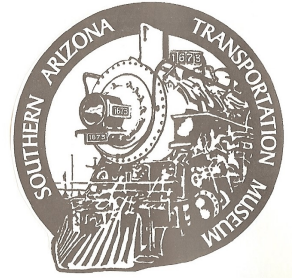




February, 2016

Quarterly News for **Old Pueblo Trolley**

Street Railway, Motor Bus & Museum Divisions



The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, a Division of Old Pueblo Trolley

PRESENTS

THE ELEVENTH ANIVERSARY OF THE SILVER SPIKE FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING 136th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAILROAD TO TUCSON

On March 19TH , 2016 at 10:00 AM, the celebration and reenactment of the

Arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad to Tucson will begin down at the Historic

Railroad Depot, 414 N Toole Ave. This Annual event will take place in front of

Locomotive #1673, (featured in the movie Oklahoma).

Master of Ceremonies- Steve Ochoa, 1880 Period attire is encouraged

This free family event will include :

Display of the original 1880 Silver Spike

4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment Band

Mayoral Proclamation

Display of historic modes of transportation

Descendants of: P Tully, E Ochoa, Mayor Leatherwood

Sponsors: **UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD / AMTRAK**

Free Admission and Nearby Parking
www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org , 520-623-2223414
N TOOLE AVE, TUCSON, AZ 85701



SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

WHEN: SUNDAYS AT 3PM (see dates below)

WHERE: SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

414 N. Toole Ave, Tucson
(520) 623-2223

ADMISSION: FREE

Feb. 14 -- The Twin Buttes RR (110th Anniversary) by Richard Dick

Feb. 21 -- Lincoln Funeral Train (Latest Information Included) by Wayne Wesolowski

Feb. 28 -- The Benson RR Dispute of 1894 by Bob Nilson (Benson Visitors Center)

Mar. 6 -- The Tucson, Cornelia and Gila Bend RR by Richard Dick

Mar. 20 -- "A Commodious Ride: Passenger Train Service in Arizona at the Turn of the 20th Century" by Susie Morris

The Museum could use your help as a Greeter, sales clerk in the Gift shop, or a docent in the exhibit hall.

Call 623-2223 -ask for Rose

What's Happening with the **Street Railway Division**



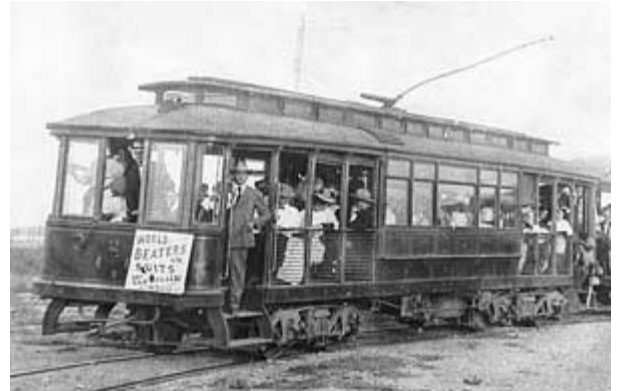
OPT's Huntington Standard Streetcar

Old pueblo Trolley Historic Vehicle Collection Policy is aimed at obtaining transit vehicles that once operated in Arizona. Thus, the acquisition of this Huntington Standard type streetcar several years ago represents the type once used in Douglas, AZ.

Our car, from Los Angeles Railways No. 733, had come to Los Angeles as a part of a 218 car order from St. Louis Car Company in 1911. This car had 2-38B motors, K-11 controllers, and T-9 trucks which were arch-bar with outside hung brakes. Named for the owner of Los Angeles Railways and the Pacific Electric, Henry Huntington, this streetcar design had two mostly open air ends and one closed center cabin, designed for the mild weather of southern California. In later rebuilds, the grills on the ends were closed off. There were many rebuilds and variations of this design over the years and LARY owned 800 of them at various times. OPT also acquired a similar car No. 860 for parts.

Douglas Street Railway Huntington Standard car #2 in Douglas in 1907.

The first three electric streetcars in Douglas, Arizona (which arrived in 1906) were of a style identical to that of the most modern cars in Los Angeles according to the Douglas Daily Dispatch. Since no original Douglas car bodies have been found, OPT, initially acquired car 860 with the intention of painting it for the Douglas Street Railway when restored.



Here is the same design car in a later configuration operating in Los Angeles. Note the ends have been enclosed. These were large cars of 44.5 ft. in length and had a capacity of 54 passengers seated. LARY was narrow gauge with 42 inches between the rails.



