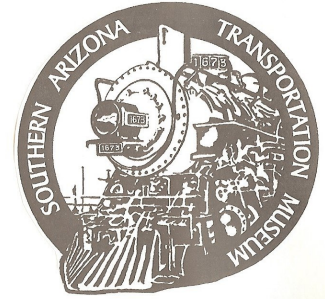




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Quarterly News for

Old Pueblo Trolley

Street Railway, Motor Bus and Museum Divisions

NEWSLETTER DELAY

We apologize that you haven't received a newsletter recently. After the death of former editor Ron Dawson, we thought we had a new editor lined up but due to time constraints he was unable to follow through in a timely manner. Thus, after much delay, a few volunteers have finally made time to undertake the task. If you would consider editing our newsletter, please contact Gene at 360-0268.

Normally we like to include as many photos as possible, but with trying to catch up on all the news, have decided to eliminate them from this issue. Photos should return with the next issue.

NEW BUILDING AND MOVING WERE OFF BROADWAY SITE

We finally moved everything off the City property at Broadway and Park by the end of May. Many, many thanks to all who helped in the record heat Tucson experienced that month. Moving rail and ties involved **Steve Hazen, Chuck Krause, Gene Caywood, Ib Peterson**, our spring semester intern **Gabe Gelb**, and **Gene Mills** who once again brought down his heavy duty 5th wheel trailer to move the rail and ties. And thanks to many of the above plus **Mark Hart** and **Bob Moulton** for helping tow buses, and to **Joe Mooney** from **Frontier Towing** for moving Sun Tran 9707 (the 2001 New Flyer) from the Broadway yard to our new facility. Also thanks to **Charlie Farnsworth** of **Hook Crane** for a smooth job moving the two refrigerator cars. Prior to the move our students set up rail in the new yard for them to sit on. Earlier many of our streetcars and streetcar bodies were moved. More details are provided in the Street Railway Division report.

Inside the building, **Jim Hardy**, our wood shop volunteer, has been faithfully contributing time at least twice a week, and has completed a number of improvement projects. Among them was adapting racks to store our bus route sign collection, making shelving for Mark's models, assembling a great display cabinet for models of Tucson's streetcars, working with summer interns to build shelves in the two refrigerator cars, and mounting other display cabinets.

Once you own a building the challenges never end. We have had continuing difficulties trying to keep pigeons out of the building. And the second floor office A/C compressor quit. Thanks to donation of a unit by **Tom Gorman**, installation on the roof by **Dennis Gibbs** and others, and **Chuck Krause** arranging for a very generous donation of brazing the piping and charging the unit by an HVAC firm that requested no recognition, we once again have cool offices.

TRAINING

In the spring we had a senior student intern from City High School, **Gabe Gelb**. He was a quick learner and a pleasure to work with. We were able to keep him for our summer student program funded by **RPM Foundation**. At the end of summer, based on the good work he did he got a part-time job that quickly became a full time job. RPM also funded a second summer student, **Abel Valdez**, entering his senior year at Sunnyside High School. His auto body training at Sunnyside was put to use completing body work on our 1960 GM, #135. The summer student training also involved two students supplied by Tucson Youth Development. Due to a small grant from the **Hazen Family Foundation** we have been able to bring Abel back for the fall semester two afternoons a week after school. In addition, on his recommendation, his school mate, **Angel Robles**, has joined the fall training. Abel and Angel did a great job of priming #135 and are now wet sanding the primer in preparation for painting the bus in its original cream and green scheme.

This fall we have been sharing our facility with a construction skill training program sponsored by the Tucson Urban League with a grant from the National Home Builders Institute. Fourteen post high school youth are receiving instruction from **Tom Jacobs**, an architect and contractor with construction trade teaching experience. The program will continue through December, and we will host it once again in the spring semester. In exchange for the use of our facility, Tom has made the construction students available occasionally to help us with various projects. Among other things they moved pallets of track and overhead parts to one of the refrigerator cars and stored them on shelves. Most recently, the students have installed foundation rebar for a platform we are building to display a wood boxcar. More on the boxcar display in the next newsletter.

Thanks to **Eric Sitiko** and **Kurt Astroth**, the remainder of the pallets that had temporarily been stored in the southwest part of the building, were moved to the other refrigerator car in late October. The streetcar parts on them were stored neatly on the shelves built by our students during the summer.

