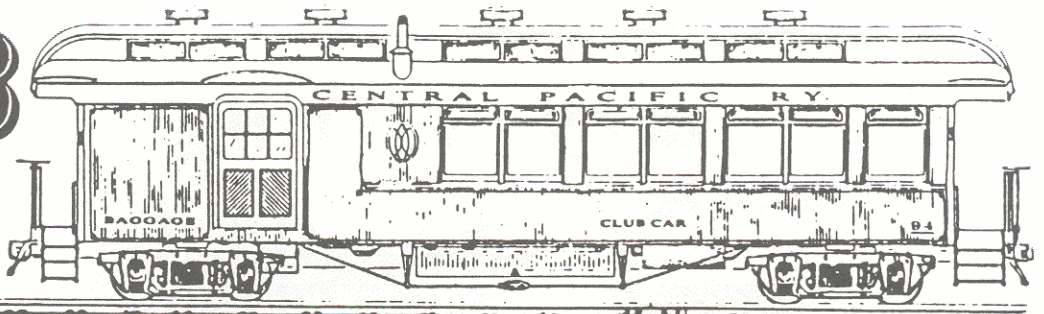


# THE CLUB CAR



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## INTERIM FUND STARTED

By Madeline Iverson

It has been very heartening to the PLA Board of Directors and membership to see so many of you come forth to support the organization in the Back-A-Hoe drive. We received over \$4900 in donations which not only paid our first installment but also some of the needed maintenance on the backhoe.

At the last general meeting possible fund raisers were discussed because the organization finds itself unable to support building a museum without being in operation. General Manager Peter Schulze reported that with the exception of clean-up, the work in the canyon and in salvage operations will be severely limited over the next few months because there isn't money to pay for the materials we need to buy or the equipment we need to rent.

One of the fund raisers that we hope to put in operation with the next few weeks is the Buy-A-Tie program developed by JOHN and CAROL RAY. Geared for the public and corporate sectors, this program has the potential of bringing in large funds for construction. Unfortunately to get this program off the ground will take over \$1000 and this money is not available now.

Because of the need to fund the Buy-A-Tie program, as well as to continue construction operations, a motion was made and passed at the February meeting to set up a four-month pledge drive to last from March to June when we hope to have an operation underway. With this month's Club Car you will receive an envelope which we hope you will return with your March donation.



As of the beginning of March, repairs on the Hough (seen here moving rail last September) were almost completed, with only some brake work left to do. It's return will be greatly appreciated when the big push to get an operation going starts.

## New Roll Call Scheme

By Ed Ryan

Since November the work crews of the NCSRY have been scattered at various sites around the Bay Area: Castro Point, Levin Metals in Richmond, Crystal Lake Park (old Ford Plant) in Milpitas, Evergreen Team Track in San Jose, and the UPRR Yards in Stockton and Fremont. There are also several work sites on the property from Dresser to Sunol.

"BONES" ANDREWS has been our faithful compiler of workers at the Point. He can't be everywhere every weekend, so the Board is going to try a better system. The PLA certainly needs to recognize those who work on the railroad; but more than that, as we

seek funds in a more sophisticated manner, we need to have documented proof of work for presentation, as not all potential donors can go out and see what has been accomplished.

In order to accomplish this, section foremen, and those working by themselves, will please fill out a "time sheet" covering the work crew for a particular site. A mail box will be provided in the tool car at Brightside for deposit of these forms, and MADELINE IVERSON, our recording secretary, will compile those on hand each month in time for inclusion in the next issue of the Club Car. The board thanks you for your assistance and cooperation with this important issue.

# February Meeting

In spite of the lack of operations, the PLA has received a lot of exposure at Alameda County civic meetings. At the January general meeting ALAN RAMSAY described the meetings in the Fremont-Sunol area at which PLA representatives gave presentations. He discussed the importance of this in getting exposure and much-needed community support. He said that we will be represented at the Great Western Train Show in Vallejo on March 8 and April 5. Alan also indicated that we could use a little more help at the shows. Also discussed was the upcoming state-sponsored railfair April 15-19 in San Francisco. Members present decided that we would send #3 over if we are able.

Our debt to Levin Metals Corp. was also discussed. HOWARD WISE reported that about four tons of scrap have been delivered to Levin. He was questioned as to which Levin branches take auto bodies and replied that Redwood City and San Jose will. It is important that anybody who has donated metal in increments of 100 pounds or more give their weigh tickets to Howard.

DEXTER DAY reported happily that the UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD gave us 90 tons of rail of which only 20 tons will be scrapped. He said more rail has been delivered and even more is on the way.

In the absence of Planning Committee Chairman CRAIG WILSON, FRANK PRESLEY reported that the committee is looking at the cost of installing water and electrical service in the canyon.

CAROL SULLIVAN reported that at the last meeting the Company Store had \$600 in sales. CHRIS HOLUMBO gave the store some Swiss train calendars which were available for \$5.

President MIKE McQUAID indicated that the latest revision of the environmental report would be presented to the county in the following week.

The committee looking into a possible name change for the railroad will report at the next board meeting on March 11.