BUS DIVISION REPORT

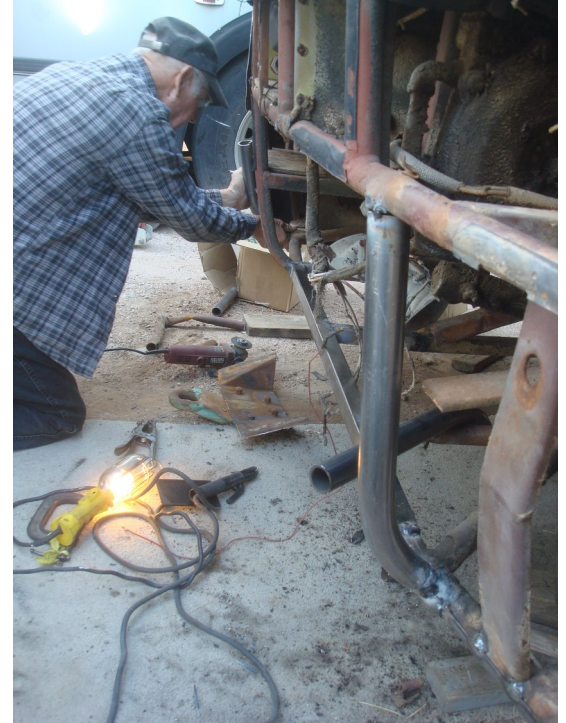
WORK CEASES FOR MOVE

Work on our main restoration projects was stopped in mid-December so bus volunteers could focus on moving from the Broadway/Park shop to the new building. All the shop supplies, tools, etc., were packed up, including parts for the buses under restoration. Shortly after escrow closed at the end of December, most everything was moved to the new building where it is stacked awaiting time to unpack and organize it. The volunteers then turned to preparing buses to be moved and cleaning and making needed repairs to the new building before the shop can be set up. There is still much to do in that regard if you have time to help.

1948 AEROCOACH REPAIR

The lower front end body support structure on the front of our Aerocoach has been rebuilt by Dave Sterle and Mark Hart. This was necessary in order to move it, as the last time it was moved the tow eye came loose from the structure which had rusted out. A little creative design incorporating some additional supports should enable the toe eye to be used for many years without trouble.

Dave Sterle fitting up new body structure pieces on lower front of 1948 Aerocoach.



PROPERTY ACQUIRED – MOVE UNDERWAY

As anticipated in the last newsletter, the escrow on the new property at S. 4th Ave. and 36th St. closed on December 29 making Old Pueblo Trolley the proud owner of a home of our own. Plans are to quickly set up museum display space chronicling the history of Tucson's streetcars. That exhibit will be followed as soon as possible with the history of Tucson's bus lines. Space is also being allocated for library and archives, and for OPT offices. In the shop area, the north wall will be work areas with both bus and trolley restoration adjacent. The work areas will have adequate room to accommodate an expanded student intern program. The remainder of the space will exhibit trolleys and buses, and include an area for display of automobiles. We intend to invite car clubs to exhibit cars on a rotating basis. The large "back yard" will provide preservation storage for vehicles and space to store rail, ties and other material for future use.

We now have a deadline of March 2 to move everything out of the leased property on 18th St, since the owners have a buyer and the property is now in escrow. Work is underway moving small things and scrapping 3 buses that would have been difficult to move. So if you have time to help, please give Gene Caywood a call at 360-0268, or caywoodgm@juno.com.

Quite a list of volunteers have helped with moving and clean up and repair on the building, and we are indebted to a number of businesses that have done work or provided supplies for us with a discount or pro bono. In the next newsletter we will have a list of businesses to thank. For now a few volunteers should be mentioned. **Mark Hart**, **Joe Moreno**, **Bill Bownas**, **Roger Hobbie** and **Steve Hazen** have been involved in moving and building clean up. Mark and Joe have also done some painting. **Dennis Gibbs**, a plumber by trade, has spent days fixing leaks and installing new plumbing fixtures as needed, and is now salvaging parts off buses before they are scrapped with help from **Eric Daily**. **Spencer Soles** is gradually tracing electrical circuits, replacing light bulbs, and fixing other electrical items. **Paul Gartzelloni** and **Henry Zappia** have been working on internet and phone connections. **Sarah Stephenson** has welded up "track panels" out of 2" square tubing that will be used to move the Huntington Standard streetcar. Sarah, **Glyn Royston** and Eric have put air in bus tires and done other needed tasks. This list probably misses some people, for which we apologize. Their help is appreciated none the less.

We had considered having a New Year's Eve event in the new building to give all our members and friends a chance to tour it, but quickly became overwhelmed with the myriad of things needing to be done. There will be an open house event in the near future, but it has not been scheduled at this time. In the meantime, you are welcome to drop by any time and see the new facility.



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**FREE OUTDOOR
MUPPET MOVIE!**

Saturday, February
13th
@ The Southern Arizona
Transportation
Museum
Kids Activities at 4:30
Movie at 5 pm

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Mail form and payment to PO Box 1373, Tucson, AZ 85702

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Please check the appropriate membership donation category:

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