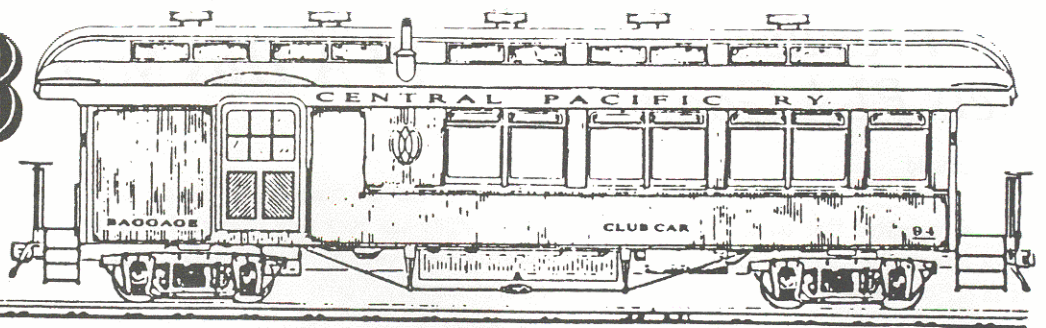


# THE CLUB CAR



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*V-P and Operations Manager's Report*

## 2nd Rail Waiting For Spikes

By Dexter Day

Our rail relay project for the Sunol area is nearly complete. September saw our track crews lay rail for the West switch at Sunol and the road crossings at Kilkare Rd. and Bond St. With a few more pieces of heavy rail and someone to weld track, the Sunol area should be tied together. The siding, however, will require a major rebuild.

The second rail is now in place from Bond Street to the farm house crossing. We plan to bring in more rail from there to Brightside (Ki-lite) in October. We should then be ready to enter the final phase of the track relay for this part of the railroad.

Although the rail is in place, we cannot set or lay it without the agreement from the county. This may not come until early December. I suggest that you all prepare for a winter track relay project.

Work has started between Dresser and Farwell Bridges. Our main objective now is to prepare the ties and lay one rail to keep them in place. This project should go into November. At least it's a change of scenery!

East of Farwell we've placed a barricade across the right of way to secure the ties. We need to assure that the ties in the right of way will still be there next spring. We have already lost some ties and really need to do our best to secure the rest.

In the coming months we must pay special attention to drainage. If we can't get all the main culverts open before the rains come, we plan to do some temporary culvert work to get us through winter. We have played this game at Castro Point, and we can do it again at Niles Canyon.



Photo by Alan Teruya

Mike Sullivan and Matt Maksel with the Fairmont Speeder at Redwood Park in Oakland.

## PLA Speeder at Redwood Festival

By Carol Sullivan

Because #3 was indisposed, PLA's nearly-restored Fairmont S-2 G speeder filled the gap at the Redwood Forest Festival in Redwood Park on September 19, 20, and 21, giving rides to railfans and the curious of all ages (3 months to 88 years) on the 200 feet of track PLA installed for the park three years ago.

JOHN FOLLANSBEE, who received

Another project we plan is to remove two sidings from the Ford Plant at Milpitas. This will get us 90 and 100 lb. rail plus ties. It will give us a half mile of rail - a big increase for our inventory. Every little bit of rail helps, since some of the rail we had planned on has not come through.

instructions on running it only the night before (and then helped load it at the Sullivan Shops, restoration site in San Mateo), ran it for several hundred school children on the 19th. MIKE SULLIVAN joined him that afternoon. John and Mike were joined by MATT MAKSEL on the 20th. Matt and Mike again ran the speeder on the 21st. RANDY LEBER delivered a much-needed set of brochures. CAROL SULLIVAN was also there to do clean-up and a little PR.

Except for its tendency to destroy D-16 spark plugs, the speeder ran well on its short track, even smoking like a steam engine once. Thanks to LOU BRADAS' trailer and JIM SULLIVAN's effort, it is now returned to the Sullivan Shops for rewiring and a few minor touch-ups. It's raring to run in Niles Canyon.

