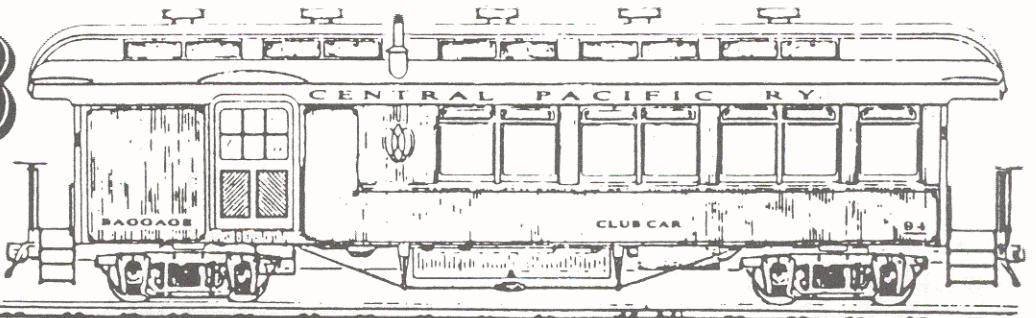


# THE CLUB CAR



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## RIDE THE ROYAL HUDSON WITH THE PLA

Those PLA members who attended STEAMEXPO saw British Columbia's ex-Canadian Pacific H-1e Class 4-6-4 Royal Hudson #2860 in the same yard as our #2 and #12. There are probably many other members who have ridden excursion trains behind her between North Vancouver and Squamish. Now PLA members (and anybody else who is interested) have the opportunity to ride 600 miles on the CARIBOO STEAM SPECIAL.

The PLA is chartering the Royal Hudson for a round trip between North Vancouver and Williams Lake. Passengers will see the shores of Howe Sound, Squamish, Garibaldi National Park, Whistler, the Coast Mountains, McGillivray Falls, Lillooet, the Fraser River, Anderson Lake and Chasm during the time of autumn colors.

The fare from the Bay Area is \$495 per person. This includes airfare, three nights lodging (double occupancy), and transportation between airport, hotel and train at Vancouver and Williams Lake. Single, extra persons, child's fares, extra nights, roundtrip Amtrak, and deluxe hotel options are available.

This will be an exciting trip. Don't miss it.

For more information contact Key Tours, 1510 Parkside Drive, Suite 200, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, (415) 945-8687.

In this issue you will find a flyer for the Northern California Railroad Club's (NORCAL) 50th Anniversary Excursion on the Eureka Southern Railroad between Willits and Eureka on September 18-20. The price of the weekend trip includes transportation from the Bay Area and two night's lodging.

The PLA is circulating NORCAL's flyer as a way of showing appreciation for their support of us, including a recent donation towards our Niles Canyon Railway.



#2860 took center stage at STEAMEXPO last year, coming to a stop near the Stephenson's Rocket replica (above). Below it is seen from the cab of our own Pickering #12.



President's Report

# The PLA In Transition

By Mike McQuaid

This year will see the PLA embark up an agreement with Alameda County which will allow us a stability never before experienced. The long delayed agreement should be signed by Labor Day THIS YEAR. Last year I probably made some such projection regarding Labor Day LAST YEAR. Now we have the benefit of the completion of the Environmental Study, Public Hearings and a Negative Declaration. The closer I get the more precise (?) are my predictions.

Right now there is a group of about 75 to 100 people who contribute effectively their talents to the PLA: some in time in the canyon, some in time at meetings, and some at both. Real strides are being made because the PLA is not a job where what you don't get done today you do tomorrow. That's why it's so important to get the most out of your PLA work day by coming prepared to work.

Seek out the General Manager - Frank Presley - or his designated representative and get an assignment. If you find you're good at a job, keep at it. Take some initiative; see each job to completion.

Those of you who can't WORK in the canyon can COME to the canyon to familiarize yourself with what's going on and attend meetings where we have an opportunity to give a good update to everyone. Share your ideas, but don't be turned off if they aren't wholeheartedly endorsed. Remember, ideas are only effective if someone is willing and able to make them happen.

NOTICE: Will the individual who donated the P.A. system and speaker at the July meeting please give his name to a board officer so he may properly be recognized.

General Manager's Report

# Frank Presley New GM

By Frank Presley

The months of July and August have been busy for us and it looks like the opening of operations is not too far off. Maybe it is coming up too soon as we have a lot of work still ahead of us. We need to see more of the membership working out in the canyon.

A lot of things have been happening lately. Several days worth of work with a bulldozer was donated to the PLA. However an earth moving project at Brightside has been postponed because the operator could not find transportation for his machine.

On Saturday, July 18 we moved approximately seven tons of tie plates from Richmond down to Brightside. With one more day like that we will have moved all of the plates at the Point that we intend to bring down. My thanks to all of those individuals who donated their time and trucks.

A crew has set one rail between Dresser and Farwell. Rail has been dragged onto the Farwell bridge and we are preparing to drag rail onto the Dresser Bridge.

