



**Upcoming Events**

- November 3**  
Railtown Ladies Luncheon  
The Garden Café at 11:30  
Call Dottie for info: 533-8483
- November 3**  
Ryan Richelson's Retirement  
Party at the Jack Douglas  
Saloon in Columbia @ 6pm
- November 4 & 5**  
Volunteer field trip to Angel  
Island and Rosie the Riveter  
Museum
- November 11**  
Veterans Day Trains @ 11 & 1  
*Veterans ride free!*
- November 12**  
Decorating for Polar Express  
Begins/ contact Alexa Melville  
In the Depot @ 984-3953
- November 14**  
End of the Season Review  
Meeting (all volunteers invited)
- November 18 (Wednesday)**  
Polar Express Training  
6pm for those who can't make  
November 21st
- November 21**  
10am-Noon Polar Express  
Training Session  
(all Polar volunteers \*NOTE:  
It's only necessary to attend at  
least one of the two scheduled  
training sessions)
- November 26**  
Thanksgiving/ Park Closed  
(no trains Thanksgiving  
weekend)
- December 4, 5 & 6**  
Polar Express Trains
- December 5 & 6**  
Turlock Model Train Show  
Railtown Exhibit  
Turlock Fairgrounds 10am-5p
- December 11, 12 & 13**  
Polar Express Trains
- December 18, 19 & 20**  
Polar Express Trains
- December 20**  
Polar 'After Glow Party'  
(location in Jamestown TBA)

**Rounding the Bend on the No 28 Boiler** (from Lisa DeLacy/ Curator)

Here is an oversimplification of what we call a 'tube job'. The engine was stripped down to the boiler and the old flues removed. The flue sheets were checked for warping and found to be straight (within tolerance). The flue lengths were measured (several times) with a long stick and the tubes were cut to the proper length. Next, the copper ferules were inserted inside all of the holes and expanded in the flue sheets. The new tubes are then inserted in each hole and rolled and expanded. The tubes extend about 1/4" out of the holes. All of the flues are rolled and beaded at the firebox end of the boiler. At the smoke box end, some of the tubes are beaded to stay the tube sheet. After all the tubes are rolled and beaded and proved to be water tight, it's time to fill the boiler and bring it up to pressure. This is the hydrostatic test. Once, this is done, and if everything passes the test, then it is time to reassemble the rest of the engine. To see some beading done, go to this link:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8QOdmq6M0I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8QOdmq6M0I)



**Expanding and beading the tubes  
With and electric drill**



**Phil Hard demonstrating how a beading tool  
fits inside the tube**



**Once the tubes are beaded and rolled  
Then the boiler is filled with water and checked  
For water tightness**

**'The Lollipop' is a beading too  
Which fits inside the tube**



## Railtown News

**Retiring:** This month we say good bye to Ryan Richelson, our maintenance supervisor who retired October 31<sup>st</sup>. Ryan began working for state parks at Big Trees State Park in 2000. He was there for three years and then came to Railtown in 2004. During the interim he also had worked at Columbia State Historical Park and Millerton State Recreational Area. He's been our maintenance supervisor for 11 years and he'll be greatly missed. Ryan is a well-known musician (dobro and guitar) and plans on continuing his musical adventures. He hopes to find a part time job and wants to acquire a camper van and travel more. From all the staff and volunteers at Railtown, we wish Ryan the best of luck and success in all of his retirement plans.

### **Ryan's Retirement Party**

Join us at 6pm at the Jack Douglas Saloon in Columbia to celebrate Ryan's retirement. Please RSVP to [Kristi.darby@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Kristi.darby@parks.ca.gov) or call 209-984-8702

### **Volunteer Hours**

It's not too late to be thinking about your volunteer hours. 84 hours is all it takes to receive an Invitation to the annual volunteer recognition dinner. This year, it will once again be held at the Black Oak Casino Resort's banquet room. Our theme will be western with a plated barbecue dinner. Music will be provided by our own local favorite, the Sierra Mountain Band.

### **Railtown Booth at Turlock's Model Train Show**

A couple more volunteers are needed to help staff our Railtown booth at the Turlock Model Train Show being held December 5 & 6 at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. Representing our Park so far will be volunteers Paul Tremayne and Barbara Roehrick

### **Polar Express Decorating Begins November 12/ Volunteers Needed**

If you'd like to join us in decorating our trains and around the Depot for the Polar Express event, please call Alexa Melville in the depot store at 984-3953. She is coordinating

### **Photo's below:**

**Phil Hard working inside the No 28, photo by Kathy Syverson and nice photos by Dan Ryan of the inside of the 2901 car.**

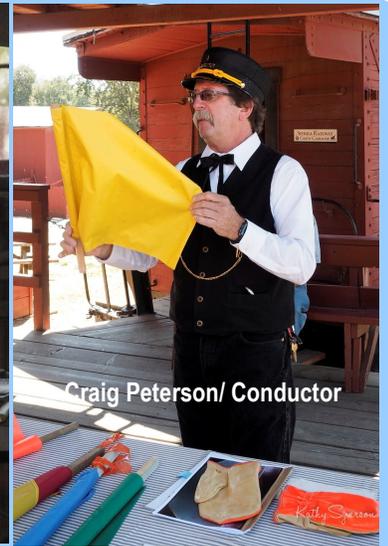




Dieter Teschke/ Engineer



Jerry Sterni/ Blacksmith



Craig Peterson/ Conductor

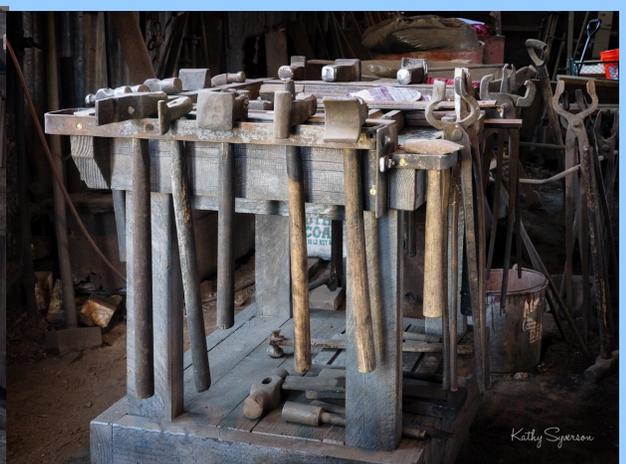
Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Railroad Worker's Reunion was held Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Interpretive Specialist Karen Kling prepared photos from last year's reunion and invited visitors to fill out and post any pictures or memories of past Sierra Railway employees. She also provided our visitors with a 'Passport' ticket which were to be punched as they visited all of the five designated interpretive stations. The ticket also became their souvenir. Pictured below are our five outstanding volunteers who represented their respective worker position. Lisa DeLacy our curator also presented a 'Railroad Workers' slide show in the Carriage Room. Her presentation included the names, faces and actual records of some of the Sierra Railway workers from 1897 to the present. Thanks to our photographer Kathy Syverson for the nice photos.



Robert Williams/ Machinist



Trevor Chung/ Railroad Worker



Kathy Syverson



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