

We are still here and in business!

Despite the past year we have had, the Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation is still alive, well, and functioning. The quarantine measures in place around the country have certainly curtailed many of the gatherings around the country both in work efforts for restoration as well as face to face gatherings for conventions.

Art Auction

The scheduled art auction that was to be held in conjunction with the St. Louis Narrow Gauge Convention was cancelled (actually postponed) when the Covid 19 virus caused the convention to be cancelled. The Board has discussed when and where this auction can be rescheduled, with some pieces possibly being available at the Hickory Narrow Gauge Convention, as well as at future narrow gauge conventions. It will be announced to the membership in these pages so that all the membership will have an opportunity to obtain these special pictures.

Dues and Renewals

The membership continues to support our efforts with their renewal dues, and in many cases, we are truly thankful for the extra funds that are being included in the payments. It is anticipated with the public receiving the necessary vaccine and the relaxing of the quarantine requirements, the Board will be receiving a multitude of requests for funding for the

various projects that have been delayed due to the circumstances of the pandemic of the last two years. This will certainly increase the demand on the limited resources of the Foundation.

Given this anticipated demand, when you receive your renewal notice, please consider moving up a membership class or including an extra amount in addition to the dues payment. Yes, this is a blatant request for funds to help us meet the demand for matching grants. There is a board committee working on fund raising activities. But from experience, the professionals tell us that the membership is the place to ask for help. You can also just simply make an additional donation to the NGPF. This can be done on the web site for your convenience.

The Board appreciates all the past and continued support you have shown for our common cause.

Project Updates

Nevada County Narrow Gauge RR Museum: Westside Snowplow #2

The snowplow survived until West Side ceased operations in 1961 and later became an exhibit at the West Side & Cherry Valley RR tourist operation from 1972 through 1981. The plow was later sold in 1986 to the Yosemite Mountain & Sugar Pine RR, and they then recently donated snowplow #2 to the NCNG railroad museum. The NCNG RR then had to transport the snowplow from Tuolumne, CA to



the museum site in Nevada City, CA. This took place last fall and the restoration is underway.



As side note to this project, the NCNG RR put a tile on their Honor Wall (Patrons section) which acknowledges the NGPF.

Green County Historical Society Floor for Waynesburg & Washington engine house for W&W #4



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The Green County Historical Society is the custodian for the Waynesburg & Washington second locomotive #4, a W&W coach #6, and a narrow gauge seven-ton Plymouth locomotive. The project includes enclosing the bottom of the engine house structure (erected in 2012) and finish the floor. The artifacts listed above are in dire need of restoration and will benefit from being stored (and restored) in an environmentally friendly facility.

South Park Rail Society C&S Heritage Boxcar Project



C&S #8311 – Type 3



C&S #8027 – Type 1

(Photographs by John Scherr)

The South Park Rail Society has started the C&S Boxcar Restoration & Exhibit Project. They are working towards securing and restoring an example of each of the three different types of boxcars used by the C&S between 1899 and 1941. Today these three different designs of boxcars are referred to in the preservation community as **Type 1**, **Type 2**, and **Type 3**. The **Type 1** boxcars were built in 1898 by the St. Charles Car Company and were of traditional design with truss rods, wooden frames, and Arch Bar trucks. The **Type 2** boxcars were built in 1906 by the Colorado & Southern car shops in Denver. These cars had the same wooden frame and truss rods as the Type 1 cars, but they were constructed with new Bettendorf Cast steel trucks and body bolsters. The last batch of new boxcars were classified as **Type 3** and constructed by the C&S car shops in 1909 and 1910. The Type 3 boxcars were constructed with new steel frames and integrated B.A.C. steel bolsters along with the same Bettendorf steel trucks as used on the Type 2 boxcars.



Pictured is C&S #8179, one of only two known examples of the Type 2 boxcar. The Society has purchased one of these bodies. The plan is to have the car restored to as built condition painted in C&S livery. The Society has also obtained a set of correct Bettendorf Cast steel trucks to be used in the restoration.

As an interesting side note, #8179 was renumbered RGS #8607 toward the end of its useful life. The other Type 2 known example, C&S #8168, was renumbered as RGS #8610.

(photo supplied by Tim Bain, VP South Park Rail Society)

South Park Rail Society D&RGW Stock Car #5743



The South Park Rail Society is working on their first volunteer car restoration project. Scheduled originally for the summer 2020, it was pushed back to 2021 due to the virus pandemic, which caused volunteer work sessions to be cancelled not only in Como but in many other restoration group locations.



Mission

The Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation will preserve, exhibit, and interpret significant prototype and model Narrow Gauge artifacts, as well as educate the public on the importance of Narrow Gauge railroading

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAM FURUKAWA

is a recognized photographer of Narrow Gauge, author, and modeler. Retired from a long career at Microsoft Corporation, Sam is now a professor at Keio University in Tokyo, Japan. He is an author of three books on Colorado's preserved narrow gauge railroads. He has extensively photographed and videoed the operations of the surviving narrow gauge lines of Colorado and New Mexico.