# President Sets PLA Goals

By Mike McQuaid

I have requested that the members of the Board of Directors establish goals for their terms in office. My objective in doing this was to let the membership know in what direction the association is moving and what they can expect to see accomplish.

What follows is a summation of the major goals. Of course these goals will only be accomplished through the efforts of the entire general membership. I hope you will support your Board in achieving these goals.

### President

- Complete environmental study (Completion 3rd Qtr '86)
- Negotiate and sign agreement with Alameda County for Niles Canyon (4th Qtr '86)
- Initiate operations in Niles Canyon (4th Qtr '86)
- Establish written position descriptions for each board position (4th Qtr '86)
- Establish written policies and procedures for administrative functions such as mail pick up, mail distribution, case reimbursements, etc. (1st Qtr '87)
- Establish grant writing program (2nd Qtr '87)
- Update bylaws (2nd Qtr '87)

### Vice-President

- Continue to support the Club Car Editor to produce a quality newsletter (All quarters)

### Recording Secretary

- Establish a safety deposit box for important association documents (4th Qtr '86)
- Change stationery to reflect new address (4th Qtr '86)
- Establish telephone correspondence system (4th Qtr '86)
- Establish a physical inventory system (2nd Qtr '87)

### General Manager's Report

# PLA Has Many Jobs To Fill

By Peter Schulze

Anyone who has come out to see our work on the NCSRY has been very impressed with the quantity and quality of the work. The results are very visible. Please come out and see for yourself and give us a hand.

One area I would like to address is the need to assist Master Mechanic RAY McALLISTER. The Mechanical Department is not asleep because we do not have a scheduled operation. To the contrary, we still need steam, diesel, and rolling stock maintenance and restoration work. Actually, the lull in operations is an ideal time to complete some of the projects that never seem to get done.

So to all who read the Club Car, if you want to get in on the Mechanical Department work, please contact Ray (415-479-5249). That part of the PLA needs your help too.

Another key area that needs special involvement is the Public Relations effort. Chairman ALAN RAMSAY and the other committee members are only the core of our total community relations effort that will be needed in developing the NCSRY. Especially

important is the need for a "PR Type Person" to be out on work days to greet the public and prospective members and supporters to tell our story. Another phase of this is to have a PR spokes person contact all the local people along the right of way, establish our identity, and introduce our NCSRY project to these people.

Anyone interested in this should contact Alan Ramsay (415-462-4557) or myself as soon as possible. This need is just as real, immediate, and tangible as building track!

Another area of need close to my heart is the ever present need to have more of you, members and contributing sponsors, come out and share in the enjoyable work of building our railway.

And one item that goes with this: Please come out and look over what is being done. If you don't want to get into laboring work, that is OK. You are welcome to come, observe and talk up some encouragement and then ease away. You will be better equipped to tell our story and help us in the other efforts that all go along with the Niles Canyon development effort.

### Membership Secretary

- Establish criteria for honorary membership (1st Qtr '87)

### Treasurer

- Establish a chart of accounts (3rd Qtr '86)
- Establish case advance and petty cash systems (3rd Qtr '86)
- Establish current valuation of club assets (2nd Qtr '87)

### General Manager

- Begin Sunday operations from Brightside to Sunol (4th Qtr '86)
- Return #30 to operation (2nd Qtr '87)
- Retube #2 (2nd Qtr '87)

- Complete connection to SP at Niles (2nd Qtr '87)
- Open and maintain culverts Brightside to Sunol (4th Qtr '86)
- Open and maintain culvert MP 33.0 (2nd Qtr '87)
- Complete passing sidings
  - Sunol (3rd Qtr '86)
  - Brightside (4th Qtr '86)
  - Dresser (1st Qtr '87)
  - Vallejo Mill (2nd Qtr '87)
- Operational crossing protection Brightside and Sunol (4th Qtr '86)
- Open Company Store at Sunol (4th Qtr '86)
- Fence Brightside (2nd Qtr '87)

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### The Club Car

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### Mechanical Department

[Editor's Note: If you would like to help the Mechanical Department please contact Mac at (415)479-5249.]

