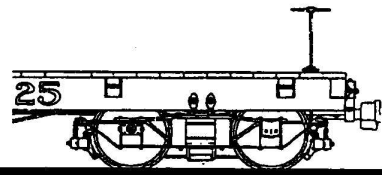


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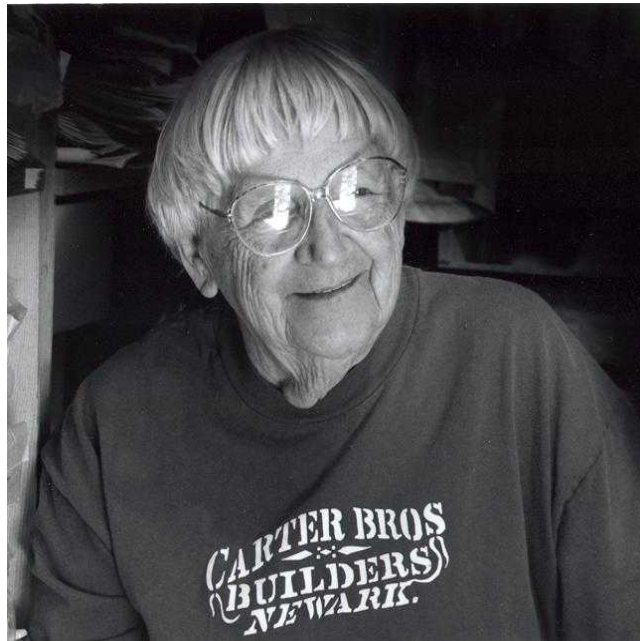
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## Ground Broken for the Eastern Terminal Area



On Saturday May 27, 2006 the first shovel of dirt in the Eastern Terminal area was turned by Trudy Frank, whose hard work and dedication has made this possible. See story and photos inside.

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## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RAILROAD FAIR Saturday, Sunday & Monday September 2, 3 & 4

The SPCRR will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Railfair over Labor Day weekend. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the event flyer with details. As usual we'll need members to staff the train rides and various other activities. Be on the lookout for an announcement from Barbara Culp asking for volunteers.

On Saturday night, September 2, we will be having a General Meeting with entertainment provided by Bruce MacGregor. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Groundbreaking Ceremony Takes Place for the SPCRR Eastern Terminal at Last!**

On May 27th, 2006, members were invited to come out and have some fun on the rails with visiting narrow gauge equipment including a 1913 Sheffield Speeder, Nevada County Pump Car, and Ken Yeo's 1880-1900 Velocipede, compliments of SPCRR members Scott Foote and Les Wilmunder (with wife Cindy and son Casey) and Chad Godeke (with his son Alec) who transported and operated the equipment for this special day. Randy Hees fired up the Rusty Mary for a quick photo run-by during lunch and Mary Jane Gendreau coordinated horse drawn train rides in the afternoon. The weather was pleasant, the company enjoyable, and the day was said by many to be one of our most relaxing events in recent history.

At the end of this beautiful day of fun on the rails, after a cool ride through the grove on combine 1010 and the picnic car, the ground at the entrance to the Eastern Terminal area was broken in a momentous ceremony. Under the tent, many members including some who have not been seen for several years watched and cheered as Trudy Frank threw the first dirt with her golden shovel. Past SPCRR Presidents were invited to try their hand at breaking ground while the cameras clicked amid the smiles of everyone present. SPCRR President Karen Blamor welcomed the audience and pointed out the proposed locations of the key buildings planned for the Terminal and answered a few questions. Everyone then re-boarded the train for the evening ride back to the front station.

We all strolled back to the Granary for a feast of fruit, crackers, wine, beer, soda, and cheeses beautifully coordinated by General Manager Barbara Culp for our dining pleasure. In her other role as Eastern Terminal Coordinator, Karen Blamor gave a brief report of progress to date and answered many questions from the membership. Several members offered ideas which could help with fundraising efforts. The event concluded with thanks & appreciation to all members for their continued commitment to the SPCRR over the past 30 years. The Board of Directors wants to personally acknowledge the members and guests who were present at the event as follows: Barbara Anderson, Gene & Donna Arrillaga, Steve & Karen Blamor, Bob Brown, Jack & Jacque Burgess, Barbara Culp, Fran Foley, Scott Foote, Trudy Frank, Mac & Lela Gaddis, Christina, Mary Jane, & Mike Gendreau, Chad & Alec Godeke, Pria Graves, Randy Hees, Bob Hertz, Jim Holmes, George Koerner, Martha Lawson, Byron Lemmon, Lauren Lorey, Don Marenzi, Bruce MacGregor, Craig Robinson, Shirley Sisk, Bruce Sorel, John Stutz, Bill Traill, Bob Tupper, Ken Underhill, Les, Cindy & Casey Wilmunder, Bill & Janne Wissel, and Bill Wulf.

