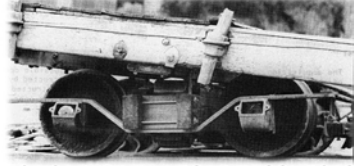


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THE 10 TON TRUCKS HAVE ARRIVED!

BCH delivered the 10 ton trucks on April 19th, 2001. These are the first 10-ton Carter swing motion trucks built in over 100 years. A grant from the North American Railroad Foundation (NARF) allowed the SPCRR to contract with BCH to turn worn-out 28" wheels to 24" wheels, to make patterns and cast the iron parts, and to buy and cut the lumber needed to build these trucks. BCH of Oakland did the assembly and delivered the trucks.



Jiggs eyes the new trucks

-photo AJLCary

These trucks will be placed under box-car SPC 472 to provide a historically accurate Carter Boxcar of the 1880 era.

MAY WORK DAY

The next workday is on Saturday, May 10th, 2003, starting at 9:30 am and ending at 5:00 pm (or whenever we drop of exhaustion).

Our project will be to continue clean up in SP 10 and SPC 444, so that miscellaneous stuff stored in SPC 472 can be removed to one of the other cars, leaving room to walk thru the Museum area of 472. It may also help us to find what we are looking for to work with easier!!!

See all of you out there to help us get organized!

B Culp, General Manager



This is an unaltered picture of SPC 13 and crew taken in the 1890s. There are amazing similarities in appearance in the crew to younger versions of some of our members. This could explain their knowledge of some of the more arcane aspects of the SPC...
-photo courtesy of Bruce MacGregor

New Picnic Car Escape Ladder Chains

In between rain storms Gene Arrillaga managed to get to the farm and install the new escape ladder chains. He copied the locking hooks from



similar hooks he saw on the back of a 20 mule team borax wagon when visiting Death Valley in the 1950's. Gene says that given time the hooks, chain and hardware will take on a nice iron oxide patina.

Escape ladder chains

- Photo Gene Arrillaga

This is a big improvement over

the way the escape ladder has been attached to the car in the past. It has been held on by bailing wire, old rope, hay-bale string, and twisted wire "swing set" chain.

The escape ladder is a special ladder used to disembark passengers when the car has made a stop away from a station. It hooks into the pin socket on the coupler and provides a safe means of egress.

-AJL Cary

NCNG Museum Grand Opening

The Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad and Transportation Museum will be having a Grand Opening Celebration on Sunday, May 18th, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Tours will be given of the new museum building and workshops. There will be live music, light refreshments and a raffle. The adjacent Nevada County Traction Co. will also be operating their 2' gauge line that day.

This organization is very similar to the SPCRR in size, goals, and collecting focus. They have a significant collection of narrow gauge equipment, including NCNG #5, an 1875 Baldwin Mogul, formerly Carson & Tahoe Lumber & Fluming #2 "Tahoe", and sister engine of C&TL&F #1 "Glenbrook", now being restored at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City. While the collection focuses on the Nevada County Narrow Gauge, it includes equipment from many other narrow gauge lines. They have recently completed the restoration of Florence & Cripple Creek #507, a boxcar which still has its original trucks.

The museum is located at 5 Kidder Court, Nevada City, California. Take the Gold Flat Road Exit from Highway 49 between Grass Valley and Nevada City and head East (to the right if you were northbound on 49). Turn left immediately onto Hollow Way, then right on Bost Ave. Kidder Court is on the left at the end of Bost.

For further information contact the museum at (530) 470-0902, or visit their website at www.ncngrrmuseum.org. The information regarding the specifics of this event was excerpted from a posting by Coleman Thomas Randall, Jr. to Upcoming Railroad Events on the Altamont Press Railroad Newsline (railroadnews.net).

-Ken Underhill

GALLERY



Steam Engine Hawaii #5 visited the SPCRR on Memorial Day Weekend 2000. -Photo AJLCary

GENERALLY SPEAKING

Barbara Culp, General Manager

Work on the Picnic Car has been rained out as of late, but will hopefully proceed this weekend if the rain holds off. We are also getting bids for the cover and will proceed with that when one is approved.