We have picked up the rail from Greenville Road in Livermore where the county tore out an SP crossing. There is now over 1500 feet of heavy rail stored at Farwell. The Union Pacific Railroad has donated a carload of O.T.M. and a carload of 119 lb rail. That makes four carloads delivered recently. We have started to unload the cars at Shinn St. Yard and intend to transport the O.T.M. right up into the canyon. We now have sufficient heavy rail for the big turn between Farwell and Brightside. Our thanks to the U.P.

And now a few procedural notes: The club charge accounts are not to be used without my prior approval. All expenditures

# July Meeting

By Brian T. Wise

On July 17, the new members of the Board took their respective positions, diving head first into the 1988 fiscal year. Hints of new and exciting events were popping into the committee and museum reports.

Rarely do we have a meeting where the lease agreement with Alameda County is not mentioned. The July meeting is no exception. President McQuaid announced to the members present that a rough draft of the lease had been sent to us for our review. The light at the end of the tunnel grows larger.

At Brightside, provisions are being made for a power drop by PG&E. The tool car is receiving an entirely new brake system, compliments of Levin Metals, and track continues to be laid.

Voted into Associate Membership were KIM LAND, GEORGE BURNLEY, STEVEN CARPANETO, MIKE METZ, WILL WREDBERG, RONALD BROWN, WALTER HALLAND, DIANE THUR, JAMES SOFFORD and PAUL WILCOX-BAKER. Welcome to the PLA!

The evening was brought to a climax with the announcement by Active Member HENRY LUNA of a 1000 mile trip behind ex-Canadian Pacific 4-6-4 ROYAL HUDSON #2860 from Vancouver to Prince George, B.C. and back. The price is a steal and announcements will be sent out to PLA members soon.

Capping off the meeting was a superb 8mm sound movie by Associate Member Randy Cape featuring the Operation Lifesaver train last April and May. The views of ex-SP E-9 #6051 surely brought back fond memories.

that fall under my jurisdiction should be approved by me in advance. Otherwise you are responsible to pay the bill pending my approval. That could take a long time.

I hope to see you all out in the canyon.

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### The Club Car

The Club Car is the monthly newsletter of the Pacific Locomotive Association and its members. All submissions will be considered for publication and will only be edited for space and clarity.

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## Company Store

By Carol Sullivan

### BID ON BOOKS

BILL HALLOWAY has donated some books in perfect or near perfect condition to the PLA. Since some are out of print and others are pretty interesting, let's try a by-bid sale. Phone (415-341-0841) or mail (1565 Seneca Lane, San Mateo, 94402) your tax-deductible donation bids (not \$) to me by September 30, 1987 (Mailing is preferred). Please include your address and phone number. In the case of a tie the winner will be the earlier bid. You may incorporate something within your bid to raise your bid at least 5% over the highest bid, but it must be something that I can understand. Winning bidders will be billed, with prompt payment expected, and items will be delivered at the October meeting, mailed (\$1.25 extra per book), or delivered by some other arranged manner. Books not disposed of by bid will enter our regular book inventory. All bids are binding. NOTE: MINIMUM BID IS \$10 except as noted:

Encyclopedia of Railroads, O.S. Noch, Ed. Galahad Books, 1977; 480 pages. Cover Price \$42.50, MINIMUM BID \$15.00.

The Last Whistle, Jack Wagner, Howell-North Books, 1974 (2nd printing 12/74); Cover Price \$8.50, now at \$19.95.

Steam Trains, Paul Price, Chartwell Books, Inc., 1978; 61 pg., No Cover Price.

Steam Cars to the Comstock, Beebe and Clegg, Howell-North Books, 1957 (3rd ed., 4th printing 2/70); Cover price \$5.95, last retail was \$17.95. OUT OF PRINT - MINIMUM BID \$15.00.

Train Wrecks, Robert C. Reed, Bonanza Books, 1968; OUT OF PRINT \$9.95

Trains, John Westwood, ed., Octopus Books, 1979; 400 p., no price.

Lines West, Charles R. Wood, Superior Publ., 1967; Cover price \$8.95, OUT OF PRINT.

American Railroads, J.B. Hollingsworth and P.B. Whitehouse, Bison Books, 1977 (3rd printing, 1981); 190 pages, no price.

The Battle For North Africa, 1940 to 1943, W.G.F. Jackson, Mason-Charter, 1975; 393 p., no price.

The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad, Robert G. Athearn, Yale Univ. Press 1962 (1977 Bison Edition); 395 pgs., paperbound, \$5.95.

Great Railway Journeys of the World,

## Family Helps PLA

By Mike McQuaid

Associate Member LEN COFFIN passed away on Saturday, June 11. Len was a relatively new member of the PLA, joining within the last year. He lived in Pleasanton and became aware of the PLA as our plans to relocate to Niles Canyon progressed. He and his wife Ella visited Castro Point for our last operation. Len was a retired United Airlines lead ramp serviceman. What is more important is that Len was also an environmentalist of sorts, particularly concerned about open space. He found no conflict with these beliefs in his support for the PLA and the Niles Canyon project.