FRED HILL

is the owner of the original Whistle Stop in Pasadena, and has long been active in railroad preservation for both narrow and standard gauges Fred is involved with the Coach Yard and Thin Film Decals. He has served with distinction for many years as an officer and board member on several hobby trade associations.

JIMMY BOOTH

comes from a distinguished career as a principal at P-B-L (Peter Built Locomotives), a major supplier and importer of Sn3 locomotives and equipment. He also has dedicated much of his life researching the history of D&RGW narrow gauge equipment and has served as a historical advisor to both the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic and Durango and Silverton Railroads. Jimmy volunteers at a local museum as a steam consultant

W. LINDSAY RALEY Jr.

Is from Florida and operates his family citrus business. An avid Sn3 modeler, Lindsay is involved in Friends of the C&TS as well as other preservation activities.

STEVE FREDIANI

Is President/CEO of the Heico Companies, a family owned business and past president and current member of the Slim Gauge Guild. He is active in the Sn3 community including Symposiums and Narrow Gauge Conventions

BOB STAAT

Has been involved in all aspects of the model railroad industry including running hobby shops, co-ownership of San Juan Car Shops and was co-owner of the American Model Train Exchange.

RICHARD RANDS

Has been involved in the hobby since his childhood with father Robert Rands starting Rail Craft (Micro-Engineering) and Clear Creek Models. Richard owns Berkshire Valley and Anvil Mountain models.

Executive DIRECTOR

ALLEN POLLOCK

Owns Fun and Games and Missouri Locomotive Co. He is past President of the NMRA. and retired from heading a government agency.



(Photograph by John Scherr)

Last September at the "Day with Thomas" celebration at the Colorado RR Museum, Thomas helps #491 up the grade at the museum in Golden. Actually, #491 was doing all the work, but don't try to convince the kids!

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A member only discount on the three published books by Sam Furukawa has been established.

Buy one title and receive a 25% discount off retail; buy two and receive 35% and if you buy all three, 50%! Titles include: the *Cumbres and Toltec* (\$49.95), *Durango and Silverton* (\$49.95) and *Narrow Gauge to the San Juan* (\$53.95). Books can be ordered from Bob Hayden at www.bobhayden.com; Please mention the discount and provide your member number.

From the Executive Director

During the virus situation, I had the mail sent to the NGPF Post Office Box forwarded to my street address, reducing the trips to the Post Office. I assumed that meant the mail normally put into the PO Box would simply be placed in the route delivery area. But no, that is not the case. The mail meant for the PO Box is sent to Indianapolis IN where the yellow sticker with my street address is applied, and then sent back to Jefferson City for delivery to my house. It now takes about three weeks to go through the cycle and then delivered at my house. That translates into a delay to get renewals and other correspondence processed. Sorry for the delay, but this one is out of my hands. The forwarding has come to an end and delivery should be back to normal. The processing of the dues payments should be caught up also.

This is the first newsletter following the Spring 2020 issue. There will not be an attempt to catch up with the past issues of the newsletter. We will start with the Spring 2021 and move forward from this issue.

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WHO WE ARE - WHAT WE DO AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation (NGPF) was first established as the Narrow Gauge Trust in 2000. It was the dream of one of our board members to help preserve Narrow Gauge in both its prototype and model form. In 2002, the Narrow Gauge Trust Fund was incorporated as the Narrow Gauge Preservation Foundation and acquired non-profit status both within the State of California and as recognized by the Federal government. As a non-profit public benefit corporation, our mission is to establish interactive exhibits where the public can learn of the significant history of Narrow Gauge railroading as well as to support preservation activities and projects wherever possible.

A board of directors who do not receive compensation administers the foundation. The NGPF is proud that less than ten percent of its funds are spent on administrative costs. Thus, ninety plus percent of the funds raised go toward preservation efforts.

Our primary function is the creation of interactive exhibits where the public can be told the story of Narrow Gauge, such as the one formerly at Chama. As with that Chama exhibit, future exhibits will include interactive video presentations and models as well as dioramas, photographs, and other graphics to explain the significance of the Narrow Gauge railroading experience. As a secondary function, the NGPF assists Narrow Gauge preservation efforts across North America. These efforts to date have exceeded over one million dollars and in some cases have made the difference between preservation and loss of significant artifacts.

The foundation is also unique in supporting the efforts of Narrow Gauge Preservation projects throughout the United States rather than concentrating on one area or one project. To date, the organization has supported projects on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, Ardenwood Park in California, Friends of Denver and Rio Grande Engine #169, the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Railroad Foundation, The Colorado Railroad Museum, the Southeast Narrow Gauge and Short line Museum in North Carolina and the Durango Railroad Historical Society, among others. In addition, we have preserved the collections of prominent narrow gauge modelers, extensive libraries of books as well as important art pieces depicting narrow gauge scenes.

One of the unique aspects of the NGPF is the use of matching grants to encourage the receiving parties to reach out to the public for support. Many of our grants require that the receiving agency establish within a set time frame, an equal number of individual new donations from members of the public, which not only shows support for the project, but also provides new sources of funding for the organization. As a result of this policy, organizations receiving our grants have reported increased donations. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible, acknowledged and appreciated. By donating, you support a variety of worthwhile projects and thereby enhance preservation of Narrow Gauge.