

The Travel Town TENDER



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President's Message

Greeting Friends of Travel Town!

Another summer is winding down and our annual Depot Day celebration is just a few weeks away! We're so happy to see almost everything returning to normal after the long COVID shutdown - birthday parties, TTMF Member Events, and docent-guided tours are all happening at Travel Town again with great success! However, our biggest lingering post-pandemic challenge is the lack of volunteers to help with our various museum programs and train restoration projects. During the shutdown, we lost many of our regular volunteer workers to attrition of one sort or another, including several long-time Travel Town supporters having moved away from the Los Angeles area altogether. We're working, slowly but surely, to put together a new team. We've got a few fantastic folks right now, who are really doing yeoman's work around the museum; but, in today's fast-paced world, it's getting harder and harder to find good, reliable volunteers who can come out on regular basis. So, how about YOU? Would you be able to get involved? One day a month, or every-other-Saturday, or once-a-week? If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please drop me a note at "depot@traveltown.org" and let me know. I would love to talk to you about it. We're not necessarily looking for specific skills as much as reliability and friendliness! I hope to see you at Travel Town real soon!



Depot Day will be Sunday, October 15!



We want YOU to volunteer!

GREG GNEIER
President

Executive Directors Message

Dear Members and Friends of Travel Town,

SO MANY TOURS! I am proud to say that our foundation gave over 40 GIS tours (Guided Instruction Sessions) to school kids, pre-schools and summer camp participants this past school year. That meant tours to over 3,000 individuals! I think its great that kids are able to get out and visit museums and experience the REAL world instead of the virtual one, and Travel Town is proud to meet them on the platform! Special thanks to our staff and our volunteer docents who helped with these tours. Anyone interested in receiving the training, please contact me; we usually give school tours between 10 and noon on weekdays when the tours are requested, so there is a bit of scheduling we need to do on our end.



Docents Linda Barth, Robert Rakauskas and Will Cosso join Kendall Williams to give tours to the Montebello Kindergarten class of 2023!

Nancy

On the Platform – Peggy Rand – Gardener extraordinaire!

Sir Topham Hatt asks all the engines on the Isle of Sodor to be three things: Reliable, Responsible and Really useful! Peggy is all three of these things! When not visiting with her kids and grandkids from Toronto, Peggy comes out on the weekends or during the week to help with gardening. The foundation has several gardens that we are “responsible” for – i.e., we weed them, trim them, add new flowers or mulch and water them on a regular basis. The China Garden is right next to the green and white building near the gift shop, it features plants that were displayed on railroad china that was used in the dining cars. The gazebo garden is out near the harbor engines, and the garden railroad is right next to our volunteer center and is appreciated by all the visitors who ride the train next to the Arcadia Depot. Peggy’s love for gardening and her desire to help Travel Town have partnered beautifully in her volunteer work - just a few hours every week or so have really made our plants and gardens happy! Peggy has also helped us on our restoration weekends, her enthusiasm to learn has blossomed into sanding and prepping the Pennsylvania dining car for its next paint job. If you’d like to meet Peggy and help our Restoration and Museum Enhancement Team, give us a call to schedule your orientation and volunteer project!

The End of the Year Member Events

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Special Events for Members-Only

Each will require RSVP

As usual, event specifics/details will be emailed to all active members closer to the actual event date.

September 16: Los Angeles Zoo interactive stations - ideal for toddlers through 5th graders

October 15 (Sunday): Depot Day Festival at Travel Town with a members-only play day area and Train Themed Costume Contest

November 4: Learn all about and see live Birds of Prey

December 2: Polar Express Movie night to kick off the Holidays featuring photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus (will join us 5pm-6:15pm)



To ensure your participation in these special events please RSVP with all names of attendees for each event. Please be aware admittance/headcount will be in accordance with your membership level.

If you need to upgrade, please email me on or before the RSVP due date which will be provided for each event, sandy@traveltown.org.



Working on the Railroad

W.P. 26 Gets Some *Tender* Loving Care!

70 years of basking in the sun has taken quite a toll on many of the historic trains at Travel Town, with the Western Pacific No. 26 chief among them. The tender of Travel Town's largest steam locomotive was sadly riddled with gaping holes along the bottom edge of her big water tank. To the rescue this spring came our champion volunteer duo of "Vince & Bob" to give the engine some much-needed *tender* loving care! Over a number of Saturdays, the team fabricated steel repair patches to fill over all the holes, drilling and installing some 468 bolts in the process. The contemporary cosmetic efforts mimicked similar repairs that the Western Pacific's own shop forces had made to the locomotive tender during its years of railroad service nearly a century ago. The W.P. 26 is a 2-8-0 locomotive that weighs 119 tons! She was built by the American Locomotive Company in 1909 and was used primarily to pull freight trains until its donation to Travel Town in 1954. The Museum is very grateful for the generous contribution from the Kramer Family Foundation to underwrite the costs of this rehabilitation project. Once the weather cools down, we hope to switch the big engine to a display location under the *Locomotive Pavilion* (out of the direct sun!) and give her a fresh coat of paint. If you would like to contribute specifically to this project, please visit

<https://traveltown.networkforgood.com/projects/178658-western-pacific-locomotive-26-tender-restoration>



Restoration Project updates

What's cookin' in the Diner?

