Photos from the Early Days (1970 - 1975)

Tilden Planners, Fall 1970



From left to right, that's Art Steward with the map, fourth person is the club President Frank Larimer, John Curtis, Erich Thomsen, Bob Byers. Down in front are Dick Thomas, Jim Vail and Louie Lawrence.

Tilden, September 1972



Blar Phillips directing the early layout of track panels.



'Pappy' Johnson welding at the turntable. Henry Pass and John Sweet setting up the Elevated.



Henry Steimle supervising, Henry Pass and John Sweet doing all the work!

Spiking on a hot day in Tilden, August 4, 1974



John Haines in the shade but making progress. Lofty Loftquist, junior member, keeping company.

Tilden, November 1975



Ken and Evelyn Brenneman, with Tiger Dog. A first trial of Ken's 3/4" Scale 'George Washington'. One year to build! Photo by John Haines.



President Lou Bradas is sure glad this day arrived.



IBLS Secretary Harry Dixon prepares to do the Honors with Locomotives Fred and Tahoe looking on.



Joe and Wayne Yetter in charge of the guest train.



Lou and Dave Bradas with "Fred". The first engine to test the 7 ½" gauge rails at the Tilden Site. Al Shelley and John Sweet on the right.

Tilden, Fall Meet, 1974



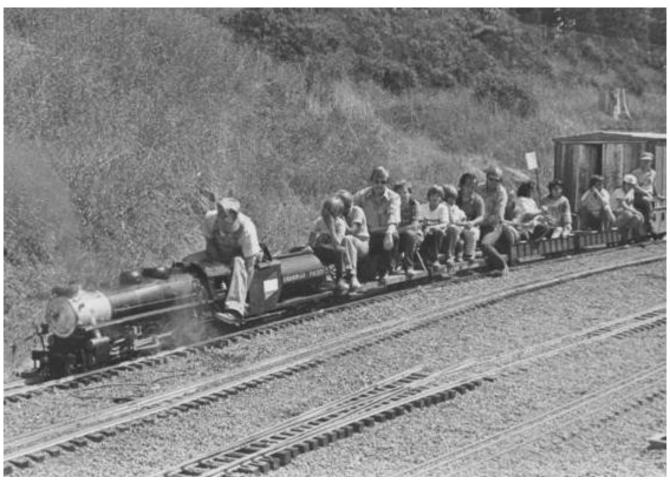
Jim McDaniel and Dave Bradas driving the 1" scale SP 1208 built by Walter Brown.

Tilden, Fall Meet, 1974



On the ground! That's 180 lbs of copper boiler and steel plate frames. The result of a low outside joint and no springs over the main axles.

Tilden, Fall Meet, 1974



Ken Spicer of Sacramento Valley with the Guest Train.



Henry Steimle, George Gilman and Curt Janssen.

Tilden, Spring Meet 1975



Louie Romani and Barney Emerson keeping the passenger train moving. Too bad about your luggage!

Tilden, Spring Meet 1975



Andy Clerici and a firing challenge. Must be the altitude!