

SPCRR Timetable

Newsletter for The Railroad Museum at Ardenwood and the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources

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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SPCRR

Another great year for the SPCRR and the Railroad Museum at Ardenwood. Another year of successes made possible by you, the members and volunteers of the SPCRR who have made it possible.

Thank you

COMING SPCRR EVENTS

December Workday

December 12, 2009 9:30 AM at the Ardenwood Yard.

General Meeting and Dinner

December 12th, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Granary at Ardenwood Historic Farm.

Speaker: Kyle Wyatt, CSRM

"Thinking and Rethinking Carter Car Restorations – a look at some specific examples."

RSVP with Barbara Culp (510) 785-1343 (email: general-manager@spcrr.org)

COMING EBRPD EVENTS

See the EBRPD Website for more info:
www.EBparksOnline.org

Christmas at Ardenwood

December 5th and 6th 10:00-4:00 PM

A Christmas Evening at the Patterson House

December 11th 5:00-8:45PM

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SUCCESSFUL RAILFAIR 2009



Deanna and Ann-Marie double Heading Shirley Siding Curve

- Bruce MacGregor

RAILFAIR HIGHLIGHTS

This year's Washington Township Railfair featured two visiting steam locomotives on the mainline. George and Karen Thagard's 1891 Baldwin 0-4-2T *Deanna* and Tom Gazsi and Gary Smith's 1890 Porter 0-4-0T *Ann-Marie* ran the whole weekend hauling separate trains of visitors. There were night photo shoots and even a double header. Caboose NWP 5591 joined the two engines for a demonstration run and some night time camera shoots (including what is probably the first ever knuckle-to-knuckle coupling at Ardenwood).

See the photo section for more photos of Railfair or visit our photo gallery at <http://www.pbase.com/spcrr/railfair2009>

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE RAILFAIR POSSIBLE

Here we are again, close to the end of another year! This year was a wonderful year at Ardenwood, with a lot more people visiting the park, which made Rail Fair the largest total attendance we have had so far, 4428.

We had such a great group of exhibitors, George and Karen Thagard brought their beautiful 1891 Baldwin engine *Deanna*, Gary Smith and Tom Gazsi brought a beautifully totally rebuilt 1890 Porter *Ann-Marie* for her first public run at Rail Fair and it was spectacular to see both engines running!

We had the Diablo Pacific "Short Line" running their G scale displays, along with the Live Steamers G Scale display and the California Central Coast On30 modular group running in the Granary.

Our friends from the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association kept folks entertained in the farm yard with their many gasoline engines and other early machinery.

We again had great music by The Diasporta Swamp Boys and the East Bay Stompers on the Granary porch, while John Haskey added lively tunes to walk to playing his Calliope in the Gazebo.

If you were not there, you sure missed at great time! Thank you to all you wonderful people who participated in any way, you are the greatest! We hope to see you all there next year for some more fun.

Barbara Culp, General Manager

HAUNTED TRAIN 'SPOOKTACULAR' AGAIN!

The SPCRR's primary annual fund raising event successfully 'spooked' almost 3000 visitors this year.

This event is a major effort involving over 30 volunteers and over 1000 man-hours of effort. It involves operating a train at night safely, set-up and take down of the sets and props (some nightly), doing lighting and sound for the train and woods, ticket sales and publicity, and of course narration and haunting the woods with Witches, grave diggers, ghouls, pirates, widows, merry pranksters, and those perennial no-good crooks the Chance brothers.

In addition to the scheduled two weekends, this year the haunted train ran an extra night (Friday October 30th) at the volunteers insistence to make as much revenue as possible.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE

I want to report your treasurer's outlook of the Halloween train.

First we should all give a great big hand to the BOOK END on Thornton Avenue --Kudos to Mary McCorkle and Dorothy Linke for their continued pre-sale of tickets every year. They get us off to a good start and keep up an unflagging interest in our event year after year. A big "Thank You"!