General Manager PETER SCHULZE reported that work parties will concentrate on Niles Canyon, but a lack of funds is hindering them. In February and March work will concentrate on building the switches at Brightside, distributing rail around Dresser, and preparing the right-of-way from Rosewerner to the Ki-Lite crossing. Work on the rail salvage project at Crystal Lake Park in Milpitas will continue off and on until summer. RICH GILL and AL FOWLER are trying to salvage 115 lb. rail. Peter said that there was a large supply of track material in Sacramento which we need to get in the next 60 days if we want it. RAY McALLISTER reported that the three locomotives at the interchange at Castro Point will be checked out for removal by the end of the month. He also reported that the state will do repairs on #1269 provided they can continue using it. Peter also indicated that hand car rules would be made available soon. ED RYAN reported that the area around Brightside is becoming more secure because of CHARLIE BLAKE's new lock system and that the sheriff is checking the area more closely now so members should have their membership cards handy.

Under new business, a motion was made and passed to reduce the Emergency Fund held in savings to \$500 to pay off bills.

A potential dues increase was discussed briefly. The board stated that it was to be dealt with at the March meeting after publication of a discussion being made in the Club Car. A motion was made to raise the contributing sponsor fee. It was later withdrawn.

RANDY LEBER said that he would print posters for soliciting membership if we could give him camera ready copy. PATTY SCHULZE suggested that we put up donation boxes in

## "Mert" Parker

It is with deep sorrow that the PLA announces the passing of Associate Member Marryat F. "Mert" Parker on December 11. Mr. Parker joined the PLA in 1982 at the age of 83. He was a resident of Alameda for 45 years and a dedicated supporter of the organization.

local establishments. C.G. HEIMERDINGER asked about the Buy-A-Tie Program and was told that it would not be started until the environmental study was approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The secretary added that it was a moot point because the money necessary to kick it off was not available at this time. JIM NOBLE suggested an emergency fund-raising drive. DAVE BURLA made a motion to set up a four month emergency fund to be effective from March to June. The motion carried.

Dave also suggested a student membership and President McQuaid said that he would put it on the next board agenda.

Jim Noble said that Contributing Sponsors should have PLA cards so they could work in the canyon without being picked up by the sheriff. It was made into a motion and carried.

For the good of the order, C. G. Heimerdinger suggested moving the April meeting to the second Friday of April to avoid Good Friday meetings at the church.

A \$400 donation for ties was submitted.

Peter reported that he had copies of the General Manager's Report available for Active and Associate Members. He said members could get one from LIZ REIMERS.

Entertainment was provided by Touchstone Films and included the last two operations of the PLA at Castro Point.

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

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### The Club Car

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# G. M's. Report

By Peter Schulze

It is very rewarding to see so much interest in our project. New people and new ideas come forward all the time! Each of these departments continues to need your involvement and ideas: Concessions, Mechanical, Operations, Support Services, Facilities & Way, and Niles Canyon Development.

These areas are all alive and active. many plans have been made and work has been started, but there is room for new input. There is also considerable value in keeping the wheels turning. Please get behind the work that is already going on.

Much more can be done. Our plans and directions are working well, but the PLA and NCSRY need your help, your work, and your financial support now.

Our projects on the railway continue to be: Security fence work at Brightside, switch and rail work, rail and track material unloading and transporting, rail distribution on the road west of the Ki-Lite crossing, laying one rail from Dresser to Farwell, and tie cleaning and plugging west of the Ki-Lite crossing.

These activities continue to need two basic ingredients: More membership and more

money. To continue our progress the job needs YOU.

Very soon we will have warmer and more predictable weather. When we have county approval you know what needs to be done and why. Let's be ready.

Getting an operation going in only a couple of months from the time we get the final agreement sounds like a big task, but think for a moment, if you will, of the time when the railroads were first being built. The Central Pacific, the Western Pacific, or the Northwestern Pacific all had limited resources, not enough money, a lack of tools, locomotives or construction cars, not enough workers, and, most of all, not enough time.

But they did it because they had to do it. Because it was there. Projects get done. Problems get solved. Goals are met. All because people like you are willing to go out and do it.

Concerning the GM's report distributed at the February meeting, I must give special thanks to ED RYAN for all his backing and support in the planning and publication of the PLA's 1986 General Manager's Report. I invite any and all comments and suggestions so that future presentations will be more informative and valuable. Please contact Ed or me. Again Mr. Ryan, Thank you.

## Company Store

By Carol Sullivan

We have added four tapes to the PLA's rental collection, those presented at February's meeting. They are as follows:

TRAINS OF 1984: New Orleans #4449; UP Centennials, Feather River Cyn; UP Portola Days '84; Roaring Camp Narrow Gauge; and UP #4466. 1.35 hr., \$25+tax.

TRAINS OF 1985: SP #6051 Employee Special; Durango and Silverton; Cumbres & Toltec; N&W #611; UP turbines; Virginia City; AND CASTRO POINT RAILWAY. 2 hr., \$28+tax.