Thanks again for celebrating our groundbreaking with us! See you soon!

## **SPCRR Eastern Terminal Progress Report**

Since May 2003 our primary focus has been to get the barn up, save our collection, and establish the SPCRR as a solid museum in the community. At that time, the complexity of the project was so hidden from view that it required the generous cooperation of our members, the East Bay Regional Parks District, and the City of Fremont many times over the past 3 years. It is a tribute to all involved that we have come this far.

In 2005 the new City of Fremont Liaison Committee voted unanimously to recommend that we proceed with Phase One of the Eastern Terminal Project and the erection of the Car Barn. With their resounding endorsement, we assembled the final Design Team who have been working diligently this past year to complete the final construction document drawing set. Since that time, the Park has written an updated Land Use Plan that clearly states our role, purpose, and relevance within Ardenwood Farm and also establishes the Eastern Terminal location in the Orchard area..

The Design Team continues to work towards completion & submittal of the Final Construction Document Drawings to the EBRPD. This past spring, our joint utility engineer Khalid Tarrar met with PG&E to determine how electrical power will be brought into the site while our soil engineer Brian performed a soil engineering study by deep drilling for several soil samples. Meanwhile our architect Mark Bucciarelli has alerted his structural engineer to be ready to prepare a final structural report for the building foundation. These drawings will be assembled with the civil grading & drainage plans already prepared by R&B Engineering and with the landscape plans being prepared by Karen Blamor, Landscape Architect. Once the plans have been approved, the EBRPD will request that the project be permitted by the City of Fremont. From that point forward, the building foundation & building erection by independent contractors can begin.

Progress this year has been accelerating through the efforts of the key SPCRR members. Bruce MacGregor, Gene Arrillaga, and John Stutz worked diligently to inventory & stockpile our ties & rail and to coordinate the fabrication of five new switches. John Stutz has designed the new curve alignment into the Eastern Terminal. During June, July and August SPCRR members & friends have been busy moving about 400 feet of existing track into the new alignment.

Your Board of Directors has been actively planning and creating this year's activities with celebration in mind all the way through to our Annual Holiday Party. Our Groundbreaking Ceremony was well attended by dignitaries and many past active members. Come and join in the festivities with us on any event or workday.

*- Karen Blamor, Eastern Terminal Coordinator,  
2006 SPCRR President*

### Photos From Recent Events at Ardenwood

Brakeman training and certification in March, led by Andrew Cary.



Left to right: Fran Foley, Ken Underhill, Andrew Cary, Barbara Culp, Christina, Mary Jane & Make Gendreau, Bob Hertz and John Stutz

Track work in April, led by John Stutz. While the ground was still soft we jacked up the track to be realigned.



John Stutz, Barbara Culp and Steve Blamor

April work continued...



Ken Underhill, Steve Blamor, John Stutz and Barbara Culp

The crew takes a well-deserved break at the end of the day...



John Stutz, Andrew Cary, Ken Underhill, Barbara Culp and Gene Arillaga

*- photos this page by Karen Blamor*



## May Fun Day & Ground Breaking Event

Randy fired up Rusty Mary



John giving the public hand car rides



Chad & Casey man the NCNG hand car



Mary Jane ran the train to the Groundbreaking



Chad, Scott & the Velocipede



– photos this page by Karen Blamor



Randy conducted



Past Presidents and the Board of Directors  
breaking ground at the Eastern Terminal Area



Trudy & Bill Wissel



Karen Blamor, SPCRR President and Eastern  
Terminal Coordinator explains the layout of  
buildings and phases of construction.