Must add my thank you to the to the Halloween team. This has been a group that comes back year after year and according to exit reports continues to delight our riders. Many of them are

repeat year-after year riders who say they will be back next year again because they have so much fun. All of you, grave diggers, western town residents, sheriffs, train robbers, pirates, witches, ghosts, brides-to-be, bones *et al* are a pleasure to the public and an asset to the SPCRR. We have indeed become somewhat of a tradition for the Halloween crowd. It makes us stand tall and be proud.

Now I want to thank our front end team that has served us also year after year. Mike Gendreau works to fill the train and when Barbara Frank brings him some additional disgruntled or cantankerous people he finds a way to get them on the ride and they come off happy and enthusiastic again. Christina Gendreau narrates the journey and whips up participation of the competing cars. Barbara Anderson and Donna Arrillaga sell our "Ghost Protectors" sticks and Linda Weathers sells out tonight's tickets and starts tomorrow's sales. They all work together along with the crew out on the tracks making this a great event. Thank you all—front and back teams.

If sometimes you get discouraged with us please remember that we even have a Mr. Bones who flies in from Toronto, Canada to participate with his daughter in our event every year. It is that kind of passion and dedication of all our Halloween team members that keep this a successful event. Come join us next year in 2010.

-Trudy Frank, Treasurer SPCRR

CARBARN NEWS

SLOWLY MAKING PROGRESS

Metal Building Company and the SPCRR are still wrestling the building permit through the City of Fremont's Building department. We are very close to a permit and expect it Real Soon Now. There were some last minute landscaping and erosion abatement issues that were resolved and we are now in the final review stage. MBC is very eager to begin construction and would like to start as soon as possible.

MATCHING FUND OFFERS AND NGSL GAZETTE PUBLICITY

We have received a \$5,000 grant from the Narrow Gauge Preservation Fund, with the possibility of another \$25,000 jointly from the NGPF and Bob and Irene Brown of the Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette, if we can raise \$20,000 from other sources by February. Bob and Irene have also generously donated space for a half-page advertisement and an article about the SPCRR and the Railroad Museum with an appeal for donations in the January/February 2010 issue of the Gazette. Many thanks to the NGPF and Bob and Irene.

Bill and Janne Wissel's dollar-for-dollar match will resume once construction starts. About \$20,000 will remain in this matching offer after funds raised since the first year are matched. Thanks again Bill and Janne.

Ken Underhill, President SPCRR



*The Widowed Bride is Still looking
photo by AJL Cary*

NEWS FROM AROUND THE MUSEUM

Katie Gets Overhauled

Katie, our Plymouth switcher used for MOW and backup operations began misbehaving just in time for Railfair.

It was of great concern because Katie is our primary means of switching and only means of operating multi-car trains or operating when our horses cannot work.

Bruce Sorrel stepped up and rebuilt the malfunctioning ignition system, rebuilt the carburetor, and tuned the engine in time for both Railfair and the Halloween train.

Thanks Bruce!

-AJL Cary

RAILFAIR PICTURE GALLERY

Most of these pictures are available larger and in color on the SPCRR photo gallery at

