



# THE DISPATCHER'S SHEET

GOLDEN GATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

## March 2020

### 2472 Moves to Schellville



MICHAEL PRICE MACIO



## From the Head End

By Dave Varley

I'm both happy and relieved to finally report that we've completed the movement of our three locomotives formerly located in Brightside Yard. Gerry Feeney and the PLA switch crew had us spotted on Hearst interchange by about noon, we took time to make final preparations and we

waited for the Union Pacific crew to come up from Warm Springs. They appeared right around 5 pm and after a bit of switching we were ready to go. While it was a long cold night on the train as we made our way from Hearst to the Suisun interchange, we arrived at about 6:30 Sunday morning, tired but relieved that everything had gone well.

California Northern showed up on Tuesday morning to help finish the job, getting us to the NWP interchange at Lombard by about 11 am, and early Tuesday afternoon NWP came down to take us the last miles to Schellville. By late afternoon, everything was spotted in Schellville yard safely and we started for home.

I've seen a number of nice photographs from this trip- and this issue of the Dispatcher's Sheet is devoted to sharing some of those photos. While this equipment movement was essential to our success in the North Bay, it is also one of those rare moments in railway preservation that we, as an organization can take pride in.

There is a long list of people who helped us complete this movement. On behalf of the organization, I'd like to thank Union Pacific, California Northern and Northwestern Pacific and our PLA switch crew for making sure that we got to Schellville safely. The photographs tell a great story, and I think that it's best to let them speak for themselves right now rather than adding too many additional words. Know that our organization has been truly fortunate to have been part of something that is essential to our continued success, but more importantly benefits railway preservation and our mission. In the coming months, we will have more to say, but right now, I don't have the right words to capture the true significance of this important event.



Getting ready at Hearst. 2 photos M. Price



Track Mileage Calc

By Station: By Schedule

Add a station to router

Stations: RV36LSUZUN FAIRFIELD

Accumulated mileage:

Circ?	Station Name	Mileage
RV316	HEARST	0.0
RV362	STOCKTON	54.62
3Q435	FUCKIN	91.82
RV240	SACRAMENTO SP	103.20
RV381	SUZUN FAIRFIELD	144.18



The map we received from UP Network Operations.



Michael Price photo Getting ready at Hearst



Waiting in Suisun after delivery by UP R. Vane photo

## Counting Fares:

By Ron Vane

Now that we have finally arrived in Sonoma County it time to get serious about recruiting new members. It is one my favorite things to do. I work in may various roles beyond Treasurer and newsletter publisher. When I am working as docent or ticket taker meeting and greeting our visitors it is mission to try to get them to join us. I give out a Stack Talk booklet called **“Steam in Sonoma”** that tells who we are, what we have, and what we what hope to do in our new home. I point out the membership application in the rear

Especially welcomed are new or old members living in the North Bay. It is not necessary to have mechanical skills to help. A willingness to work and complete a task is valued by your fellow volunteers. I started by spraying weeds at Hunters Point, helping with the newsletter, and I volunteered as membership secretary, and by attending board meetings was selected to join the BOD. So if you show up and help there is no telling what you can do for us. All skills are needed.





UP Crew in Suisun.

J. Prettyleaf

## Ray Brown

2/24/1943 - 01/23/2020

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Ray Brown's passing. Ray was an instrumental figure within the GGRM for many decades along with his wife, Dee.



Ray's expertise in marketing and public relations was utilized with the Garlic Trains and other public excursions..He was a director of the museum during the difficult time we changed management and were forced shrink our collection to move.

Even as the GGRM ramps up to start functioning again in Sonoma County, Ray's work and guidance is ever-present within the organization.

## The 2472 Comes to Sonoma 3-3-2020



CalN coming into Napa Jct.



Prettyleaf photo  
Brazos Bridge



Delivery Schellville  
:Prettyleaf photo

# The Work Goes on in Schellville

Staff photos by Ron Vane



Peter Schulze stands in the door of Combine UP 5901 showing the new windows.

These guys do windows:

Mike Nichols, Jim Prettyleaf, Jay King, Garrett Brisbee. Garrett pressure washed the Lounge and UPRPO.



The weather tarps were reinstalled by the crew on Saturday.



Tuesday March 3, our museum had our locomotives delivered. J. Prettyleaf photo



On Saturday the NWP had reorganized the lineup as shown below.



# Monthly Calendar

**MEMBER MEETINGS:** Millbrae on Third Tuesdays

We are looking for a new site and time for member meetings in Sonoma county.

## **GGRM BOARD MEETINGS:**

GGRM Board meetings are on 3rd Saturdays **of each month at 6:00pm**. The next meeting is on March 21 at 6 pm at the Napa Meritage Resort just north of the intersection of state routes 12 and 221 in south Napa at 875 Bordeaux way off Socol Ferry Road. Go to **Trinitas** board room in the **Carneros building** on the west side. Sign up for details and changes at "ggrmboardmeetings" a Google Group.

**GRRM Work days:** Schellville: **first and third Saturday of every month** Next March 14, Extra March 28 Call.

**Wear railroad safety clothing**

**You must sign liability release.**

**Attend safety briefings at 9:00 am Victory Station yard**

**Contact Jim Prettyleaf 408-667-0124 [Jim.prettyleaf@GGRM.org](mailto:Jim.prettyleaf@GGRM.org)**  
**Or Peter Schulze at 925 200-2907. [Peter@trackservicesinc.com](mailto:Peter@trackservicesinc.com)**

## **March Joint Members Meeting with NorCal RR Club**

**Tuesday March 17, 2020**

**Peter's Café serves dinner only until 5:30 pm**

Peter's Café in Millbrae at El Camino and Millbrae Ave is next to the Caltrain and Bart station. Dinner at 5:00 pm , Discussion 6:00pm  
Program at 6:30 pm:

Program: "**Sacramento Northern Electrics**" documents the last days of electric railroading in Yuba city and Marysville. Seen are freight motor 654 switching freight in March 1965. SN combine 1005 is seen crossing the Feather River bridge on a fan trip on April 15, 1962 Recorded To Irion.

## Help Support Historical Preservation!

Share your support of GGRM with a friend or loved one with a membership or donate to the general fund or one of our special funds. The GGRM has moved to Sonoma County in order to operate regularly from a new home. Funds are urgently needed to make this happen and to keep it happening in the long term. Also consider making a bequest to the GGRM in your will. Bequests will help pass along our love of steam train operations to future generations. Help make steam trains rides a part of the trip to wine country for families and tourists in the Bay Area. Your support enables the Museum to complete special projects and enhance operations. The GGRM is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, IRS #94-2844499.

## MEMBERSHIPS

**Friend \$25 (newsletter only), Regular \$40,**

**Family \$65, Sustaining \$75, Patron \$150+      \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please accept my tax-deductible gift to the GGRM: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

MOVING FUND \$

## FACILITIES FUND \$

Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature\_\_\_\_\_

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