

Snowshed

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- The Brewster West Foundation continues generous support.
- Annual Meeting to be held in the regional Park
- 1000 foot track extension on the Truckee River RR has begun with the installation of the first of two switches
- 4th of July Parade float to feature Truckee River RR

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Annual meeting to be held Saturday September 10 in the Regional Park

Presidents Letter **Jim Hood**

Your Truckee Donner Railroad Society is having a very good 2016 year. We serve our community through the Museum, the Truckee River Railroad, Trestle Tours, Operation Lifesaver and other community oriented activities all of which continue to have excellent attendance and interest. We continue to work on a long term project to build a permanent museum. This project is in the early planning stage but we are starting to formulate the contents and structure for this Truckee History-Railroad Museum. We will discuss the project in more detail at the TDRS Annual Meeting in September.

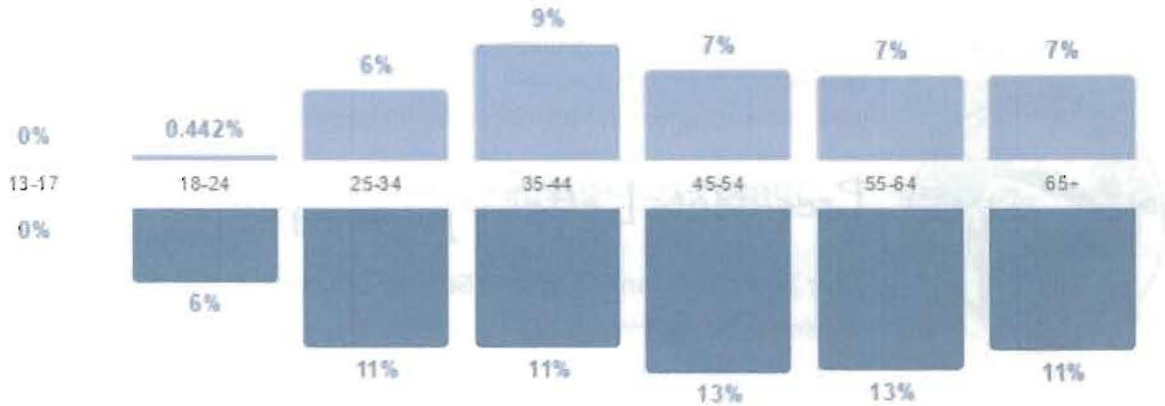
The Brewster West Foundation has continued to be highly supportive of the TDRS Museum by providing a significant contribution to our organization this year. They have been extremely generous to us for several years but will be closing their foundation in early 2017. We want to thank Barbara and Eric Johnson for their long term support through the Brewster West Foundation and express our sincere appreciation for all that they have done of us.

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Truckee Donner Railroad Society (TDRS) will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the "Rodeo BBQ" area of the Truckee Regional Park. This picnic area is near the location of our "riding" Railroad (the Truckee River Railroad). Our riding Railroad will be operating for the public from 11:00am to 2:00pm that day and will then be available for "private tours" by people who will be attending the Annual Meeting starting at 2:00pm. The business and social portion of the meeting will start at 3:00pm and dinner will be served starting at 4:00pm. Election of the members of the Board of Directors of TDRS for the next 2 years will occur during the business meeting. All members and their friends and family are welcome and are encouraged to attend. If you

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Truckee River Railroad Facebook Fans

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The people who like your Page: Women 35%, Men 64%

Truckee River Railroad

Things are moving fast for the Truckee River Railroad. Bob Bell is shepherding new equipment and a new "Snow Shed" for the kids riding train in the Truckee Regional River Park. A steam engine brings the old-time flavor of railroading to Truckee. Tom Smith, of the Truckee Donner Railroad Society, is using his steam locomotive to pull some of the passenger cars. In addition, Paul Zarubin, of the Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe and our members are building a "snow" shed over the tracks to store the passenger cars and provide an exciting RR feature. Come join in the fun for kids and adults alike. The trains run from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the following Saturdays; July 16 and 23, August 6 and 20, September 3, 10, and 24. The rides are free, but a donation to help cover our costs is appreciated. And, of course, we are happy to have volunteers. More information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/TruckeeDonnerRailroadSociety/>



The crew ... hard at work?

Society Historian Nelson Van Gundy gave a special Trestle Tour to the Model A Club of Reno/Carson City.

Two of Nelson's loves are giving tours of the Little Truckee River Valley and his first car – Model A - 59 years ago. He combined both loves on June 8th by leading these Model A's up Highway 89 to Hobart Mills, then onto the remains of trestles and road beds of the Hobart Mills, Verdi Lumber, and Boca and Loyalton railroads. If you'd like to join a trestle tour our last tour of the season will be on Saturday Oct 1. The tour begins at the Truckee Railroad Museum in downtown Truckee at 9:30AM and lasts all day. See our web page for further info.



The Tahoe Maritime Museum to host a talk on Lake Tahoe's Train History

Jerry Blackwill will tell the story of the Lake Tahoe Railway and Transportation Company and how Duane L. Bliss and his family built and ran this tourist system, laying the foundation for Lake Tahoe's present day tourist industry. He'll describe where the steamer Tahoe was constructed and how it was transported to Lake Tahoe as well describing Bliss's other steamers.

The event is August 1, 2016 at 4:30 pm, 401 West Lake Blvd, Tahoe City, CA

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wish to attend please email Jim Hood at jim.hood7914@att.net so we can get a head count for food. Also, we will send out invitation by email to all members who have provided us with their email address as we get closer to the event.

TDRS participated again this year in the Truckee 4th of July Parade. This year we deviated from our traditional 150 Year Railroad History theme and featured the Truckee River Railroad. Our entry consisted of one of our engines, a riding car filled with children and the conductors "caboose" on a float along with evergreen trees supplied by Villager Nursery. I want to thank Steve Disbrow for organizing everything for our entry and thank our fearless driver, Carey Hood, for navigating the parade route again this year.

