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Hotbox is a monthly publication of the Railroad Museum at Ardenwood, designed to update members and the general public about **activities, work events, and volunteer opportunities** at the museum. Editorial comments or input can be directed to Bruce MacGregor, editor, at bruce.macgregor@comcast.net.

The Museum's mission is the preservation, restoration and interpretation of regional narrow gauge railroad history, including Carter Brothers, a pioneer railroad car builder of California. The Museum is operated by SPCRR, a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) corporation of the State of California.

The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood is located at Ardenwood Historic Farm, in Fremont, California.

Car Restoration. Randy Hees, Curator.

what: The current primary project is caboose 5591. In the short term we will finish striping out the last of the plywood interior and floor, continue laying new subfloor and finished T&G floor... then we can reinstall seat boxes, the salon, the stove as well as new door cages.

Along the way we need to document the paint patterns inside, paint the interior and floor. There will be some off site projects making new window sash and seat box parts as well as at least one and maybe three off site visits to look at other NWP cabooses.

We will continue to work on repainting boxcar 472 if time, crew and weather allows. D&C flatcar 64 still needs new transom beams in one truck.

Some of the work is brute force, tearing out old work, some fine carpentry, making new furnishings, some like sanding out old paint or painting- great for first time volunteers.

when: Saturday November 9th, 9:00 to 4:00 at the car barn.

Generally meets every 2nd Saturday. This year we will be adding occasional Thursday afternoons, November 7th & 21st, and December 12th.

where: Car Barn (eastern end of Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont)

who: Randy Hees, coordinator: randyhees@gmail.com 650.347.5055

details: We have tools on hand. Gloves and work clothing are good ideas. You can bring a lunch or join us off site.

Track. John Stutz, coordinator.

What: Possible activities include ballasting, rail laying and spiking, switch construction, track alignment and surfacing. Tasks for each work day may vary, depending on how much has been accomplished on previous workdays.

When: Saturdays, Nov 2, 16, 30; 10:00 am- 4:00 pm.

Where: Car Barn (eastern end of Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont)

Who: John Stutz, coordinator: president@spcrr.org

Details: All are welcome, but many tasks in track work require physical ability to lift heavy tools and parts. Leather gloves and sturdy footwear recommended.

President's Box. John Stutz

Car Barn - We now have all three tracks ballasted, and filled in between tracks 1 & 2, with the outside tracks ballasted most of the way to the 3-way switch. Most of the material needed to complete ballasting is on hand, and just needs to be placed. John has started surveying in the alignments for the outside tracks, which will involve fairly tight curves, probably under 200' radius, but well within Katie's capability. We hope to get started on these in November.

Car movement - Combine 1010 and Caboose 5591 were moved to the barn shortly after Rail Fair, and the horse car was put in the week before Halloween trains started. Others will follow, as we decide how to efficiently use our new space. Fortunately, the urgent need to move the Sorenson cars in has evaporated, so we have some time to think about arrangements.

Events - The Rail Fair went very well, with both excellent attendance and a net profit. Halloween looks to be highly successful, as our primary money making event. My profound thanks to all of the volunteers who make such efforts possible, especially Barbara Culp for organizing Rail Fair, and Andy Cary for arranging the Halloween program. On a lighter key, our monthly Saturday operations with Katie have also made a useful contribution.

Volunteer Update. John Goldie, Membership Manager

Membership Update

The SPCRR welcomes the following new members:

Jordan Moller - Newark

Jay Martinez - San Leandro

Scott Kennedy - Berkeley

John Erdkamp - San Mateo

If you need a replacement membership card - please request one by emailing membership@spcrr.org. Upgrade from annual level to Life for a one time dues payment of \$250 and receive your Life member card.

Safety. Andrew Cary

Safety Hint:

It is strongly recommended that SPCRR Volunteers have emergency contact information on their person at all times. A card in your wallet with a contact person and phone number along with any critical medications or conditions will speed up any emergency care if it is ever required.