

June, 2015

## Quarterly News for **Old Pueblo Trolley**

Street Railway, Motor Bus & Museum Divisions



# What's Happening with the **Streetcar Division**



This photo, taken at the 8th St. carbarn, shows Chuck Krause watching Skip Moen make adjustments on the braking system of Car 524, the single truck ex-Lisbon car which will represent historically Prescott & Mt. Union No. 1. Skip and Chuck are finishing brake mechanical work while Ib Pedersen is finishing re-wiring the electrical components of the car. Dan Yakota is working with Ib on the wiring tasks as well as with your editor on trim work. Bob Moulton has helped with roof wiring mounts and will be finishing the flooring on the vestibules. Ed Peel, who works on Saturdays is concentrating on metal trim work. The car has more braking capability through air brakes, dynamic braking, magnetic brake brakes and a hand brake. Some mechanical work has been outsourced which accounts for some delay, but the crew is readying the car for testing and approval once it is out on the line.

When the crew is satisfied with the mechanical and electrical aspects of the car, work will continue on the interior; seats, windows, etc. It is anticipated that the restored car will be operated on weekends over Sun Link's modern streetcar line

The Streetcar Division of OPT has bought and mounted a pantograph which is compatible with

the modern system. A design and construction of a DC converter is under way which reduces the line voltage of the modern line to that compatible with the Lisbon car's motor and control system and also controls voltage spikes. Since the restored car will only have 24 seats available and a 55 minute tour of the system is anticipated, a reservation process will likely be necessary and several systems are currently under review.



Old Pueblo Trolley operated a vintage streetcar line from 1993 to 2011 and looks forward to vintage cars being on the streets again.

At left is car No. 508 in the Streetcar Museum in Lisbon. 508 is from the same series as our 524 and the look (except for the paint) will be quite similar. We will run with a pantograph rather than the traditional pole.

### The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

A Division of Old Pueblo Trolley Museum website is www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

DOINGS DOWN AT THE DEPOT

free family fun EVERY -2nd Saturday Watch a childrens movie outdoors at dusk Magician and creative crafts and ride the Fun Choo Choo June 13th Looney Tunes

The Museum now sells the current  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{TRAINS}}$  Magazine at less than the news-stand price!

#### Aug 22nd TUCSON'S BIRTHDAY

Join in with Mayor Rothschild as he delivers the City's Proclamation and cuts the large Birthday Cake. Author David Devine will be release his new book on that day titled "TUCSON" Proceeds of the bookselling will go to the Museum.

**Rose Gomez** 

**Appointed- MUSEUM COORDINATOR.** 

"Rose brings a tremendous amount of organizational and people skills to the Museum We are now on Facebook and honor Groupon passes". She has a Masters degree in Library Science from the U. of A. She started out as a volunteer in June of 2014

and was appointed as the permanent coordinator in December". Please stop in and say hello. Photo at right shows Rose setting up the SATM booth for the Book Festival in March.

You can still buy Jim Click Mustang raffle tickets

Thanks,

Ken Karrels



Museum Chairman

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#### CONTINUING WORK ON 1928 TWIN COACH

Despite the need to raise additional money to complete the project, work has continued on the Bisbee



Twin Coach. Recent work includes final painting of the ivory center ceiling section (left) and destination sign box (above) by **Gene Caywood**, **Nicho-las Barraza**, and **Eric Daily**, and final preparation for painting the bumpers, fenders, transmission covers and left engine cover. Also work on the final four seats is being done by **Joe Moreno**.

Mark Hart working on a drawing

of the 1928 Twin Coach in prepa-

#### SMALL BUS FACTORY NOW AT BUS DIVISION

If you have been to our restoration shop, you have seen the great bus models made by **Mark Hart** on display. He has now moved his model making operation to the shop. Mark has been custom mak-

ing bus models for over 50 years, and has sold them to bus fans around the country who want quality, detailed models painted to represent a particular bus company. He is currently working on a model of the '28 Twin Coach for us.

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#### **5 SUMMER STUDENT INTERNS WORKING**

Under the Tucson Youth Development, Inc. program described in the last newsletter, we have five interns working the month of June. The major goals for the month are to prepare and paint the interior walls of the '28 Twin Coach, do remaining body work and paint the roof and around the windows on the '46 Ford Transit Bus used in Tucson. In addition, they will be working with Street Railway Division volunteers to clean the roof canvas on the Lisbon tram and add another coat of paint, then finish body work and paint the body of the car.

#### 1938 OLDS/GM ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION FOR SALE

This engine was donated to the Bus Division to be sold to provide income for the bus program. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, call Roger Hobbie (404-8463) for details.

#### **CAYWOOD HONORED**

OPT President and Chairman of the Board, **Gene Caywood**, recently received two awards of note. On April 14 the Arizona Transit Association and Arizona Department of Transportation, at their annual awards luncheon in Phoenix, presented him with their 2015 Excellence Award for Outstanding Transit Innovation. And on May 2 the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation, at their annual awards event held in conjunction with the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission, gave him their Punch Bowl award for historic preservation efforts at Old Pueblo Trolley and in connection with the ongoing Broadway Corridor Study.



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Old Pueblo Trolley is a not-for-profit operating transportation museum consisting of three divisions;

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You can help with important historical work of all divisions of OPT by donating your car. This is especially important now as we are working on prop-

erty acquisition in order to be able to continue our restoration efforts.

Call Bob Schlanger at 520-419-7410

 Become a member of Old Pueblo Trolley

 Mail form and payment to PO Box 1373, Tucson, AZ 85702

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 New Member\_\_\_\_Renewal \_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_

 Please check the appropriate membership donation category:

 Student/Senior \$15\_\_\_Regular \$25\_\_\_\_\_

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 Division interest: Streetcar\_\_\_Bus\_\_Museum\_\_All\_\_\_\_