Good progress is being made on Rail Fair, and we are working on having new things to add this year. If you have ideas for displays or groups to be invited, please let Trudy or I know soon, as we need to plan areas by space needed. To contact me, Barbara Culp, 510 785 1343 or email bjcletc@pacbell.net. To contact Trudy Frank, 408 739 9633.

The June workday/meeting will be June 14, 2003, and will be the General Meeting with a Potluck. Hope to see more of you out at Park, Sat-

THE BULLY PULPIT

John Theberge , President SPCRR

From Here to There and Back Again:

Last work day the tarp was removed from SP1010, a fire was lit and a number of us spent several hours catching rainwater in cans and cups inside the center section of the car. An examination of the metal roof shows some serious deterioration, (*read rust-through*) which is allowing rainwater to enter the car. We will need to address this problem this summer along with the roof problems on 472, 10, 444, and the cars in the Corp. Yard. I need someone to step up to each of these problems and take charge. Close cooperation will be necessary with Randy Hees, SPCRR Curator, during the planning and execution of these projects.

The stairs to 444, last reported as “weak and dangerous” are no more. They were destroyed last workday when they had to be moved so that SP1010’s tarp could be placed into 444 for storage. We need a project manager for the building of new stairs for SP10 and then to move the current SP10 stairs to 444. Please contact Ken Underhill or myself if you are interested in either if these projects

Jiggs is healing up nicely and is ahead of schedule. We expect to have him return to work sometime in May.

At End of Track

I have some ambitious long range plans for the Trudy Frank Historic Rail Road Center. I am looking for any and all ideas. The end result is expected to look nothing like any of the plans but rather be a composite of them all as the Center fills out over time.

It intend to have an Architect/Engineering firm on-board sometime in mid-June ‘03 to provide professional guidance in our efforts. My goal is to have plans approved, by both EBRPD and City of Fremont; and to have the utilities, footings, foundations, floors and inside tracks complete by the Fall of 2004. Between now and then will be a lot of work. The light at the end of the track (tunnel) is not an on-coming locomotive, but will be the 60-watt light bulb over the entrance to our first building.

2003 SPCRR CALENDAR

The official SPCRR calendar is on the web at: <http://www.spcrr.org> and on the SPCRR user forum at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/spcrr>

WORK DAY SCHEDULE

- May 10
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

GENERAL MEETINGS

- June 14
- September 13
- December 13

General meetings are open to the general membership and public. They generally feature a potluck and an invited speaker. Workdays are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. Work begins at 9:30 am and continues until the first worker drops or someone cries 'uncle'. Meet at the Ardenwood Yard (by the front station).

SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 9, 10, and 11, Santa Cruz and Big Trees and the California State Parks re-enact Teddy Roosevelt's visit to the Big Trees grove at Felton.
- May 24, 25 & 26, The Civil War returns to Ardenwood
- Jun 7 Celtic Festival at Ardenwood
- Jun 21 Fire-truck day at Ardenwood
- Jul 4 Old fashioned 4th of July at Ardenwood
- Aug 29 to Sep 1 Washington Township Railroad Fair at Ardenwood
- Sep 27 Cajun-Zydeco Festival at Ardenwood
- Oct 11-12 Harvest Festival at Ardenwood
- Oct 17-19 and 24-26 Halloween Train
- Nov 23 Operations stop
- Dec 5-7 Christmas at Ardenwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

STILL WANTED PROJECT MANAGER/MECHANIC

The SPCRR's forklift has been broken for some years now. We need someone to take on this project and determine if the forklift can be repaired .

Contact J. Theberge at (209)833-7169

THE SPCRR NEEDS YOU!

The SPCRR is looking for Licensed Surveyors and Civil Engineers who are interested in providing *pro bono* surveying and soil testing at new building site in the Eastern Field.

Contact J. Theberge at (209)833-7169.

E-MAIL DELIVERY OF THE NEWS LETTER NOW AVAILABLE

The "Carter Narrow Gauge Chronicles" can now be delivered by e-mail. This will allow you to receive your newsletter as quickly as possible and reduces the postage costs to the SPCRR.– a major cost in producing the newsletter.

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