-choo (movie)
- 9 Steam Over Sherman
- 10 UP 6900's: The Centennials
- 11 C&O 614TT Coal Tests
- 12 Danger Lights (movie)
- 13 Diesel on the UP
- 14 Classic Railroads (PLA #2, #4, & #5)
- 15 Double Heading on the Sierra
- 16 Once Upon the Wabash
- 17 Legend of the Rio Grande Zephyr
- 18 Union Pacific Steam 1981
- 19 Union Pacific Challenger #3985
- 20 Rio Grande Work Train '81
- 21 Southern Pacific Daylight #4449
- 22 Railfair '81

Company Store

By Carol Sullivan

We have back issues available of *Pacific News* and *Pacific Rail News*. The collection is too large to take to meetings, but we will take mail, phone, or meeting orders and deliver them to you at monthly meetings or mail them for an additional \$2.50 per ten issues. *PN* price is \$.50/issue.

...and we still have books! The following will be among the items for sale at the next meeting. Northern Pacific Supersteam Era 1925-1945; Trains of Wisconsin; Donner Pass; Key Route, Part Two; Southern Pacific Review, 1983-85; Santa Fe Motive Power; Cajon; Industrial Landscape; Railway Country: Across Canada by Train; Steinbeck Country; China by Rail; Fiddletown and Copperopolis Ry. 2nd ed., Paperbound. Prices are still discounted.

Let me know what you want: Carol Sullivan, 1565 Seneca Lane, San Mateo, CA 94402, (415) 341-0814.

- 23 Rio Grande Narrow Gauge in the Fifties
- 24 B.C. Rail
- 25 Best of '84
- 26 Kansas Pacific

May Meeting

To be considered for Associate Membership:
Michael H. Wilson

Special Entertainment by Ted Wurm

The entertainment for the April meeting has been rescheduled for this month and will be films provided by contributing sponsor and noted railroad author and historian **Ted Wurm**. Ted's films will cover narrow gauge railroading in Wales and the Isle of Mann. He may also include interurbans in Yorkshire.

Regular Meeting Place

Regular meetings are held on the third Friday of every month at 8:00 PM at St. Christopher's Church at the corner of Via Toledo and Hacienda in San Lorenzo.

PLA Calendar

May 16 Regular Meeting
May 17 and 18. Track Work, Niles Canyon
(See General Manager's Report)
May 23 to June 1. . STEAMEXPO, Vancouver, BC
May 24,25, and 26 . . . Track Work, Niles Canyon
May 31and June 1. Work Party **
June 1 FINAL deadline for June *Club Car*
(See editor for dealine for Steamexpo material)
June 7 and 8Work Party **
June 14 and 15.Work Party **
June 20. Regular Meeting
July 18.Regular Meeting
**Sites and times have not yet been determined.
Please contact Peter Schulze or Dexter Day for information on what activities are going on. Projects will include maintenance of rolling stock and track laying in Niles Canyon.