

May, 2016

Quarterly News for **Old Pueblo Trolley**

Street Railway, Motor Bus & Museum Divisions



OPEN HOUSE - YOU ARE INVITED

COME SEE OUR NEW FACILITY - SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the open house -250 E. 36^{th} St. (northwest corner of S. 4^{th} Ave. and 36^{th} St.). Light refreshments will be served. It will be preceded by our annual membership meeting at 10 a.m. If you have donated any money or time, you are a member and welcome to attend and vote for board members. If you just want to see the facility, we will be giving periodic tours between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you can't make the open house on the 21^{st} , feel free to stop by anytime you see the door open.

MULTITASKING

FIXING UP BUILDING, MOVING THINGS, INSTALLING EXHIBITS AND CREATING TRAINING PROGRAM

To begin, we hope in this article we haven't missed any businesses or individuals. We want to thank the following businesses that have done work or provided supplies for us with a discount or pro bono. These generous donations are estimated to total over \$30,000, and have enabled us to stay within our meager moving budget of \$25,000:

Ace Hardware – Joe Findysz

Window Depot A-AAA Fire Addisigns Sun Mechanical Goodman Used Tire & Tube Co. Jack's Govt. Surplus Journeymen Electric **Distinctive Carpet AZ Cleaning Systems** Mike Chavez Drywall **Catalina Vintage Painting Architectural Openings Hazen Enterprises** R W Strunk Gene Mills Anonymous donated labor and supplies

Youth trainee, **Nicholas Barraza**, painting wall panels installed by Dennis Gibbs



At this writing, all our railroad ties, overhead electric parts and about half our rail has been moved from the Broadway yard to the new yard. Those involved include: Chuck Krause, George Sokol, Skip Moen, Steve Hazen, Wayne Frey, Gene Mills, Dennis Gibbs, Eric Daily, Shawn Adams, Art Mendez, Eric Sitiko and Gene



Rail being loaded for transport to the new 36th St. preservation yard.

Caywood. Yet to be moved are the heavy items – railroad cars, trolleys, and some buses. For that task we are still seeking donation of large tractor-trailers and cranes.

Mark Hart and George Sokol unload trolley parts from George's trailer





As **Gene Caywood** looks on, **Dennis Gibbs** is perched with salvaged parts on the chassis of a 1947 Ford bus from Wisconsin, the body of which we scrapped, ready to steer it while it is being towed to the new preservation yard. **Roger Hobbie** has begun working on the chassis which will be used as a training aid.



Gene Caywood and **Wayne Frey** confer before Wayne drives the still under restoration 1928 Twin Coach from the Broadway Shop to the new shop

Helping with repairs, modifications, cleaning and painting the building have been Nicholas Barraza, Dennis Gibbs, Mark Hart, Dave Sterle, Steve Hazen, Wayne Frey, Spencer Soles, Bill Bownas, Joe Moreno, Paul Garzelloni, Henry Zappia, Roger Hobbie, and Gene Caywood.

While all this has been going on, retired shop instructor, **Jerry Petersen**, has volunteered to write curriculum for an expanded youth training program we are planning to initiate this summer. He is being assisted by another retired shop instructor, **Bob Saul**, and they have been joined by the following additional volunteers interested in helping with instruction: **Roger Hobbie**, **Bob Schlanger**, **Gene Caywood**, **Mark Hart**, **Henry Zappia**, **Steve Hazen**, **Spencer Soles**, **Bill Nelson** and **Arnold Palacios**. In addition to training we are planning tours of our facility for youth program agencies.

There is still much to do. If you can at all spare the time, please contact the following to volunteer to help, or send a donation: **Training:** Jerry Petersen: cactushomel@earthlink.net

Helping with building: Steve Hazen: <u>Steve@stevehazenltd.com</u>

Helping with move, library & archives, and museum displays: Gene Caywood: caywoodgm@juno.com

Donations: designate "building" on check and mail to Old Pueblo Trolley. P. O. Box 1373, Tucson, AZ 85702

SMALL AMOUNT OF BUS WORK CONTINUES DESPITE MOVE

Most restoration has ceased so bus volunteers can help with shop improvements and moving to the new building. Trying to start and move our bus collection continues to be a big task requiring work on various buses, ranging from putting air in tires (or changing them if needed) to efforts to get them running or at least rolling so they can be towed. Helping with this has been **Dennis Gibbs, Eric Daily, Bob Moulton, Bill Nelson, Bob Schlanger, Glyn Royston, Roger Hobbie, Steve Hazen, Wayne Frey,**



Shawn Adams, Mark Hart, Eric Daily, Alan Walker, Gene Caywood and probably others we have missed. In addition, since we had a qualified student, some body work has continued on the '46 Ford, bus #50 (photo below left). And a visit from our long-time volunteer mechanic from California, **Lou Smiley**, has resulted in work on the '60 GM, Old Pueblo Transit #135, the '49 Ford, Phoenix Transportation System #733, and bus #9 (photo below right).

Student **Brenden Chandler** sanding body filler on Tucson Rapid Transit #50.

Youth trainee, **Shawn Adams**, helping locate and repair cooling system leak on bus #9, our '46 Ford originally used in Modesto, California, under the direction of **Lou Smiley**.



Museum Division

SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM PRESENTS...

Train Day at the Depot



SATURDAY, MAY 14th, 2016 414 N. Toole Avenue (10:00AM-4:00PM) (Next to the Amtrak Station)

FREE FAMILY FUN! CRAFTS FUN-FUN CHOO-CHOO RIDES OPERATION LIFESAVER MODEL TRAINS IN THE AMTRAK LOB-BY DIESEL SIMULATOR

> MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY Scattered Grass

Honorees from the March 19, 2016 Silver Spike Festival

- Joy Hollander: Volunteer of the Year
- ◊ Armida Leyva. Friend of the Museum
- Robert H. Stephens: Railroader of the Year
- Ken Ball Family: 250 cumulative Years in Railroading
- Tina Lyons on behalf of Las Donas de los Descendientes del Presidion de Tucson, Benefactor of the Year



7:15PM An Outdoor Movie Free For Everyone 10am-2pm

POPCORN & SOFT DRINKS

AVAILABLE

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SPECIAL THANKS: AMTRAK, Union Pacific Railroad, National Association of Railway Passengers, Arizona Rail Passengers Association, Operation Lifesaver, Old Pueblo Trolley, Union Pacific Railroad, Hamstra Heating & Cooling





TROLLEY UPDATE

Work continues on the Lisbon car, which will represent Prescott & Mt. Union No. 1. Most of the body work has been done, paint has been finished. Minor work on brakes and electricals continues. A local electrical engineering consultant is working on a voltage converter to take the 750V DC input and convert it to an average of 600V DC for the trolley motors, also to control voltage spikes created by dynamic braking on the modern cars. Old Pueblo Trolley is a not-for-profit operating transport

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- ◊ Tom Gorman, Vice President, Street Railway Div.
- ◊ Roger Hobbie, Vice President, Motor Bus Div.
- ◊ Ken Karrels, Vice President, Museum Div.
- ◊ CEO: W. Eugene Caywood email: caywoodgm@juno.com

Become a member of Old Pueblo Trolley Mail form and payment to PO Box 1373, Tucson, AZ 85702 NAME______PHONE______ EMAIL_______ADDRESS______ZIP______ New Member____Renewal ___DATE ______ Please check the appropriate membership donation category: Student/Senior \$15___Regular \$25_____ Honorary Motorman \$50___Contributor \$100_____ Donor \$250__Sponsor \$500______ Benefactor \$1000___Life \$2500______ Division interest: Streetcar___Bus__Museum__All______

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