

The Travel Town TENDER



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Executive Director's Message



Summertime!

Come out and enjoy some ice cream from the freezer or some of our new specialty sodas in the Gift Shop! Participate in our special Members-only playdays! Visit the Dining car on Saturdays and ask Gary and Mike Teti how the work is coming along – they are always happy to tell you.

Keep a lookout for Posse, the blue-bandana-wearing puppy who helps restore the M.177 Motorcar!

NANCY GNEIER
Executive Director

Council District 4 Underwrites Travel Town Improvements

Thanks to a special reimbursement donation from CD4, Councilmember Raman's team funded new storage sheds and recycling bins for Travel Town. We hope these new bins encourage visitors to recycle their soda and water cans and bottles. We have a great partnership with Tierra del Sol foundation whose volunteers come out on a weekly basis and



process our recycling and water our gardens, and now these new bins make their job easier and more efficient. The new Storage Sheds keep tools closer to their work

sites, so much better for our volunteers who help with Foundation events! Thank you Councilmember Raman and your staff members Walker and Armida who helped us through the process of applying for the grant, thank you volunteer Vince Vincent and Greg Gneier for building the sheds and laying the foundations. These improvements will give back to Travel Town for years to come!



On the Platform – Earth Day at Travel Town

Travel Town was visited by 90 students from the North Hollywood Zoo Magnet High School on April 22nd, Earth day of 2022! These students helped us with general grounds cleanup, getting rid of weeds and intrusive plants on our tracks and in the service yard, and helped get rid of some of the finger graffiti that seems to pop up on our historic cars from time to time.

Special thanks to our employees and volunteers who led these students and helped us clean up, rake up, set up and wipe up our facility! While they were only here for an hour and a half, we got lots done with all the manpower



Do you have a company or church group that would like to volunteer at the Museum? Please give us a call, we welcome the help! Contact Kendall at 323-668-0104, ext 12.



**Roger the Railroader wants YOU
to volunteer!**

We've Been workin' on the Railroad

Volunteer Service Awards for 2021

We had our annual Volunteer Awards ceremony on May 14th, the closest Saturday to National Train day (May 10th). This year our faithful volunteers put in over 3000 hours between April of 2021 and April of 2022. Here are some photos of the fun event, and a list of our award winners:
Youth Bronze – 50+ hours – Daniel Montez

Adult Bronze – 100+ Hours – Linda Barth, Bob Frein, Denise Delgado, Gary Teti, Mike Teti, Mauricio Palacios, Evan Babcock, James Giraco, Nancy Gneier, Bryan Reese.

Adult Silver – 250+ hours – Brad Slosar, F. G. Vincent

Adult Gold – 500+ Hours – Greg Gneier



Denise Delgado (above) with Kendall and the "Little Nugget Club" restoration plaque.

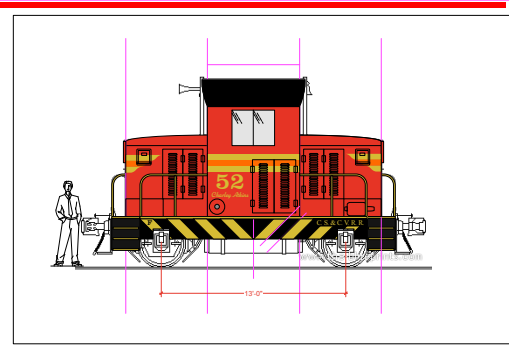
James, Evan, Mauricio and Stephanie from Tierra del Sol – our super crew!



We've Been workin' on the Railroad

Charley Atkins Engine Repainting Progress

Our Charley Atkins engine, which received new batteries in April, has been undergoing prep work for a new paint job that it will receive in June and July of this year! Special thanks to all of you who have donated towards this project!! The final paint job is pictured in the drawing at right. We hope to roll her out with a special event in August! Watch your e-mail for more information!



Photos of volunteers Denise Delgado and Daisy Pas sanding the engine, rusty metal primer coat on sanded metal, employee Tim Gneier rolling the first coat of paint on the roof, Greg Gneier sizing the stencil and strips on the engine, and the before and after of the grey primer coat!



↑ Before primer

→ After Primer!!!



New and Renewing Members

These are new members or renewing members who have donated since March 1 of 2022. Thank you and welcome to our Restoration Family! Is it time for you to renew? Call the giftshop, or give online at <https://traveltown.org/get-involved/memberships/>

Restoration Partners (\$500 level)

Tanya Kramer
Don & Peggy Gustavson

"The Little Nugget" Club (\$250 level)

John and Darlene Ruh
"Vince" Gregory Vincent
Denise Delgado

"Mainline" General Funds /Whistle Stop Tours (\$100 level)

Melissa Rawnsley
Arthur MCCOID
Mills Investments

Streamliner Membership

Stephen Cooper
Devon Kliger
William Kopelman
Andrea Lieberman
Evgenii Pomnikov
Julie Rockwell
Colette Semmel
Michael Tirella

Track Gang Membership

Carlos Almendarez
Sarah Amato
Freda Antoine
Michael Aranda
Rosa Chavez
Steven Dang
Mollye de Armendi
Ashley DeLeone
Eliza Ekimyan
Siuna Esmaili
Gustavo Flores
Cecilia Gates
Jared Goldschen
Frank Greer

Sherrie Jessup
Mariya Kalashnikova
Amber Kieley
Bryan Kim
Katherine LaCalamita
Saul Lopez
Ian Maddox
Matthew Nelson
Keely Pierce
Leah Quinaz
Kevin Ryan
Anna Rybakov
Sema Tomasso

Dining Car 3669 Restoration/"Mainline" General Funds (\$50 level)

Gregory Balalian

Junior Engineers

Shira Barlow
Jennifer Chang
Gonzalo Fernandez
Arturo Gallegos
Karen Shi

All members receive 10% off in the shop!

**MEMBERSHIPS ARE GREAT GIFTS
FOR FATHERS DAY!!**

visit our membership page at: <https://traveltown.networkforgood.com/projects/89794-memberships>

or

Visit the website at [Traveltown.org](https://traveltown.org) and click on the **Green JOIN button** on the right.

Whats new in the Gift Shop?

Supply chain issues still a factor in our inventory!



But we are happy to have our pullback trains back in stock, and rotating Thomas Inventory. They have repackaged our best friend, Thomas the Tank Engine in the wooden train variety, and our shop is currently stocking various push along Thomas and Motorized Thomas sets. (These have the plastic track, but all plastic engines fit on the wooden track!) Inventory is limited to what we get sent to us – believe me, we have lots of orders placed!!!



Also, back by popular demand – NEW flavors of Reading Soda! In addition to our old favorites like Black Cherry, Vanilla Crème, Ginger Beer, Orange Crème, Sarsparilla and Root Beer, we now carry Blackberry Crème, Honey Pear, and Apple Ginger Ale! These are tasty and refreshing on their own, or take a 4 pack home, add ice cream and have some delicious and unique summertime floats!!



Also returning to the store, old-fashioned candy sticks like banana, blueberry, butterscotch, cinnamon, grape, peaches and cream, pina colada and of course, peppermint!



We are also stocking bags of old fashioned Hard Candies – Horehound, licorice, root beer, cherry, lemon and cinnamon.

