



June, 2015 Edition. *Hotbox* is a monthly bulletin of The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood, designed to update members and the general public about **activities, work events, and volunteer opportunities** at the museum. Questions or comments 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 Barn Track 4- Completed!

At 5:38 PM on Saturday, May 2nd the first cars were run to end of track on Siding #4 next to the Car Barn.

A crew of John Stuz, Ken Underhill, John Erdkamp and Andrew Cary completed the siding on Saturday. This involved leveling, ballasting, and tamping the remaining track on the siding (and drilling, bolting, and spiking a short rail to even the track ends). In addition, a tie and some scrap fish plates and 12" bolts were used to make an improvised end of track stop.

The ballast car, Pajaro Valley boxcar, and the MJ flat were rolled to end of track on the siding.

Now on to Siding #5!

These sidings have been the work of the hardcore track crew of volunteers (you know who you are!) working since last fall. Thank you! /Andrew Cary



John Erdkamp

A Brief Update on Restoration

We've currently got caboose 6101 moving forward on several fronts, most of which are happening off-site at the moment, and not in full view in our Car Barn. These include (1) blacksmith parts, like railings, ladders and grab irons, under construction by a vendor in Rainier, Oregon, scheduled for completion in mid August, and (2) a set of 2D CAD mechanical drawings of the caboose, being prepared to document the current status of the car body.

Work days at the Car Barn have slowed down, to accomodate the outside work, but we'll keep you posted as these strands come together, and we're able to re-focus effort on caboose 6101 itself.



Caboose 6101, with hardware tagged for new part fabrication

Membership

Membership Update - Annual members should have received the renewal form, cover letter and an event calendar list. These were sent to the annual member's addresses on file. If you did not receive one, please update your contact information to: membership@spcrr.org. When available, please provide an email address as well for use on special event announcements, reminders and also for Hotbox. Thank You.

John Goldie / membership@spcrr.org

Calendar Update - June and July

June

Sat. June 6, Work Day (track work day)

Sun. June 14, Historic Hay Harvest (train rides)

Sat. June 20, Rail Adventure, (train rides)

Sat. June 20, Bring your Railroadiana donations!

Sat. June 27, Work Day (track work day)

July

Sat. July 4, Independence Day at Ardenwood (train rides)

Sat., July 11, Work Day, BBQ & General Meeting

Sat., July 18, Rail Adventures (train rides)

Sat., July 25, Ardenwood's Historic Farm's 30th Anniversary

Calendar contact: Ken Underhill

building-coordinator@spcrr.org

A Railroadiana DONATION INVITATION

When: June 20 from 10-1

Where: Near the Car Barn- Look for the Balloons!
Enter through the Siward Gate-
Take Siward Drive off of Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont
OR... take the train!

Bring: **RAILROADIANA DONATIONS***

Enjoy: Coffee and Bagels- (not a bribe)

*Don't let the term "Railroadiana" discourage you from donating items on Saturday.
We're really just looking for railroad-related collectibles to sell at a fund raising activity
at this year's Rail Fair.

A Message from The Mercantile:

At the risk of repeating myself, I thought I would repeat myself and describe the kind of railroadiana we are soliciting for the Rail Fair Mercantile. We are looking for items in good condition (nothing too heavy, greasy, dirty or broken) to sell in the \$5 to \$100 range. We will spruce up donated items with artful packaging and clever labeling. All donated items will be for sale during the three days of Rail Fair (September 5, 6, 7).

For your convenience, **donation forms** are attached to this issue of Hotbox, and will also be available for you to fill out on Saturday, June 20. These donation forms will help us price and label your donations. You may want to fill out a **donation acknowledgement receipt form** on Saturday, June 20. Please ask Alice to sign the form after you have filled it out. You will need to keep this form if you want to document your donation for tax purposes. Thanks to John Goldie for creating and printing this form for us.

