



Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum

# The Headlamp

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## Conductor's Ticket – John Christensen

First off, I want to thank Madelyn Helling for her past twelve years as Director of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad & Transportation Museum. During that period of her guidance, the Museum has seen many changes and improvements, including the inception of rail bus tours to the Northern Queen Inn and back.

After twelve years as the Executive Director, Madelyn felt it was time to retire but we didn't let her off the hook that easy and elected her as "Director Emeritus". Madelyn will continue with some of the tasks that she performed so well to include her local networking in the community to enhance the awareness of our historical transportation museum.

In the meantime, I was nominated and elected to be the Museum Executive Director until such time that the Museum has its every two year election cycle which will be at the end of 2018. As many know, I was the director of the NCNGRR&TM from 1986 through 2005 and am happy to fill in this position for the sake of a smooth transition and continuity of leadership. In the meantime, I am continuing my Restoration & Rail Operations Manager job as we play through these changes. I appreciate the membership's support and their hard work to make our Museum a must see place when visiting Nevada County.



## New Loan - 1889 Porter 0-4-0 Steam Engine; Steamup – John Christensen



We are very fortunate to have the former 1889 Sacramento & Brick Porter locomotive, now Antelope & Western engine #1, on loan to the museum again; It was loaned to the Museum by the Casey Wilmunder family. This is the oldest generic operating steam locomotive in



California and it was initially restored and operated at the museum during the 2004-05 period. The engine also steamed up for the Sierra Narrow Gauge Conference for three days this June to the thrill of all attendees there. A big thank you for the steam up crew of Chad Godeke, Casey and Les Wilmunder for fun; but hot work operating the Porter!