



ALL ABOARD FOR DEPOT DAY !!

In association with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks,

The Travel Town Museum Foundation cordially invites you to our annual

Depot Day

at the Travel Town Museum

Food Trucks

Messi Burger Truck
CVT Soft Serve Ice Cream
Graceful Grounds Coffee

Treasures of
Travel Town
Exhibit



Live Music

Local High School
Jazz Band Performances

Los Angeles
Police Department

K9 Unit

Sunday October 16, 2022

10:30am - 3pm

- ♦ Tours around the Historic Railroad Passenger cars and Engines!
- ♦ Model Train Displays
- ♦ Members-Only Train Theme Costume Contest.
- ♦ Special Members-Only Discounts and much, much more!
- ♦ Woodcarver and Blacksmith demonstrations!
- ♦ Jewelry Booth, Artwork, Caricature Artist, Florist
- ♦ Learn about having a birthday party at Travel Town!
- ♦ Fun for the whole family!

Special Members-Only Play Area

Become a member today to help our Restoration efforts:



www.traveltown.org



Learn about the Travel Town volunteer program!

See Restoration work in progress!



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preserving and celebrating the rich railroad heritage of Los Angeles



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Executive Director's Message

Back to School – hopefully back to COOL!

Well the dog days of summer are upon us, and volunteering has become the challenge at the Museum. We are getting ready for Depot Day this year, we are getting commitments from Vendors and bands and hope that this year's event is the biggest and most fun we've had yet! Mark your calendars, October 16th, Sunday, 10 to 3! If you'd like to help volunteer for the event and help us set-up, load in, or tear down, please give shoot us an e-mail at volunteers.DD2022@traveltown.org!

NANCY GNEIER
Executive Director

K-9 and LAPD Mounted Police Event a great success at the Museum!

In August, our members were treated to a special presentation by the Los Angeles Police Department K-9 and Mounted Units at Travel Town!



2 Eagle Scout Projects – Updating our “Tracks to Learning”!

Five years ago, the Travel Town Museum Foundation received a grant to design and paint the “tracks to learning” designs in front of the volunteer center and in near the picnic area in front of the Trolley. If you are the parent of a little one, you have probably seen your youngsters “play train,” chase each other on the tracks, or used small toys on the tracks on the concrete tables in the picnic areas. The Foundation received a grant from the “Kaboom!” organization, a non-profit that work to end playspace inequity by uniting with communities to build kid-designed playspaces. The Foundation uses the tracks to teach school groups about train building and movement, using the kiddos themselves to “be” engines and cars that need to be made into a train. 5 years, plenty of playtime and hundreds of tennis shoes later, our tracks were getting a little sad-looking. Two Eagle Scout candidates came to the rescue and helped us renovate these tracks!

Josh Vaysman from Troop 36 in Los Angeles and Julian Guerrero from Troop 21 in the Rose Bowl District both stepped up to prep, mask and repaint these tracks. Josh went the extra mile and actually added a “yard” feature to the red and blue tracks, so now there is even MORE trackage to run around on! The Museum Foundation is always happy to work with these young men (and women) who are developing their leadership skills while helping out their communities. If you know of a scout looking for a project, have them give us a call or visit our website. Hope you get to come out and play on the new tracks!



We've Been workin' on the Railroad

Restoration on the outside of a railroad car is difficult enough, but working inside is even harder. Our dining car, which quietly celebrated her 100 birthday in the midst of the Covid Closure, has been going through quite a change inside. Restoration manager Brad Slosar has repainted the kitchen and pantry areas of the car, and is now working in the main dining room. Below are pictures of the ceiling work being done. This ceiling was 100 year old hard-board (I know it as Masonite) that had warped, all the paint had cracked, and the glass light fixtures had been cracked or damaged. Our team has removed the panels and cut new hard-board (not necessarily an easy task, considering the center large panels are 5 feet in each direction, and most sheets of hard-board are only 4 x 8 – so hello special order!) Holes have been drilled for the correct spacing of the light and fan fixtures, but there is still pin-striping to do on over 36 panels in the car! Below are pictures of volunteer Tanner Rosenberg excellently priming and painting the clerestory panels and molding, and high school volunteer Ernesto Montes de Oca priming other overhead panels, overseen by Executive Director Nancy Gneier. Panels are painted outside the car, so there is a lot of carrying going on, too! Next steps involve re-wiring the light and fan fixtures and converting the lights to regular 110 voltage. The bottom picture is a detail shot of the pin-striping – 36 panels to go, and probably an expensive proposition! If you would like to contribute specifically for this project, please visit <https://traveltown.networkforgood.com/projects/89800-union-pacific-diner-369> or scan the QR code below!



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Charley Atkins Engine Repainting Progress

Before, during and after!



New and Renewing Members

These are new members or renewing members who have donated since May 16th 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 Partner (\$500 and above)

Howard Levine
Dorothy Thomas
John Vertrees
Sandra Thomas

Juan Castillo
Lindsay Crary
Michael Helfin
Cynthia James
Jia Li
Manuel Magana
Vanessa Mesia-Ullrich

Haley Yamamoto

"The Little Nugget" Club (\$250)

Katie Abel

Aleksandra Mitrovic
Erin Padilla
Mike Padilla
Merope Pastena

Engineers and Junior Engineers: (\$35)

Kelley Brooks
Ashley Forbes
Melissa Golebiowski
Susan Jonaitis-Chaffee
Jay Lewis
Randa Schmalfeld
Ralph Scott

Streamliner Membership (\$100)

John Caulkins
Anita Chan
Craig Christen
April Day
Jeffrey Hall
Andrea Lichtman

Jessica Real
Bryna Rifkin
Georgina Rodriguez
Alex Rozinov
Deborah Saltzman
Alyson Sattler
Ann Smith
Musa Tariq

There were also an additional \$335 donated to our Mainline restoration fund and \$75 to our Whistle Stop Tours! Thank you all for your contributions!

Track Gang Membership (\$60)

Michael Blumenfeld

Kelsi Tenango
Jessika Trujillo
Shea Webber
Mitzy Williams

All members receive 10% off in the shop!

Be sure to renew for your Depot Day Discounts!!

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 top side of the page.

We've Been workin' on the Railroad (PART 2)

Because the caboose always comes at the end of the train, we've put these pictures of the work on our narrow gauge caboose at the end of our newsletter! Here is the write up from our volunteer F.G Vincent:

Three weeks ago, Bob (Frein) & I were asked to see what we could do to "clean up" the end platform of the Oahu Railway narrow gauge caboose. *Its the little gray caboose on the freeway-side at the end of track.* After decades of neglect, the platform on the east end of the car was badly damaged from weather, termites and just plain age.

Built in the late 1890's, this little caboose has hung in there a very long time but is slowly giving in to gravity. There are beams under her to hold her up straight, and her platforms and handrails, etc. are literally falling off.

So Bob and I went to work: We pulled off the rotted wood down to what is left of her wooden frame, and rebuilt her a new platform, a "box" end-sill, buffer block and coupler carrier. We realigned the handrails and brake-wheel and gently bolted her back together.

We removed the old plywood door and replaced it with plexiglass so now you can see inside.

While we worked on the door, volunteers Ernesto Montes de oca and Darren Kwan paint the "new" platform and end-sill.