Bruce McGregor, Jim Holmes and Bruce Sorel



– above photos by Bruce MacGregor

- above photos by Karen Blamor



### Track Work in June



David & Andrew Perry, Andrew Cary and John Stutz



David Perry



Ken Underhill, Andrew, David, Andrew & John



Randy & Brian Hees, David & Andrew Perry, Chuck Smith & Ken Underhill, Andrew Cary (behind Ken) & John Stutz

### Keeping Cool at SPCRR Track Parties

We have experienced significant heat stress at recent track parties, enough to limit our activity levels, and current temperatures are higher than ever. Thus Ken felt it necessary to call off the July 22 session.

However I have found an effective way to cool off in such conditions. That weekend I tried applying the canvas water bag cooling principle to myself, by dressing in a heavy cotton tee shirt and shorts, and keeping both soaked with water. It proved extremely effective. I was able to mow the lawn at 100F+ without noticeable heat stress. I did not even notice any sweating until after I took the shirt off. At 100F, while standing in the shade with a very light breeze, I actually felt cool.

While this approach is not useful in ordinary circumstances, it should be extremely effective for a track party. So if you are coming to any this summer, consider wearing a set of clothes that you don't mind getting soaked and dirty. Bring a second set to change into before you leave. You will need some place to put any paper you carry. Add a broad brimmed hat, cotton gloves, and sunscreen. I will bring a Jerry can of water, a can and a dipper for dousing clothing. With a little forethought, we should be able to beat the heat quite handily.

**- John Stutz**

## Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources

**PO Box 783, Newark, California 94560**

*The Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources is a non-profit museum specializing in the preservation and interpretation of early western narrow-gauge railroad equipment, especially that built by the Carter Brothers of Newark, California.*

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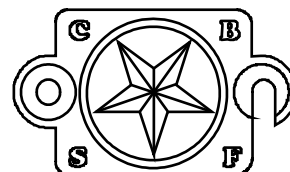
A contributing membership in the S.P.C.R.R. is \$20 (US) per calendar year and entitles you to the newsletter, calendar and direct mailings regarding special events. You also have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping conserve and restore our collection. Life memberships are available for \$250 (US).

Requests for membership or information should be sent to the address above or to [membership@spcrr.org](mailto:membership@spcrr.org). A membership form is on our web page at [www.spcrr.org](http://www.spcrr.org).

The Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources is a registered 501(c) non-profit organization. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.

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As you may have noticed this is the first issue of the *Carter Narrow Gauge Chronicles* in some time. We have decided to try to put out a higher quality newsletter on a less frequent basis. Email and postcards will be used to publish announcements regarding meetings, work days and special events. Hopefully this will result in more timely notice to the membership and a better newsletter. Submissions for both event announcements and the *Carter Chronicles* should be sent to [newsletter@spcrr.org](mailto:newsletter@spcrr.org) or the PO Box.

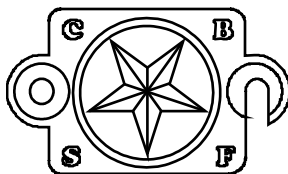


### Upcoming Work Days, Meetings and Events at Ardenwood

Civil Wars Days	Sat-Sun, August 19-20
Railfair Setup	Thu-Fri, Aug 31-Sept 1
SPCRR Washington Township Railroad Fair	Sat-Mon, September 2-4
SPCRR special track work days	Sun-Tue, September 10-12
SPCRR Work Day, Pizza Feed & Halloween Meeting	Saturday, September 16
Cajun-Zydeco Festival	Saturday, September 23
SPCRR Work Day	Saturday, October 14
Harvest Festival	Sat-Sun, October 14-15
SPCRR Halloween Train	Fri-Sun, Oct 20-22, 27-29
SPCRR Work Day	Saturday, November 11
SPCRR Work Day, Holiday Dinner & Annual Meeting	Saturday, December 9

### Other Events of Interest

26<sup>th</sup> National Narrow Gauge Convention, Durango, CO    Mon-Sat, August 21-26



### **In Memoriam**

Meredith Carter Fisch, granddaughter of Martin Carter (the younger brother of the Carter Brothers), passed away in late June. She was a founding member of the SPCRR, and an enthusiastic supporter of the group's quest to create a museum around the Carter's legacy. In a future Carter Chronicles, a feature article will be included about Meredith and the later generations of the Carter family.

Meredith's family has asked that memorial donations be made to the Society.

