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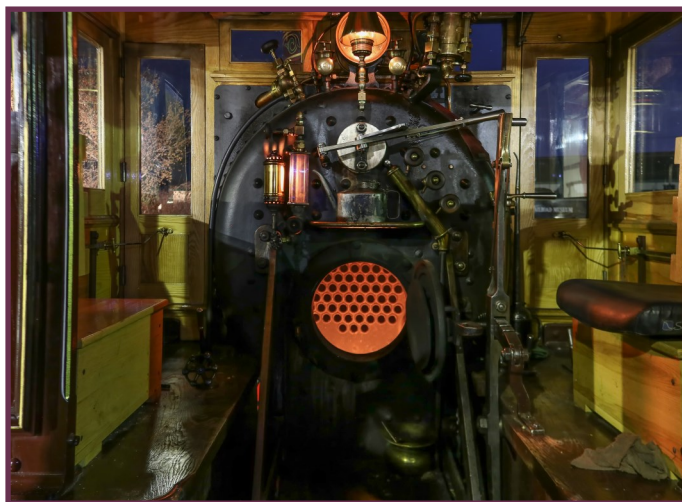
Museum Hosts Night Photo Shoot

By Adam Michalski

On November 16, the Nevada State Railroad Museum hosted its first night photo shoot in several years. The night photo shoot was sponsored by the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum and conducted by Steve Barry, editor of *Railfan & Railroad* magazine.

The conditions for the photo shoot were excellent. It was a crisp fall day with low winds and blue

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The firebox of the locomotive Glenbrook glows in the dark during a night photo shoot in November 2019. The photo shoot, sponsored by the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum, attracted rail photographers from throughout the West. (John Gaffney photo)

Museum Adds Sixth Day of Operation

By Guy Clifton

Starting on February 19, the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City expanded its days of operation to include Wednesdays year-round.

"We are delighted to open six days a week," said museum director Dan Thielen. "The State of Nevada has been returning services as the economy

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Now visitors can visit the Dayton and the Inyo (background) on Wednesdays with the museum's expansion to operations six days per week. (Cristol Digangi Photo)

VISIT THE MUSEUM

**Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday through Monday**

Closed Tuesdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

Museum Admission:

Adults 18 & Over - \$8.00
Children (Under 18) - FREE
Museum Members - FREE

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Message from the President of the Friends of the NSRM, Barry Simcoe

It's almost spring around the museum and exciting things are happening. Last week I watched the *Lyon* arrive at the museum. *(Editor: a feature article about the Lyon will appear in the next issue.)* Pretty amazing. Stan Gentry and his crew have been working on this for a long time and now it has found a new home in the museum. When you get a chance come by and take a look at it. In the future this will be an exciting addition to our operations.

We had a Board of Trustees meeting on Monday April 13, 2020, thanks to everyone who attended. This is the forum for deciding on future plans for the Friends of the NSRM. Board of Trustees elections will be taking place this fall. If you are interested in running for the Board please contact Dave Brambley at vtrrloc018@aol.com. New members with new ideas are appreciated.

If you are interested in operations this year the 2020 Safety Meetings will occur on Saturday, May 2, and Saturday, May 16. Each safety meeting will start at 9:00am and end at approximately 12:00-12:30pm. You must attend one of the meetings in order to participate. I really encourage each of you to attend and join one of operating crews, steam or motor car. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends and relive history.

I want to thank all of you for the effort you put into supporting our museum and look forward to seeing you this summer.

*Thanks,
Barry*

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**FNSRM Board Meetings are scheduled for
June 1, 2020 & August 3, 2020. All mem-
bers of the Friends organization are en-
couraged to attend.**

Museum Adds Sixth Day of Operation

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Virginia & Truckee locomotives No. 18, the Dayton, and No. 22, the Inyo (foreground), face pilot-to-pilot in the recently installed exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. (Adam Michalski Photo)

improves and we have added two part-time positions that that allow us to open Wednesday through Monday year-round. We have been trying to get back to these hours for quite a few years and in the last legis-

lative session, we were successful.”

The new hours are Wednesday through Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The museum hours had been

cut back to four-day a week operations in the aftermath of the great recession. Since then, the museum has steadily increased it's days of operation per week to five days and now six days. The museum has been looking forward to restoring those hours in recent years. In addition to the general public, the railroad museum is a popular destination for school field trips.

