

Restoration Department Report

By David Dewey

Progress this last month has been steady, but most of the work is hidden! The VIA 6776's new liner has been installed (by Darrell Hall & David Dewey) and it doesn't leak! The engine runs, but still needs valve adjustment and the air compressor still has woes. Look for this unit to be mechanically functional this spring.

The 2001 has been sanded, and sanded, and sanded, and sanded.... also filler material has been applied to repair the areas where the factory filler had failed or had been removed during the paint stripping process. All but a few of the carbody doors and openings have been sanded and painted on their edges. While these areas are not visible when the doors are closed, this is an area where rust likes to seep out and louse up an otherwise fine-looking paint job. This extra bit of painting should keep the rust demons away for a longer time. If the weather holds, the long hood end should be completely painted by mid November. All the louvers and incidental parts and running gear will probably be painted in the early spring; so look for this "Hanger Queen" to finally leave the shop then!

WP Boxcar 3472 has been set aside for current long-term and short-term restoration parts storage. We still have to clean out accumulated junk and re-sort parts that are currently stored in this car. After the installation of shelving, and repair of the doors, the first parts to be stored will be all the loose items in the Ingersoll-Rand--any helping hands will be most appreciated in preparing this car for its new use.

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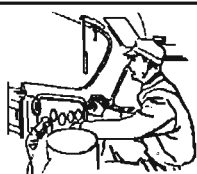
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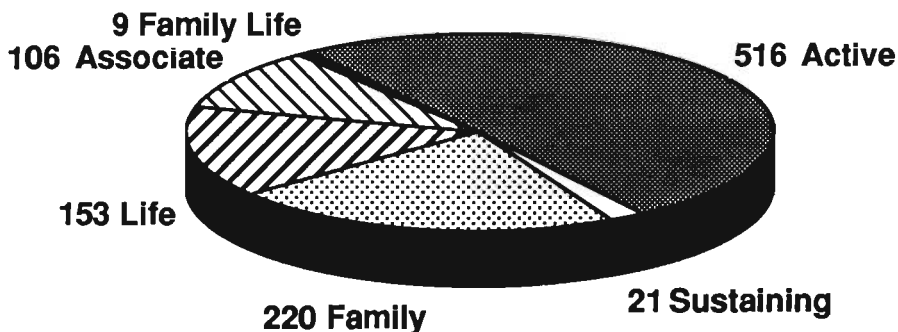
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as of October 30, 1995



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