

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society



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September 2020 Newsletter

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*Central Pacific Coach #12 was recently moved from Calistoga to the CSRM shops building in Sacramento
See the story and photos about the move on pages 2-3
Al Di Paolo photo courtesy of Scott Inman*

Scheduled Events & Notices



All Events Listed are Subject to Rescheduling due to CoronaVirus restrictions

Sep 24 NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Oct 22 (TENTATIVE) PSRHS Monthly Meeting – 7pm – Program TBA



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MONTHLY MEETING

There will be NO PSRHS Monthly Meeting in September. Our meetings will not resume until restrictions due to Coronavirus precautions have been lifted. Watch the monthly newsletter for updated status of future meetings.

PSRHS WEB CAM UPDATE

Installation of the web cam near Applegate is complete and the camera itself is functioning. However, getting the streaming connections set up over wi-fi has proved to be a challenge. Our members are working the problem and hope to have the issues resolved soon and the web cam fully operational.

Watch our web site www.psrhs.org for information on availability of the web cam for viewing.

PSRHS WEB SITE ADDITIONS

Last month we announced that our web site www.psrhs.org now offers readers the ability to view and/or download any of our monthly newsletters. A further enhancement implemented this month can be found under the **On the Hill** tab. Selecting the **Archive Photos and Passing Scene** link brings up a list of photos that have appeared in past issues of the newsletter. If a reader finds a particular photo interesting based on the description, clicking on the newsletter issue at the far left will bring up that newsletter for viewing the photo and related information. More changes are coming so check back often.

CENTRAL PACIFIC COACH #12 SAVED

Last month's newsletter provided a detailed history of Central Pacific coach #12, along with efforts by a group of railroad history buffs to save the car from potential destruction unless it could be removed from the Calistoga depot building to make way for a restaurant. Through the tireless efforts of Scott Inman and several others, the car was saved. Scott provided this

summary of the actions and players who helped save the car.

"Some of you may have heard the good news that we were successful in saving CP 12 from Calistoga on Thursday ... From the charitableness of the depot's owner who gave us CP 12, to the benefactor of the history center who pledged the financial resources to save the car, and the leadership at CSRM who offered their assistance to store this treasure, it seemed like the puzzle pieces all fell into place at just the right time to save the car. Special thanks to Kyle Wyatt for providing the history of the coach that raised awareness in the community, and to Ralph Domenici for his leg work and trips to Calistoga to work with the depot contractor on a plan for the car's removal."

Scott provided several photos of the car's move which can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Kudos to Scott and all who contributed to saving this treasured piece of railroad history. Their successful efforts were highlighted in a recent Trains Magazine article <https://trn.trains.com/news/news-wire/2020/09/01-quick-action-saves-central-pacific-car-that-was-at-promontory>

UPRR STEAM-SHOP-TOUR VIDEO

Check out this video tour of the Union Pacific steam shop equipment and operations including how steam locomotives are repaired and preserved between operational runs. The link is also on our web site.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tw50srOCai0&feature=youtu.be>

Correction: A reader pointed out that in the August newsletter the note about the July mystery photo incorrectly identified the source of the Tunnel 6 photo as Houseworth. The image is Hart #198.





Passing Scene – CP Coach #12 Saved

The photos on this page were provided by Scott Inman to document the retrieval of CP Coach #12 from the Calistoga Southern Pacific Depot (see article on page 2). The car was at risk of being dismantled to make room for a restaurant in the building's remodeled interior. The first five photos were taken by Scott while the last two were taken by Al Di Paolo.



CP Coach #12 was extracted from the Calistoga SP Depot building through a modified wall. Scott Heavy Movers loaded the car onto a flatbed trailer and transported it to Sacramento. A benefactor covered the expenses of extracting and moving the car and repairing the building.

CP #12 was delivered to Old Town Sacramento and placed in one of the shop bays provided by CSRM, its new home while the historic railcar awaits fundraising to pay for its restoration.



