

# YVT NEWS



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Yakima Valley Trolley Newsletter



Joan Walsh

## HALLOWEEN TROLLEY FUND-RAISER A SUCCESS

Our new member Joan Walsh of Kameo Flowers gave the YVT board a proposal for a Halloween-themed fund raiser to hold in place of our usual Halloween Trolley rides. Joan guaranteed we would get at least \$1100 for the two-day event. After all proceeds were counted and Joan got her share, the trolleys netted about \$1600. This compares very favorably to past years.

In the past, we simply offered trolley rides and a free pumpkin and snacks at the gift shop. This year Joan radically decorated the powerhouse and charged admission which included a trolley ride, and had extra cost items that people could purchase, such as a photo with Bigfoot, or fishing for treats behind a curtain. Another popular item was face painting. Wray's Thriftway donated pumpkins which were painted and sold. *(continued on page 2)* 





Gary Wirt

(cont'd from page 1) Gary Wirt brought his barbecue grill and cooked bratwursts and wieners to go along with a lunch that was sold in the gift shop. Gary donated the bratwursts and wieners and Bob Patton donated the soft drinks. The Panaderia el Solecito (Mexican bakery) across 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from the carbarn donated Mexican cookies for the event.



Panaderia el Solecito

Motormen for the two days included Larry Perrigo, Bob Patton, Paul Edmondson and Ken Johnsen. Ken also manned the photo-with-Bigfoot booth much of the time. The weather dampened things, especially the second day, but we did take in more than previous years. Joan and her children did a remarkable job of decorating the powerhouse and we owe her a big Thank You! for setting up this event. (See page 3 for more Halloween photos.)



Paul Edmundson



Ken Johnsen



**Bob Patton** 



**Dan Tamsky** 



### Santa Trolley is Coming!

Mark your calendars! Santa Claus will be in Yakima December 10 and 11 and also 17 and 18 to ride the trolleys with all the kids! Trolleys will run from 10:00 am each day to 3:00 pm. We need volunteer motormen and refreshment servers and museum docents and helper elves for each of the 4 days. Please let Dan Tamsky know when you can volunteer. His email address is danieltamsky@charter.net.



**Gary Wirt and Bigfoot** 



**Spooky Motorman** 



Ghosts didn't stand a chance!



Face painters



**Happy Halloweeners** 

# **Rock Slide Temporarily Closes Selah Line**

by YVT Board President Ken Johnsen



Selah rock slide: photo courtesy of Marco Moerland

A fairly large rock slide covered our tracks in Selah Gap, preventing trips all the way to Selah.

The cliff above the slide is unstable, prompting City officials to declare the area

off-limits. We are working with the City to find a way to stabilize the cliff and clear the slide.

#### **Contact Us**

Give us a call for more information about Yakima's historic trolley system.

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