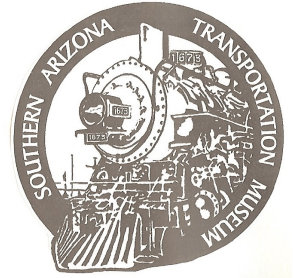




March, 2014

# Quarterly News for **Old Pueblo Trolley**

*Street Railway, Motor Bus & Museum Divisions*



## **Museum Division**



### **2014 Lecture Series/History Talks**

When: *Sundays at 3 PM*

Where: *Southern Arizona Transportation Museum at the Historic Rail Depot*

Admission: *Free*

- ⇒ Feb. 16: **Riders on the Orphan Train**—Allison Moore and Phil Lancaster. A Mixed Media Program about the Orphan Train movement and its Ties to Arizona.
- ⇒ Feb. 23: **Railroads of the Sulphur Springs Valley** (updated)- Richard Dick. An update from 2013's presentation with more information and current photographs.
- ⇒ Mar. 2: **Tucson's Historical Streetcar System**-Gene Caywood. A look into Tucson's early street-car systems.
- ⇒ Mar. 9: **What Does a Conductor Do?** - Mike Bording. A presentation of how conductors' jobs have changed over the years by a retired railroad conductor.
- ⇒ Mar. 23: **The Arizona Southern Railroad**—Richard Dick The railroad that went to the Silverbell Mountains.

(No lecture March 16—Book Festival Weekend)



## THE SILVER SPIKE FESTIVAL 134<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAILROAD TO TUCSON

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at 9:00 AM, the annual celebration and reenactment of the Arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad to Tucson will take place. The event will take place in front of Locomotive #1673, (featured in the movie Oklahoma) at the historic railroad depot, 414 N. Toole Ave.

**Master of Ceremonies-** Steve Ochoa

**The Honorees are:**

*Joe Findysz*                      *Benefactor of the Year*

*Gene Anderson*              *Volunteer of the Year*

*H.L. Anderson*                *Railroader of the Year*

**Free Admission and Nearby Parking**

**Sponsor: UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD**

**This free family event will include**

**Soloist: Jodi Darling**

**Display of the original 1880 Silver Spike**

**4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Regiment Band**

**Proclamation by Mayor Jonathan Rothschild**

**Display of historic modes of transportation**

**Descendants of: Pinckney Tully, Estevan Ochoa, Mayor Leatherwood**

## Huge Moving Job Completed

*By Gene Caywood*

Due to the City of Tucson selling the property on which our 18th Street yard was located, we had to move as quickly as possible. Fortunately we were able to lease a smaller site immediately to the east, and were able to store all our rail and about half our buses at the Broadway and Park site. It was only with a true team effort that the move from the old 18th street yard was completed. Nineteen individuals and five firms helped us. Some individuals put in only part of one day, others two or three days, but several put in time measured in weeks and thus deserve special mention.

Foremost of those was Chuck Krause from our Street Railway Division who put in countless hours on an almost daily basis over more than two months, and stayed with the task until the entire job was completed. His ability to move anything with a fork lift is amazing, his creative thinking to solve problems, and his devotion to the project cannot be measured with words of gratitude. Thank you Chuck, very much!



Putting in close to two month's time each on almost a daily basis were Dusty Rivers and Glyn Royston. Both willingly joined in doing dirty jobs of crawling under buses, heavy lifting and just plain hard work. Thank you Dusty and Glyn! Also, putting in around a month's time was Dennis Gibbs doing similar things and lending his mechanical expertise. Thank you Dennis!

And then there were the locally owned firms that helped. Steve Hazen of **Hazen Enterprises** gave us a great price on the rental of his property to the east of our old yard, then made a significant personal donation of cash, and arranged to supply a team of his workers who temporarily took down, then replaced the fence, and relocated our shelter and storage sheds. Norbert at **Hook Crane** gave us a very significant 25% discount on the cost of relocating vehicles with a crane. Ray Kothe of **Bestway Electric Motor Service** donated the use of a truck and driver on multiple days to haul rail to our Broadway yard. Joe at **Frontier Towing** donated the towing of one bus that could not be steered, and when we got stuck by the side of the road with another bus, got a tow truck out to us within a half hour! And when we couldn't get the brakes released on two buses, Jeff Rock, Assistant General Manager, and Jim Gleason, Maintenance Superintendent, of **Sun Tran**, personally worked with two other Sun Tran employees to get them released. Thank you, Steve, Norbert, Ray, Joe, Jeff and Jim!