Amazon Smile Fund Raising

We are now part of the Amazon Smile fund raising campaign. We receive a donation to the society based on your purchases. Please feel free to copy and paste the link below and include it in all your emails.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0488569>

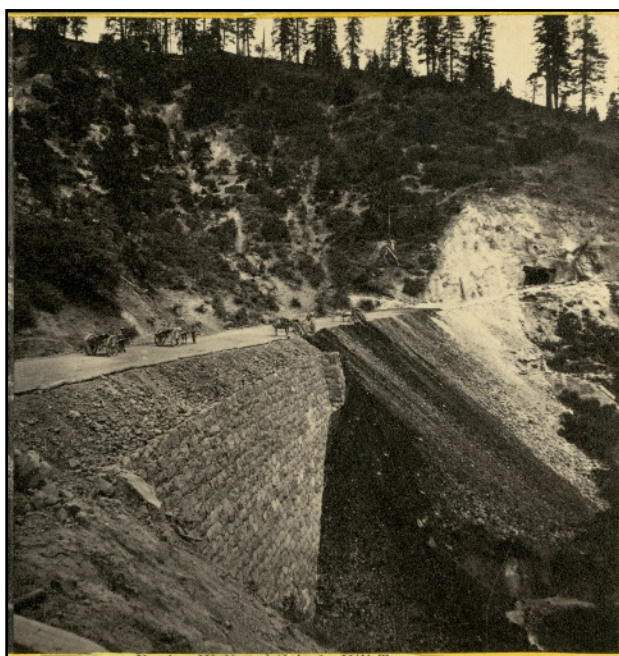
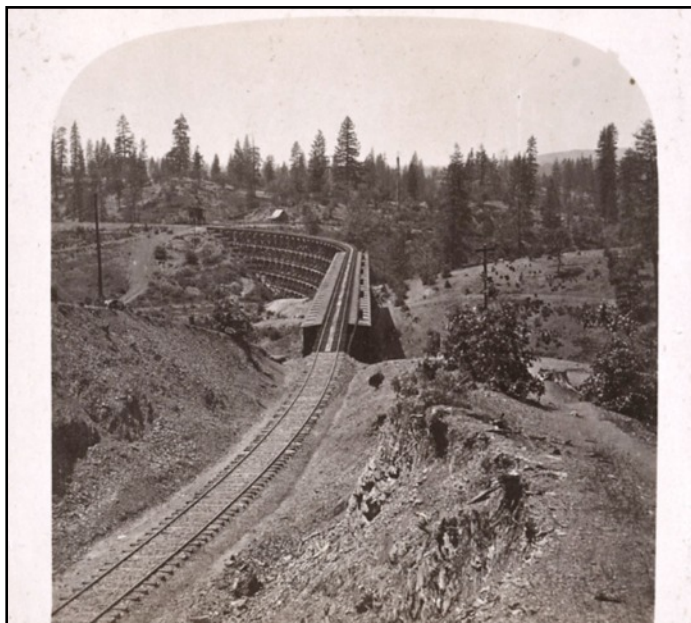


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From the Archives

August Mystery Photo (right): This Thomas Houseworth image shows the Long Ravine wood bridge and curved trestle looking west-bound. Construction of the bridge and trestle was completed in the spring of 1866. The trestle portion was filled in ten years later, and the wood bridge portion was replaced with an iron bridge or viaduct in 1890. A second steel bridge was added in 1913-14. *PSRHS collection.*



September Mystery Photo (left): Where is the location of this photo, and what unique feature is visible? What can be seen there today? *PSRHS collection.*

Accidents/Other Incidents. *Los Angeles Herald*, 2 Apr 1906. **“LANDSLIDE CAUSES WRECK – Overland No. 3 Goes in the Ditch Above Cape Horn – Wrecking Crews at Work.** By Associated Press. Auburn, April 1. No. 3 Overland was wrecked above Cape Horn by a landslide this morning. One engine was derailed, the baggage car turned over and three other cars derailed. One man’s leg was slightly hurt. Two wrecking crews are at work.”

Membership Information

Individual Members = \$25.00/yr
Each Additional Family Member = \$5.00/yr

- Monthly Meetings (4th Thursday) and Newsletter
- Member Activities, History Pubs and Field Trips
- Display and Restoration Projects

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