

SAGEBRUSH HEADLIGHT

NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

Fall 2025



Star Spangled Steam Up by Adam Michalski

The Nevada State Railroad Museum did Fourth of July big this summer with our four-day event, the Star-Spangled Steam Up. This year was very special as it was the 150th birthday of the Glenbrook and its sister, the Tahoe. To celebrate, the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Museum of Nevada City, California, brought the Tahoe to the Museum with the help of our very own Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum! The Glenbrook and the Tahoe, double-headed the holiday weekend to the delight of our visitors, who also enjoyed live music and local food trucks. V&T No. 25 operated, as well. (cont. on page 2)

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Thanks to our speakers, the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Museum, and the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum for making the Star-Spangled Steam Up a fun and exciting event!



Message from the Friends of the NSRM President, Bill Barbe

Hello Everyone,

Well, we have accomplished many things since my last report. As many of you know, we hosted a special event for the July 4 weekend.

We had planned to celebrate the 150th birthday of the Inyo, Glenbrook, and several other locomotives. But with the Inyo in the shop, we decided to go in another direction and host the “Star Spangled Steam Up.” For this event, we brought over the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Museums locomotive “Tahoe” along with a flatcar and caboose.



The Tahoe was built by Baldwin in 1875 just like Glenbrook and is just a bit older. Thanks to the hard work of our Road Forman, Kevin Owens, we were able to run both narrow gauge engines and our own #25 all weekend including some double head (two locomotives) night runs. We had special presentations each evening focusing on Locomotive #25 by Historian Stephen Drew, the Glenbrook by our own Restoration Supervisor Chris DeWitt and the Tahoe by Nevada County Director John Christensen and Chief Mechanical Officer Dan Lloyd. Each of their presentations was outstanding and followed by a ride behind those engines.

I wanted to thank the entire museum staff and all our hard-working volunteers for making this event a big success. I also want to thank the crew from the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Museum for loaning us the equipment and operating it all weekend. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

As always, I want to encourage our members to come out and volunteer. You do not have to have any specific skills; we can teach you whatever you need to know. We have opportunities for everyone including Museum Docents, reception and store staff and train crew. If you can spare some time, come out and see what interests you. We could sure use your help.

I feel the mission of the friends is to help the museum accomplish its goals and with all your help we are able to do that. Until next time stay safe and come out to visit your museum.

Bill Barbe

WELCOMING NEW STAFF



Introducing Jammer McNeal Store Manager

Jammer McNeal started working as the Store Manager June 26th. He has a background in management and customer service and has worked at a wide variety of companies. He loves building rapport and getting to know people. When he's not at the museum, Jammer enjoys music, intelligent high-powered laser lights, and cooking different meats.



Introducing David Reay Museum Attendant I

David Reay is originally from Vallejo, CA. He received his bachelor's degree in history from California State University Monterey Bay in 2010. Upon receiving his degree, he began volunteer work at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, primarily working in the archive collection. He also designed multiple exhibits on local businesses, including his former place of employment, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. After 11 years of volunteer work, he left the Vallejo Museum and moved to Reno, NV. For the last 12 years he worked daily with the public, both in the ride department at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom and Scheels, as well as the retail industry at Target in Napa, CA and Sparks, NV.

STAFF & VOLUNTEER PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS



Rick Stiver, Restoration Specialist

How long have you worked at the museum?

- Since August 1989

What do you do at the museum?

- Jack of All Trades

What is your favorite thing about working here?

- Completing a project

One fun fact about you:

- I take pride in this place



Gary , Volunteer

How long have you volunteered at the museum?

- Since March 2023.

What's your favorite thing about volunteering at the museum?

- Having the opportunity to work in the shop and meeting the visitors that come into the Annex.

One fun fact about you.:

- I used to be an off-ice official for the National Hockey League for 34 years.

VISIT THE MUSEUM

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

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

Museum Admission:

Adults 18 & Over - \$10.00
Children (Under 18) - FREE
Museum Members - FREE

STEAM TRAIN & MOTORCAR RIDES

Rides run select weekends April
through December.

The complete operating
schedule is available at:
carsonrailroadmuseum.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest Train

Celebrate all things fall at the Nevada State Railroad Museum! Join us for train rides as we steam up the V&T No. 25 and the Glenbrook, meander towards the pumpkin patch and purchase the perfect pumpkin, build a spooky train using recycled materials, enjoy music from the Rough Edges on Saturday, get your face painted on Sunday, and sample the offerings from the food trucks! Your ticket includes unlimited train rides and museum admission as well as access to all of the aforementioned amenities. Please note that single ride tickets for the trains will not be available for this event. Also, the admissions desk will only sell the all-inclusive event tickets, and not regular admission to the museum on the event days. During special events there are no museum member discounts.

Behind the Rails



Our Behind the Rails lecture series took off in July with Wendell Huffman's "Wood for the Comstock; from Lake Tahoe to Virginia City" presentation followed by Chris DeWitt's update on the Inyo restoration progress in August. Please join us every second Thursday of the month and hear interesting and educational presentations by railroading experts! The presentations are from 6:30pm-7:30pm and admission is \$10 for adults aged 18 and up and free for children 17 and under and members.

Whistle Stop Stories

Our story time series, Whistle Stop Stories, is moving from Thursdays at 9:30 am to Mondays at 9:30 am. Enjoy two stories in one of our train cars with your little followed by a themed craft!

Family STEAM Sunday

Join us every Sunday from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm for train-related (and inspired) science and art projects. All ages are welcome and it is included in your admission.

Nevada Museum Association/Western Museum Association Annual Conference

The joint Nevada Museum Association/Western Museum Association Annual Conference will be held from October 1st-4th in Reno. Additional information can be found here: <https://westmuse.org/annual-meeting-registration-information>

Virginia & Truckee Railroad History Conference

The Virginia & Truckee Railroad History Conference will be held from October 9th-12th at the Gold Dust West Hotel & Casino in Carson City. Additional information can be found here: <https://www.vtrrhs.org/conference.html>



VOLUNTEER NEEDS

The Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City is currently seeking new volunteers for the museum's Annex building. This is a great opportunity to support the museum's operation and mission while gaining valuable experience. Annex volunteers are responsible for opening and closing procedures (depending on the shift covered), providing the public with information about equipment, and performing walk arounds to ensure guest and artifact safety. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to apply by calling 775-687-6953 ext. 233_or emailing Museum Attendant II, Ryan Korson, at rkorson@nevadaculture.org.



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