

The Travel Town **TENDER**

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Executive Director's Message

Hello members and happy Spring!

We are starting 2022 with an optimistic look towards the future; our organization is rolling right along with our restoration work, we hope to bring back outdoor school tours, and we have our new whistle stop tour signs posted at the museum to continue our mission of educating the public about railroad history! Great stuff to look forward to, but we've also had a good ending to 2021....

Many patrons gave a little "extra" at the end of the year with Facebook matching grant donations and our "paint the Charlie Atkins" Fund. We had a very successful "Holiday Happenings" event at the museum in December – Santa was able to stop by for the afternoon! Volunteers from the Los Angeles Railroad Heritage Foundation read holiday stories to our visitors and our playtable was out in the sunshine for all to enjoy.

We had another fun book reading of "Steamer the Railroad Dog" with author Ken Johnson in January. Sandy has some fun crafts for our Members in store for Mothers and Fathers day so please stay tuned!



Our volunteer department is going through some changes (please see the article below) and we are happy to welcome new folks who want to help us bring railroading history alive to our visitors. Docent Training class is happening on Saturday, February 12! Call Kendall to reserve your spot and help us give tours to visitors.

Great work has been made in our dining car – old warped ceiling panels have been removed and the new panels are being fitted individually. Fun fact – those panels above the lights are 51 inches square – so a regular size piece of Masonite just isn't big enough. Our restoration team had to special order oversize pieces and cut them down. This is why restoration takes so much money! Thank you all for supporting our Museum and helping make railroad history come alive!

NANCY GNEIER
Executive Director

The Foundation is ready to welcome Groups for Outdoor Tours

Please let your teachers, schools, daycares, summer camps and mommy-and-me groups all know that the Travel Town Museum Foundation is once again offering tours to groups who want to visit Travel Town. All tours will be out-of-doors and led by a Tour guide or Docent who will teach the kids fun and educational information here at the Museum, and every tour includes a ride on the Travel Town Railroad! We accept donations for these tours at the suggested rate of \$5 per person, and the donation goes to help with the restoration projects at the Museum and for the administration of the program. Our Foundation is following all City Covid protocols and tour groups will be broken down to groups smaller than 15, when possible. All tours are currently outside. Please call Kendall at 323-668-0104 ext 12 to schedule your group tour today! For more information, you can visit our website at

<https://traveltown.org/visit/guidedtours>



On the Platform – Volunteers Back at Travel Town

We want you to Volunteer!



In working with the Volunteering Program director at the Department of Recreation and Parks, we are glad to say that the Travel Town Museum Foundation can now welcome back youth under the age of 18 to volunteer! We are now accepting “Partner Volunteers” who will be providing tours, performing light gardening and facilities work, and staffing our Members-only playdays and other events. We welcome students who need to get community service hours for school, and we will track your hours for the Presidential Service Awards that are given out in May. Anyone wishing to volunteer to work on

Diesel locomotive maintenance or train restoration will still need to enroll with the City volunteer guidelines, which includes getting fingerprinted and showing proof of vaccination to the Department of Recreation and Parks.

If you are interested in volunteering with us please fill out the volunteer information form at <https://traveltown.org/form-volunteer-application> -- Kendall will get in touch with you on Monday or Friday!

We've Been workin' on the Railroad

Whistle Stop Tours Arrive at Travel Town



For the past two years, tours have been restricted at Travel Town. We now welcome a great way to take a self-guided tour of the Museum, our Whistle Stop Tour! Eagle Scout Candidate Riley Reed (above, left) from Troop 210 has posted these signs all over the Museum – there are 45 of them! Bring your cell phone or tablet, scan the QR code and be taken to an information page about the exhibit piece. Most signs are posted on the North side of the exhibits to prevent sun-fading. Check out the tour and tell us what you think! All Aboard!!

Special Thanks to US Battery And Warner Brothers Studios!!



US Battery Corporation has once again been a super supporter of Travel Town by donating 8 batteries for the operation of our Charlie Atkins Engine! US Battery takes pride in all of their American made deep cycle flooded lead acid batteries specifically designed for golf carts, floor cleaning machines, lift and access, marine, RV, solar power systems, as well as anywhere else high quality deep cycle batteries are used.

We hope to install Charlie's new batteries in March (supply chain challenges!) But hopefully we'll be moving again soon. Kudos to volunteer Denise Delgado and Warner Brothers Studios who generously donated items we were able to make available at the Museum during December as well – that and donations from many of you will make painting Charlie happen this Spring!!! Keep your eyes open for a pretty new paint job by the end of Summer.

New and Renewing Members

These are new members or renewing members who have donated since November of 2021. 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 or over)

John S. Cosgrove
Leslie Gordon
Robert Black
Louis Kwong

Little Nugget Club Members: (\$250 or over)

Nancy Gneier
Dawn Vincent
Leyen Lim
Linda Barth

Streamliners (\$100)

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Christopher Bloom
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Martha Stephenson
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Zachary Dych
Ann Smith
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Andrea Mankin

Track Gang members:

Margo Klewans
Mike Sanders
Adam Sexton
David Gilliam
Jennifer Lee
Anna Symes
Steve Streit
Julie Michail
Marissa Fengler
Rachel Giraudo
Abigail Greenspan
Georgina Bao
April Crook
Christopher Moore
Cameron Duncan
Allison Gadberry
Evin Spain
Angelica Meza
Kara Klenk
Ned Hillenbrand
Erin Lennox

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Avi Rothman
Nathalia Guizon
Joann Guenthner
Kottie Kreischer
Pablo Grande
Stevan Dumas
Maria Hernandez
Stephanie Holliday
Tori Paddock
Gordon Olson-
Duvall
Andrew Brownlee

Engineers:

David Wolfson
Michael Mahoney
Tanja Tawadjoh
Carly Rodarte
Rose Cooke
Barbara Rosenstein

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