Finally, the efforts of Henry Zappia helping locate property for us to move to, and Bob Schlanger for selling donated cars that funded much of the move are not to be over looked. Thank you Henry and Bob!



*by Bob Schlanger*

The basics of the program are simple. We can accept any type of vehicle in any condition. All we need is a clean title. I am a notary so I can even take care of the title work. I then decide on how to maximize on the donation. If the vehicle has no redeeming qualities it is off to the crusher! Even then with high scrap prices it can net us between two and four hundred dollars. If the vehicle needs a little work to bring a higher price I have one of the high school auto shops do the work and I give them a portion of the proceeds. Sometimes I just take the vehicle to the dealer wholesale auction and let it go. After I sell the current vehicles I will have raised about 16 K in the last six months. Most of the vehicles were donated when my customers decided they were done with their cars. I am starting to work with other shop owners in my trade group as they all get asked periodically about how to dispose of their vehicles. So far their response has been positive. I have been pitching this as fundraising for the purpose of involving youth in our restoration efforts. We will be discussing the issue of how to allocate these funds at the next board meeting.

# What's Happening with the Streetcar Division



## Restoration Activities:

Work continues on the Lisbon single-truck tram. A new

pump for the air compressor had to be ordered and installed before work could continue on the trolley's air brake system.

A very important order was made for a pantograph for the Lisbon car which will be the same as used on the modern cars. Chuck Krause, Skip Moen, Ib Pedersen and Supervisor Nathan Hughes are designing a support system for the pantograph installation.

One problem being addressed is how to reduce the modern streetcar system voltage of 750v DC to the Lisbon car's 600v DC operating system. The job can be done with resistors and members of the streetcar division have been consulting with the vintage streetcar people at San Jose, CA who tackled a similar task and will share how they made the conversion.

## Operations

After a hiatus due to the time-consuming task of relocating some 30 -odd vintage buses, negotiations will continue with the city regarding the potential of operating Old Pueblo vintage trolleys on the modern streetcar line. Items to be discussed and decided are where will the car(s) be maintained, who will maintain them and who will operate them. There is also the ADA issue, i.e., if wheelchairs can be accommodated on the vintage cars, a portable lift will be needed.

Gene Caywood will be working on the CAD drawings required by the city.

## Volunteers Needed!

Contact Rick Wheeler, phone 818-1547, [elisarick@wbhsi.com](mailto:elisarick@wbhsi.com)

## Fourth Avenue Street Fair

March 21, 22, 23, 2014

The 4th Avenue Merchants Association had to make some changes to the Spring street Fair due to issues with modern streetcar testing and some construction activity in the area. Since there were fewer vendor spaces available, Old Pueblo Trolley, Inc. was not able to have its usual space as a non-profit participant. Members of the organization, however, were able to come up with a solution. OPT will put up its tent in front of our property at the carbarn on 8th Street, just down the way from 4th Avenue and behind O'Malley's. Plans are to roll the streetcar forward so that it can be seen by the public. The restored



1938 Warren- Bisbee bus No. 8, will be there as well. The booth will represent the Streetcar, Bus, and Museum Divisions of OPT.



One of Sun Link's new modern streetcars testing on 8th St.

## RAFFLE!

Old Pueblo Trolley is one of the non-profits chosen to participate in the 2014 Jeep Cherokee raffle. *Jim Click Jeep* is donating the vehicle and non-profits participating are selling the tickets at \$25 each or 4 for \$100. Each non-profit keeps the entire ticket amount for their organization. Get your ticket at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum.







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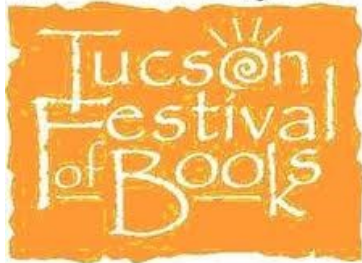
On Sunday March 2, *Gene Caywood* will give a talk on **Tucson's historic streetcars** at the Historic Railroad Depot downtown, 414 N. Toole, at 3 pm. Admission is free.

- ◇ Old Pueblo Trolley is a not-for-profit operating transportation museum consisting of three divisions;
- ◇ Tom Gorman, Vice President, Street Railway Div.
- ◇ Roger Hobbie, Vice President, Motor Bus Div.
- ◇ Ken Karrels, Vice President, Museum Div.
- ◇ CEO: W. Eugene Caywood  
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