TRAINS OF 1986: #4449 Tough Guys Movie Star; SP derailments 1984, 1986; STEAMEXPO 1986; Point Defiance Washington; and more. 1.15 hr., \$28+tax.

BAY AREA COMMUTERS OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN JOSE: SP #501 Employee Special; Last Harriman run; #2472 P-8 Pacific; GP-9, SDP-45, Caltrain diesels, SD-9. 1.15 hrs., \$25+tax.

If you wish to purchase the tapes they

can be mail-ordered from Brian Corliss, 5808 Chesbro Ave., San Jose, CA 95123. For each tape you buy he will donate \$5 to PLA, so note on your order that you are a PLA member. Add 7% sales tax to the above prices.

HELP!: If you were at the Great American Train Show in Oakland in January, patronized our booth, and paid by check, please consider writing a new check to replace it and send it to Carol Sullivan. As of March 1 the checks sent to Treasurer Dave Rousar for banking had not reach him and are presumed lost in the mails. If the original checks do surface someday we will return your check to you. (We did not keep a record of each specific check so we have no way to contact you; that's what Dave did when he readied them for deposit. That procedure has now been changed.) The check written to cover cash purchases will be rewritten, but we hope to recover as much of our \$600+ in sales as possible, especially since the PLA is in need of funds now.

## Rent PLA Videotapes

Video Tape Rental is \$5.00/ 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 Niles Canyon or at the monthly meeting. Call him at (707) 552-2394 after 5 PM. to reserve tapes. Order tapes by mail by writing to him at 869 Oakwood Ave, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Please return all tapes after one week.

1. Destination Tokyo (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 614T Coal Tests
12. Danger Lights (movie)
13. Diesel on the UP
14. Classic Railroads (PLA's Engines #2, #4, and #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 #3085
20. Rio Grande Work Train, 1981
21. Southern Pacific Daylight #4449
22. Railfair '81
23. The Best of '84
24. Rail to Richmond (NRHS 1983 Convention)
25. Kansas Pacific (movie)
26. Private Varnish
27. BC Rail
28. Best of '85
29. Union Pacific (movie)
30. The Sugar Train
31. Tehachapi Part I: Santa Fe
32. Tehachapi Part II: Southern Pacific
33. The Last Steamers of the Colorado & Southern
34. World's Fair Daylight
35. Rio Grande Narrow Gauge in the '50's

Will the person who has Railfair '81 please return it so someone else can rent the tape.

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## March Meeting

To be considered for Associate Membership: Doug Clark of San Leandro, Wade M. DosSantos of Hayward, Art Ingwerson of Ceres, David Houston of Concord, Art Ingwerson of Ceres, Barbara Jones of Cupertino, Jerry Lamere of Fremont, John Noonan of Sacramento, and Richard K. Thorpe of Sunol.

At the time of deadline entertainment for the March meeting had not been determined.

At the last meeting Ed Ryan was voted in as Active Member and Stephen C. Clearwater, F. A. Dishong, Donald Glass, Sam McCracken, Dan Elder, Albert H. Fowler, George W. Gavaletz, John Houghton, Jr., Jeffrey Otto, Wayne Scholtes, Jack C. Wall and Ted Wurm were voted in as Associate Members.

## PLA Calendar

NOTICE: The April meeting has been moved to April 10 to avoid conflict with church Good Friday services. The meeting will be held at the usual time (8:00 PM) at St. Christopher's Church (Corner of Via Toledo and Hacienda) in San Lorenzo.

Mar. 20 . . . . . Regular Meeting  
Mar. 21, 22 . . . . . Work Parties, Niles Canyon and Castro Point  
Mar. 23 . . . . . Deadline, April Club Car  
Mar. 28 & Mar. 29 . . . . . Work Parties  
Mar. 30 . . . . . Club Car Goes to Printer  
Apr. 4 & 5 . . . . . Work Parties, NCSRY or CP  
Apr. 11 & 12 . . . . . Work Parties, NCSRY or CP  
Apr. 10 . . . . . Regular Meeting  
Apr. 18 & 19 . . . . . Work Parties, NCSRY or CP  
May. 15 . . . . . Regular Meeting

## The Hot Box

Your association continues to need tools (and people) to do our building projects for the Niles Canyon Scenic Railway.

- 1) Use of 5-ton truck: We still need a small contractor's size dump truck. We need to haul ballast and ties in Niles Canyon. Contact Dexter Day or Peter Schulze.
  - 2) Jack Hammer: We need a 90# pavement breaker jack hammer to be donated or loaned for a few weekends this year. Call Peter.
  - 3) 8' x 8' steel shipping container: To be used as an electrical sub-station at Brightside. Contact Pat Lewis (415-948-0576) or Craig Wilson (408-255-1857 after 6:00).
  - 4) Two 25-ton Railroad Journal or Screw Jacks. These will be vital for doing car maintenance.
  - 5) Chains & binders, 3/8" high tensile load chains 15-25' long and 3/8" high tensile chain load binders for our new truck.
  - 6) Chain link fence. 8' fence fabric and hardware, especially full length 2" posts and 4" and 6" gate posts. Contact Craig Wilson.
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