By Ray McAllister

In late July we received the report from the inspection of #4, #5, and #7 by the Southern Pacific for what repairs would be required for movement from Richmond to Fremont. Efforts in the Mechanical Department have been devoted to effecting these repairs and except for some time lost to summer vacations, the work is going well. The following major items are required:

#4: Remove the main rods and eccentrics. The side rods will remain in place. Remove the waste from the truck cellars and replace with lubricating pads.

#5: Disconnect the drive shaft on each side of the engine. Repair the coupler between the engine and tender.

#7: Tighten loose bolts and replace missing bolts in engine and tender trucks. Inspect and rebuild the locomotive/tender coupler assembly. Resecure the rear coupler.

The interchange leaves a lot to be desired as a shop facility. There is no protection from the weather, no running water, no head, no electricity, no secure tool storage, no weight handling equipment, and no convenient access. In spite of this a dedicated group has made real progress. The "tool issue" is the bed of a pickup and HOWARD WISE's generator provides electricity. STEVE SLABACH's Taiwan come-a-long and Grand Auto hydraulic jack have taken care of the weight handling. The Saturday morning the drive shaft between #5's locomotive and tender was put up on top of the tender was an example of the ultimate team effort.

As of this writing, work on #4 is pretty well finished. The main rods are off and the truck cellars are cleaned of waste and ready for the new pads. The drive shafts on #5 are all disconnected, and work has been started on #7 repairs. The installation of a new doubler plate on the front coupler beam of #5's tender is probably the single biggest item of work remaining. Although not required by the Southern Pacific inspection report, we are removing the journal box covers on #7, checking the bearings, ensuring the lube oil passages are clean, and replacing the waste with pads.

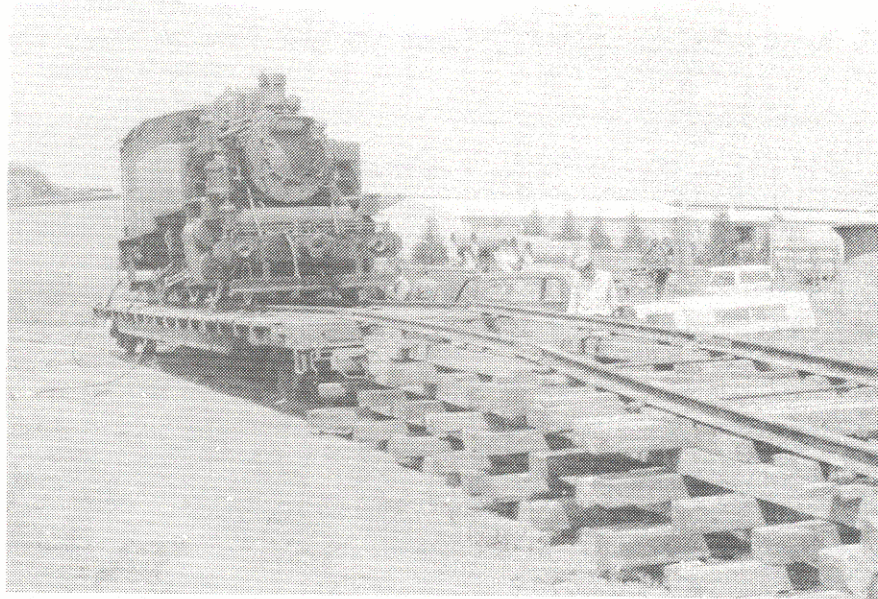


Photo by Jim Evans

The #2 being unloaded at Shinn St. in August.

## September Roll Call

The following work for the month of September was reported to the Club Car.