<http://www.pbse.com/spcrr/railfair2009>



1890 Porter "Ann-Marie" Pulling SP 1010

-AJL Cary



Conductor Vic Neves on the first train of the day

-AJL Cary



Moonlight at Deer Park Siding

-Bruce MacGregor



Eucalyptus, Steam, and the Moon

-AJL Cary



Nighttime photo shoot

-AJL Cary

MORE RAILFAIR PICTURES



"Ann-Marie" all steamed up

-Bruce MacGregor



John Stutz, 4 guests, and the handcar

-T Hurley



Fran Foley, Brakeman on SP1010

-Bruce MacGregor



1891 Baldwin "Deanna" and handcar

-AJL Cary



Two Trains at Ardenwood Yards

-AJL Cary

STILL MORE RAILFAIR PHOTOS

Gene Arrillaga working on the NWP coupler -Bruce MacGregor



G Hoefer working on NWP 5591's draft gear -AJL Cary



Bruce Sorel rebuilding the Shirley Siding Switch -AJL Cary



Ann-Marie on Jack's Curve with pump car -Bruce MacGregor



*Unloading Deanna from the truck
Justin Smith, Gary Smith, Tom Gaszi*

-AJL Cary

SAFETY FIRST

YET EVEN MORE RAILFAIR PICTURES



G-Scale Locomotive

-T Hurley



Visitor explaining live steamers to son

- T Hurley

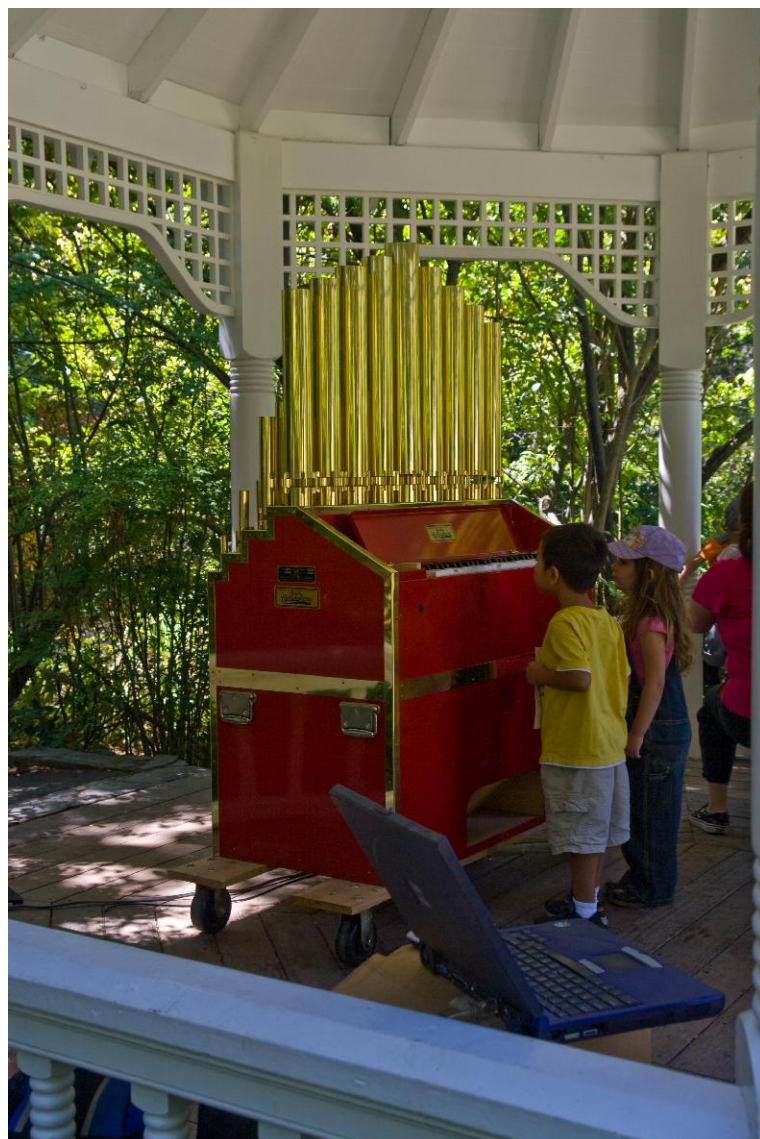


Cab-Forward Locomotive

-T Hurley



Deanna makes the first run on the rebuilt switch - Bruce MacGregor



Calliope in the Patterson House Gazebo

- AJL Cary

HAUNTED TRAIN PICTURES

These pictures can also be found in color at
<http://www.pbase.com/spcrr/halloween2009>



Fancy Jack-o-lantern

-AJL Cary



*Ken Underhill as one of the Chance Brothers
("Happy" Chance perchance?)*

-AJL Cary



Bob Hertz as Dread Pirate Robert

-AJL Cary



Beth Cary as the Witch of the Wood

-AJL Cary

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