STREET RAILWAY DIVISION TROLLEYS MOVED TO NEW FACILITY

After moving activity this spring there are now five complete streetcars or streetcar bodies in the new building, including Japanese car 869 which served us so well on 4th Ave. and University Blvd. for over 17 years. Due to its very poor condition, the most difficult to move was our only Arizona streetcar, Phoenix car 44. Thanks to **Jim Hardy**, with help from **Steve Hazen**, **Skip Moen**, **Loretta Lamprecht**, **Gene Caywood**, **Gabe Gelb**, **Chuck Krause** and **Ib Peterson** for substantial work in bracing it so it could even survive the trip to 36th St. Also a big thanks to **Henry Zappia** for arranging with **Kelly** at **Sun Mechanical** to provide a large fork lift to load the trolley bodies and a low-boy tractor/trailer to transport them. In addition, the PCC car and car 869 were transported with the help of **Joe Mooney** of **Frontier Towing**.

Work continues on the Lisbon car (painted as Prescott & Mount Union Railway car 1) with the reversible seats recently installed by the faithful trolley work crew of **Nathan Hughes**, **Ib Peterson**, **Skip Moen**, **Chuck Krause** and **Dan Yokota**. Mounting the backs and seat cushions was a time consuming custom fitting job to enable both pieces to move freely. Work on the power conversion unit is also moving forward. With lots of time and frustration, **Ib Peterson** has been able to make the low-voltage wiring system on the car function consistently and properly.

MUSEUM DIVISION

DOINGS DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Tucson's Birthday:

On August 19th 2017, the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum celebrated Tucson's 242nd Birthday in the Historic Depot with a crowd of over 125 happy folks. Featured at the event with author **William Kalt, III** serving as master of ceremonies were:

- ◆ Tucson's Proclamation delivered by **Mayor Rothschild**.
- ◆ Music by the Mariachi Innovacion and by **Francisco Martinez** and the Southern Comfort Band
- ◆ A short documentary on Early Tucson presented by **Arturo Valenzuela**, President and Founder of Arts Ambassador, and President of Cuadro Arte Latino International & International Cultural Exchange.
- ◆ Happy Birthday lead by the Mayor followed by the cake cutting with help from **Julie Newman, Dona Lolly Almquist, Mary Karrels, Sheryl Sitser** and **Judy Dare**.

Holiday Express:

On Saturday, Dec 16th the 13th annual Holiday Express event will be held in front of historic Locomotive 1673 from Noon till 4:00 p.m. Joining in the holiday festivities and assisting Santa will be the Mariachis and the Tucson Postal History Museum with their Post Office for children to write their wishes for Christmas! The N gauge Club will be running their trains inside the Depot lobby to the excitement of many boys and girls. SATM volunteers will host crafts and activities for children waiting to visit Santa. Last year, Santa was visited by over 1000 children; some as young as 2-weeks old!

Spring: Our annual Sunday afternoon (3 p.m.) Lecture Series will begin in February of 2018. Dates are: February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and March 18th.

LIBRARY/ARCHIVES

New volunteer, **Rick Jones**, has tackled the monumental job of sorting, indexing and organizing our library and archives. The rooms housing our collection already look much better. Thanks Rick for taking this on. Along with the indexing and organizing, Rick has been working with **Nathan Hughes** archiving his collection of over 1200 transit tokens from all over North America. **Jim Hardy** is building a large display case, and Rick and Nathan are preparing a display that will showcase over 500 of the tokens.

OPT VOLUNTEER GRAPHIC ARTIST STEVE FARLEY RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR

Our volunteer graphic artist and former member of our Board of Directors, State Senator **Steve Farley**, is running for governor in the 2018 election. Most recently Steve did the graphic layout of the big signs that grace the front of our new facility, and he read a nostalgic trolley story at our October 1, 2016 facility dedication. We wish him the best.

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TO:

MOTOR BUS DIVISION

Other than moving and rearranging buses as part of the move, some work has continued on a few of the buses. Work done includes:

- ◆ For Old Pueblo Transit Co. #135, the 1960 GM, **Jim Hardy** has cut and installed two new Masonite wall panels to replace damaged ones that were removed to provide access for straightening the body panels before priming the bus.
- ◆ On Tucson Rapid Transit Co. #50, the 1946 Ford Transit Bus, Jim glued down new plywood on the floor, that had been cut sometime back.
- ◆ We were alerted to the existence of Tucson Rapid Transit #22, a 1941 Yellow Coach (later used in Bisbee), by our friend **Jim Davenport**. He spotted it on the Cowan Ranch in Cochise County. Thanks to the generous donation of the bus by **Caren and Connie Cowan**, we were recently able to clean it out and move the bus to Tucson.

Old Pueblo Trolley is a not-for-profit operating transportation museum consisting of three Divisions:

- **Tom Gorman, Vice President, Street Railway Div.**
- **Bill Nelson, Vice President, Motor Bus Div.**
- **Ken Karrels, Vice President, Museum Div.**

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