Niles Canyon -- The following people worked in the canyon plugging ties, building switches, laying rail, fixing air compressors, and tasks. Lists were available for only five of the working days in September. People working more than one day have that noted in parentheses: B. Andrews (4), C. Barnes, T. Barnes, B. Berger(4), M. Bozzini(5), E. Chase(2), S. Cobascio, G. Corey, J. Cox(4), D. Day(5), M. Duffy(2), T. Flippo(2), J. Follansbee, D. Gross, J. Joseph, M. McQuaid, M. Mackedzie, M. Maksel(2), H. Norleen, P. Orth(4), R. Peterson(2), E. Powell(3), F. Presley(2), M. Price, A. Ramsey, J. Schrufer(3), P. Schulze(4), J. Serrine, M. Snyder(2), C. Walters, M. Wilson.

Castro Point -- Work continues on getting #'s 4, 5, and 7 ready for the move to Fremont. No list of number of days work was available: G. Adams, D. Burla, C. Hollombo, R. MacAllister, J. Serrine, S. Slabach, B. Wise, H. Wise.

If the weather holds, we plan to complete all the items by late October, and schedule the move to Fremont in early November.

Follow the Flag

September 19, 20, 21 -- Worked at Redwood Forest Festival at Oakland's Redwood Regional Park: L. Bradas, J. Follansbee (3), M. Maksel (2), C. Sullivan (3), J. Sullivan, M. Sullivan (3).

September 29 -- Help edit Club Car articles: Robert Allen.

August 31 -- Left off of list for Niles Flea Market: J. Follansbee.

## Company Store

By Carol Sullivan

At the October meeting we will have HISTORY OF RAILROAD ACCIDENTS, SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, AND OPERATING PRACTICES, Shaw, at \$7.80 nearly 30% off (See ad in July Trains). Our exclusive George Mathis Christmas cards may also arrive by then - railroad scenes primarily of California's long-gone steamers, a fundraiser found and developed by BURNEDA ANDERSON and MADELINE IVERSON. And, before too long, CHARLIE BLAKE's book of railroad frequencies should be available - another PLA exclusive.

LOST AT AUGUST MEETING: Will the party who left the meeting with an unpacked box of books by Dick Murdock please return them to Carol Sullivan or any Board member ASAP? The repair order includes the bill for postage (resale value approx. \$135). Please check your car trunk, back seat, etc.

## PLA Calendar

Oct. 17 . . . . . Regular Meeting  
Oct. 18 & 19. . . . .Work Parties, Niles  
Canyon and Castro Point  
Oct. 25 & 26. .Work Parties, NCSRY or CP  
Nov. 1 & 2. . .Work Parties, NCSRY or CP  
Nov. 3 . . .Deadline, September Club Car  
Nov. 8 & 9. . .Work Parties, NCSRY or CP  
Nov. 15 & 16. .Work Parties, NCSRY or CP  
Nov. 21 . . . . .Regular Meeting  
Nov. 22 & 23. .Work Parties, NCSRY or CP  
Dec. 19 . . . . .Regular Meeting

For work projects in Niles Canyon please contact General Manager Peter Schulze (415-797-8613) for details. For projects at Castro Point contact Master Mechanic Ray McAllister (415-479-5249).

## October Meeting

To be considered for Associate Membership: Robert S. Allen of Livermore, Laurie Devlin of Livermore, Donald Ray of Belmont, and Sam Robbins of San Leandro.

Entertainment for the next meeting was not determined at press time.

At the last meeting Joel Cox, David Eatmon, and Jim Joseph were voted in as Associate Members.

Special Notice to Active and Associate Members: Please check your PLA Membership Card. If your membership has expired please send your renewal check (\$17.50 Assoc. and \$25.00 Active) to the Membership Secretary.

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

## The Hot Box

Here is the list of the PLA's most important needs:

1) Backhoe: We need. Now. Can't someone find an owner-operator who would donate one day's use of his machine? We desperately need some ditching in the next 45 days. HELP!!

2) Pick-up Trucks: We need a number of pick-up trucks at various times and days to haul material. Contact Peter Schulze, Craig Wilson, or Dexter Day. (These are not truck destroying overloads, just a few clean, timely trips of assistance.)

3) Pipe: Galvanized steel pipe from 1/2" to 3", long lengths in good condition. Also fittings for the same. Needed ASAP for installation in our new shop facilities.