If you have items to donate on a day other than June 20 or have any questions regarding the donation event, please contact Alice Evarts (treasurer@spcrr.org). Donations of photos and/or paper items can be mailed to SPCRR, P.O. Box 783, Newark, CA 94560.

Examples of the types of donations we are looking for:

Railroad Hardware (lanterns, etc.)

Railroad Books

Historic Railroad Paper Items

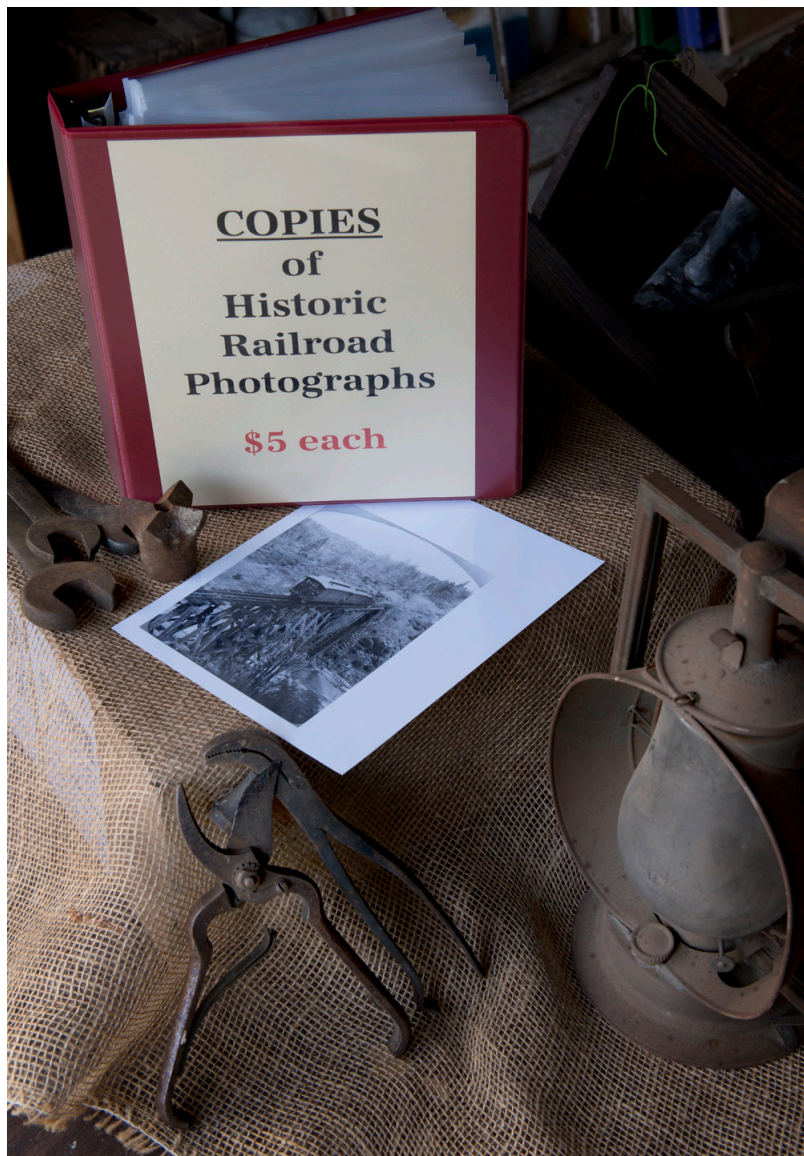
Odds and Ends (railroad pins, plaques)

Scale model railroad kits, parts and rolling stock

Photos (copies of historic rail photos-Pacific Coast)

Tools (vintage or antique)

Children's Railroad Items (toys, books, etc.)



Upper left: Donated railroadiana photos and paper items will be displayed and organized in page protectors, inside three ring binders, as shown here. Other donated items in the photo include an antique lantern and tools.

Lower: This year, Rail Fair will feature a wooden toy train layout. Children 3-7 years of age will have a chance to drive wooden trains around a route modeled after the South Pacific Coast. Historic interpretive signing will make this experience interesting for adults, as well.

