



SPCRR's Hotbox

Monthly

activities and work events

The Railroad Museum
at
Ardenwood

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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.

General Manager. Barbara Culp

what: General Meeting, Christmas Party, and Election of Officers

when: Saturday, December 14, beginning at 6 pm

where: Granary, Ardenwood Historic Farm

I hope all of you are keeping December 14, open so that you will be able to come to our last meeting of the year! We will be having the election for next year, some wonderful entertainment by Jack Burgess - a color slide show on the Yosemite Valley Railroad. And of course, the evening will feature Dinner by Dino's! It should be a lot of fun and I will send the rest of the details soon. Hope to see you all there.

Barbara

Car Restoration. Randy Hees, Curator.

what: caboose 5591; work continues on car floor and related car structures

when: Saturday, Dec 14, 10am-4 pm; Thursdays, Dec 5 and 12, 2-5 pm

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

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

details: Jobs are available for all skill levels. We have tools on hand. Gloves and work clothing are good ideas.

In addition to work on rolling stock, we are continuing to work on cataloging of historic parts and artifacts, using digital database management, as we move more of our collection into the car barn. If you have database skills (or want to help in collection's management, come talk to the Curator.



(right) work continues on floor of NWP caboose 5591

Track. John Stutz, coordinator.

What: The primary focus continues to be laying new track in the Eastern terminal, including sidings outside the car barn, to allow more storage area for the museum's rolling stock. In addition, we'll welcome help unloading, and storing, Halloween train props.

When: Saturdays: Dec 7, 14, 21 (and Jan 4), 10-4 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.

Volunteer Update. John Goldie, Membership Manager

SPCRR Membership Statistics:

65 Life Members

30 Annual Members for 2013

Questions? Contact John at membership@spcrr.org

Or see www.spcrr.org/joining.htm for membership information.

Dues are still only \$20/year. Invite a friend to join!

Safety. Andrew Cary

Safety First!!

It's easy to forget that The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood is a full-sized, working railroad. Do not step off of moving equipment, wait for it to stop before getting off. It is not only dangerous, it is against our operating rules. So be safe. Wait for the train you're on to come to a full stop before getting off.



Photo of the month: On the last day of Railfair, 2013, The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood celebrated another milestone- the first historic car to roll inside the new car barn. The honors were claimed by Northwestern Pacific caboose 5591, shown at the left.