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LONG SPANS AND FAST CARS: THE STORY OF CECIL MATTHEWS

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FRONT COVER PHOTO: Cecil Matthews was best known for his skills as a skyline logging hooktender, but he possessed many others, including falling timber. Here he puts an undercut in a large fir in the high country above Covelo..

Cecil Matthews collection.

ROOTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Roots Board of Directors meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. The remaining meeting scheduled for 2013 are:

April 11
May 9
June 13
July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 7

All members and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Contact Jerry Moore at 707-664-8100 for meeting locations.

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2013 ROOTS SPONSORED EVENTS IN WILLITS

April 6 - 7 Steam Engineering & Operating Safety Class
May 18 Speeder Day / Little League Opening Day
June 1 - 2 Railroad Operation and Safety Class
July 4 Willits Frontier Days Steam -up
August 18: Annual Meeting, Election of Officers
September 7 – 8: Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival
December 7: Holiday Express

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BACK COVER PHOTO: *The heavily logged Juan Creek drainage in 1978, where Matthews and Waibel worked in the winters of 1974 and 1975. Road construction up the bottom of the creek was difficult, so the canyon was logged with a long-span system from the mid-slope road. (William Smith collection.)*