“This extra day allows more schools to schedule visits and we are excited to have them here,” Thielen said.

The addition of new hours also increases opportunities for volunteers at the railroad museum. Anyone interested can contact Cristol Digangi at cdigangi@nevadaculture.org or (775) 687-6953, ext. 233. 🚂

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(Above) The Glenbrook prepares to take a spin on the turntable before retiring for the evening. (John Gaffney photo) (Below) Passengers mill about on the platform of the former Southern Pacific Wabuska Depot as the Glenbrook looks on. (Rick Bieniek photo)

skies. By nightfall the temperatures dropped, but the conditions were fantastic for night photography. The event started in the afternoon with V&T No. 25 hauling a mixed train around the loop. The consist included three other pieces of V&T rolling stock: boxcar No. 1013, flat car No. 162, and coach No. 10. The train operated around the loop in a counterclockwise fashion, which was a little unusual. However, it was a great opportunity to get some good

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(Above) The friendly engineer of Virginia & Truckee locomotive No. 25 greets onlookers near the Nelson House on the depot track as the mixed train prepares for departure. (Rick Bieniek photo) (Below) Passengers prepare to board the McKeen Motor Car. (John Gaffney Photo)



Keeping Up With the Nevada Day Parade

By Cristol Digangi



(Above and below) Volunteers and Friends of NSRM members with the Nevada Day Parade float. (Photos by Cristol Digangi)

For the first time in several years, the Nevada State Railroad Museum entered the 2019 Nevada Day parade with the museum's hand car and the support of our Friends and volunteers.

Matt Digangi volunteered to drive the truck (lent to us by Michael Digangi) and trailer carrying the hand car during the parade. He was told to speed up by the parade staff, but he was trying not to lose the rest of the volunteers who were walking in the parade. The pace of the parade was a little faster than expected and we were grateful for our youth volunteers Alex Bevans and Rebecca Digangi who had no problem keeping up with the pace. Baron Von Steam, The Baroness and Caleigh all arrived in their Steam Punk gear to support the NSRM. Volunteers Steven Struman, Barry Simcoe, Bill Kohler, and Isaiah Williams all

kept up with the truck with a smile.

My son Owen and I arrived an hour later. Owen was determined that everyone on the parade route needed something. After running out of candy and having a difficult time keeping up with the truck, Owen decided to give everyone a high-five. During this he was noticed by the judges/

announcers and the museum got an additional mention during the parade. After the parade, the hand car was promptly unloaded and prepared for riders at the museum.

We appreciate all the hard work our volunteers put into the 2019 parade and we hope to join the 2020 parade with more volunteers and possibly an additional piece of rolling stock. 🚂



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run-by photographs.

The *Glenbrook* and the McKeen Motor Car also made appearances at the photo shoot. The *Glenbrook* posed for photos at various locations around the museum, including at the diamonds, the depot, and the turntable. Some great night shots were taken at the depot featuring the McKeen Motor Car. Museum volunteers dressed in period clothing enhanced the photos at the depot and the Nelson House, as well, giving the photos a nostalgic flair.

The night photo shoot was a great success. The volunteers enjoyed bringing out the railroad equipment for a special event. The visitors participating in the photo shoot liked having the opportunity to photograph the museum's unique railroad equipment in a special setting. Thanks to Cristol Digangi for



The conductor prepares to give a highball signal to the motorman on the McKeen Motor Car as it gets ready for departure from the Wabuska Depot. (Rick Bieniek photo)

organizing the event, to Steve Barry for coordinating the photo shoot, and to our many devoted

volunteers who participated at the museum during the day. We intend to do it again in the future. 🚂

CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER BARTON ON RETIREMENT!

Long-time Administrator for the Division of Museums and History, Peter Barton, officially retired on January 2, 2020. Peter started his Nevada museum career at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in 2004 as the museum's Director. On December 15, 2006, Peter was appointed to become the Administrator for the Division of Museums and History. He served for 13 years in that role under four different governors.

To celebrate Peter's retirement, a party occurred at the museum on November 8, 2019. Many folks from Nevada's museum community and various state agencies stopped by the party to wish Peter well.

In February, Peter moved to Florida to enjoy retirement. Thanks to Peter for his many years of service to the State of Nevada. Enjoy the retired life in Florida, Peter! 🚂






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