I think we can be proud that the PLA attracts people of the caliber of Len Coffin, who was looking forward to becoming more active in the canyon as our operation came on line. His family was also proud of his association with the PLA and asked that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to the PLA. As of this date, over \$400 has been received. To my knowledge, this is the first time a donation of this nature has been made to the PLA. With support like this we cannot fail.

Thank you to the family of Len Coffin.

Frayn, Kennedy, Palin, etc, EP Dutton, 1982; no price.

Sierra Railway, Dorothy Newell Deane, Howell-North Books, 1960; no price, I've seen a copy of this book in poor condition priced at \$35 in Sacramento, OUT OF PRINT - MINIMUM BID \$20.

The Great Iron Trail, Robert West Howard, Bonanza Books, 1962; 376 p., no price.

Etc., etc.

LOU CHIARAMONTE has taken care of transfer of our Sellers Permit to Alameda County. LIZ REIMERS continues with flea market sales and still welcomes your non-rail donations - call her at 793-3154 or bring them to meetings. We especially need items for the August 30 Niles Flea Market!!!

PAT LEWIS assisted by HERB NORLEEN and others is getting the box car/gift shop wired for new lights and electrical outlets; once that's done and the car is cleared of its current contents C.G. HEIMERDINGER and crew will commence painting. Meanwhile, support of the MEMBERS continues to be great with

## PLA Roll Call

By Brian T. Wise

The following people worked one or more days between July 5 and July 19: Mike Bozzini, Frank Presley, Jim Dinkey, "Bones" Andrews, Dexter Day, Ed Ryan, Phil Orth, John Schrufer, Ed Powell, Cliff Walters, Jeff Otto, Rich Gill, Charlie Blake, Tim Flippo, Alan Teruya, Alan Ramsey, Brian Wise, Ray McAllister, Steve Slabach, (?) Page, Al Fowler, Matt Maksel, Herb Norleen, Pat Lewis, Peter Schulze, Bill Andrade, Buzz Berger, Lou Chiaramonte, Doug Clark, Mike Metz, Mike Price, Liz Reimers, Jeff Williams, Bob Adams, Bob Graham, Dave Burla, Mike McQuaid and, last but not least, a guest appearance by Henry Luna.

Apologies are due to anyone whose name I have misspelled or forgotten. There are quite a few names I am not aware of yet due to the ever changing work forces in the Canyon. Also, I would like to ask that anyone who fills out a time sheet to please PRINT any and all names of those present. Thank you all for your continuing efforts on the Niles Canyon Railway!

## Making Tracks Fund

The following members have made donations to the PLA. Thanks to all of you for your support.

Patrick J. O'Brien, Howard Wise, Willis Robbins, Frank Summers, Alison J. Thomas, William Radcliffe, Robert M. Hanft, Craig Miller, Addison Lake, Ronald Hise, F.W. Sillman, Aztec Manufacturing, Thomas V. Jones, Timothy J. Lon, Philip Gresho, Edward Meyer, Charles Barnes, Peter Goodier, Alfred Fisher, William Williams, Christopher Schmidt, Ray Martin, Ray McAllister, John McGrorey, Ralph Bennett, Michael Carlisle and Henry J. Principe.

good sales at the meetings. CHARLIE BLAKE still chairs the VHS Video Rental Project most Saturdays at the canyon and at meetings. Rent 1 for a \$5 donation, 3 for \$10.

Finally, we've received several more back issues, 1957-1985 of Light Steam Power and Steam Power from England. As usual, interesting info, photos and diagrams about steam autos, engines, tractors, dirigibles, ships, fire and other trucks, tools, even an 1860's ornithopter!

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## PLA Calendar

### August Meeting

Five people will be considered for membership at the August meeting: Gary Clark of Tracy, Robert Collier of Hayward, Jack Dorothy of Shingle Springs, John Kelly of San Leandro and Connie Luna of Walnut Creek.

At the time of publication entertainment had not been determined for the August meeting.

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

August 21 . . . . . Regular Meeting  
August 31 . . . . . Deadline, Sept. Club Car  
September 7 . . . . . Labor Day  
September 8 . . . . . Club Car Goes to Printer  
September 18. . . . . Regular Meeting  
October 16. . . . . Regular Meeting

Work parties meet each Saturday and Sunday at Brightside in Niles Canyon. Take Hwy 84 west from Sunol and I-680 or east from Mission Blvd. in Fremont. Meet at the tool car (visible from the highway) at 9 on Saturday and 10 on Sunday.

For work projects in Niles Canyon please contact General Manager Frank Presley (415-796-3094) for details. For projects at Castro Point contact Master Mechanic Ray McAllister (415-479-5249).

### *Are Your Dues Due?*

NOTICE TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: If you receive a "Yellow Board" notice with your Club Car this month, your annual dues of \$17.50 are now due. At this time your dues are a major source of revenue so please pay your dues on time.

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