Brad Slosar and Mike and Gary Teti have been progressing in our dining car at a steady pace. So far this year all ceiling panels have been primed and painted and are being marked for molding so the pinstriping detailing can be added, door panels and walls have been stained in the pantry entryway, and more electrical updates have been completed. The Waiter's foldaway handwashing sink has been re-installed and plumbed, and the water-damaged ceiling underpanels have been replaced on the east end of the car and await the mahogany veneer and molding to be added on top.



Above: The foldout Sink is back in the hallway!



Above: Before and after of the electrical panel doors.

Right: New ceiling underpanels – ready for the veneer!.

Below: Gary Teti marks the molding placement in a panel.



Restoration Project updates -continued

Mariposa Tender also gets some love!

Our oldest engine at the Museum received its final painting upgrade in July. Sign artist Marissa Cianciulli of Super Signs, performed her magic once again and lettered and numbered the tender of the Mariposa. (She also lettered the cab of the engine.) Beautiful job Marissa!

Marissa is also slated to do the pinstriping on the ceiling of the dining car in the upcoming months. As a professional sign painter for Hollywood, the Writers strike has been bad for the “Industry” but good for us, because Marissa has been able to help us out.



New and Renewing Members

Restoration Partners:

Jeffrey Hall
Howard Levine
Victor Rampulla
John Vertrees

Little Nugget Club

Elena Gustavson
John and Darlene Ruh

Streamliners

Barry Beebe
Kristin Bommier
Ivan Bravo
Candace Charters
Stephen Cooper
Craig Christen
Maria T. Giraco
Joemar Gonzalez
Jack Karagulleyan
Michael Kuroda
Verona Marquez
Richard M. Martinez
Julie Rockwell
Sheldon Roth
Jennifer Rothberg
Casa Dunzar Inc

Track Gang Members:

John Alexander
Susan Amerikaner
Krissy Arora
Johana Alvarez Arteaga
Megan Auster-Rosen
Laila Babacian
Sarah Bellante
Marissa Bluen
Evans Boney
Cynthia Boxrud
Tiffany Britt
Todd Brown
Susel Carrillo-Orellana
Juan F. Castillo
Maria Catuna
Skye Davis

Molloy de Armendi
Jennifer Diaz
Bill Doran
Eliza Ekimyan
Natalie Estrada
Michael Fields
Allison Gadberry
Mark Gasson
Ann Gips
Jennifer Green
Abigail Greenspan
Harold Frank Greer
Matt Grimm
Aleks Gryczon
Amanda Hannibal
Shauna McGarry High
Sherrie Jessup
Gavin Kliger
Joseph B. Konis
Dario Konjicija
Jackie Koons
Tanya Kramer
Kate LaCalamita
Jen Lane
Courtney Langdon
Dezi Lewis
Andrea Lieberman
Tristan Mathews
Tessa Mizokami
Matthew Nelson
Lena Nersesian
Michelle Quance
Mariann Padilla
Amanda Pertusati
Kelley Rich
Kate Roberts
Shane Rahmani
Claudia Reyes
Kelli Rosenberg
Allison Rothschild
Carter Rubin
Kevin Ryan
Karla Salazar
Deborah Saltzman
Kim Sim Sandell

Tasha Turner Schnase
Alejandra Schrader
Derick Sheehan
Janae Shekhter
Steve Siegel
Ann Smith
Janet Smith
Stephanie Studer
Donna Suh
Zeke Sulkes
Kristen Wagner
Christine Weil
Kasinee Williams
Xiao Winter
Haley Yamamoto
Jing Yang
Anna Zakaryan
George Zien

Engineer Level:

Woody Brown
Patricia Foster
Charles Freericks
Melissa Golebiowski
Kelly Greaney
Laura Horwitz
Sophie Hunter
Michael Mahoney
Michael Maliwanag
Oxana Melis
Norman Moline
Davlyn Mosley
Jennifer Neale
Katy Nishimoto
Myles Reid
Othmane Rifki
Al Shaw
Joshua Shields
Katherine Smith
Greg Vega
David Wolfson

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WHO HAS EVERYTHING!

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or

Visit the website at Traveltown.org and click on the **Green JOIN button** on the right!!

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Sale of Garden Gauge trains and track!

Are you a garden train enthusiast? Want to start a garden train in your backyard? Look no further than our foundation! We were recently donated items and would love to see them go to a good home! Small items will be available at Depot Day, but if you are interested in purchasing “the whole lot” please contact Kendall at 323-668-0104 extension 12 ASAP.

