

Museum Managers Report March 2004

Donations: Don Maddalena donated some current Union Pacific timetables and booklets. A.B. Abernethy donated a WP steam picture. Bernie Guzenske donated WP Mileposts and Telegraphy book from his father's collection. He has some Telegraphy equipment from the Portola Depot that he would like to donate. I will follow up on this. Michael Andrews donated a picture of the Keddie Depot.

Advertising: Changed text in Train's magazine classified advertising. Contacted Carsten's Publications for advertising information. Corrections made to ad in Portola, Quincy, Chester guide books. A new Truckee book will be added next year. Reviewing past advertising.

Buildings and Grounds. Tool room has been cleaned and reorganized. Some reorganization of old Electrical Room. Lightbulbs and general cleaning supplies moved to lockers in hallway. Operations Office cleaned up considerably.

Trash cans redistributed, old cans will be repainted. Informational signs posted. Major cleanup of debris from volunteer lounge car construction required trip to the dump. Gift shop reorganized, cleaned and reopened. General cleanup of the museum grounds.

Hospital broken into again, doors reclosed and new NO Trespassing signs posted. Asked Plumas Co. Sheriff for additional coverage up there. Broken Fire Hydrant removed by Doug Morgan and Jack Thomas.

Safety: General cleanup of museum grounds. Broken Cross buck at entrance repaired by Norman Holmes. Stairs put back in place on dock.

Correspondence and Discussion: Discussed security and safety concerns with Plumas County deputy. Deputy advises to call Sheriff's office immediately if we suspect or see any transients on the property or the railroad. Most have been found to have warrants for their arrest. Plumas Co is taking a hard stand against transients. Discussed prohibiting children under 18 without parent or guardian from museum grounds for safety and security reasons. Deputy suggested contacting Sheriff to get a work crew to install rest of fencing around property. Sent 300 brochures to Nevada State Museum per request. Also sent brochures to Visitors Center in Tahoe City by request. Return letter from Caltrans thanking me for input into replacement or repairs to Spanish Creek highway Bridge near Keddie. I had suggested the possibility of a new alignment that would leave the old road available for use as a roadside rest and scenic overlook of the Keddie Wye.

Volunteers: Incredible effort by D. Morgan, H. Stiles, S. Habeck, Rick Edwards, E. Vicknair, Jack Thomas, Ken Iverson, N. Holmes, Jim Eroh, Andy Grahem, Gail and Eric McClure, Tom and Tim Carter, D. Epling, Linda Knudson to get this place cleaned up, servicing equipment and maintaining building and grounds this spring.

\$5,600.00 in sales income for the month of March. According to Susan, we have not yet broke the CD that we usually use to fund the start of the season. Hopefully, we can keep this money in the back this year.

RAL's have started-still a little slow but is picking up.

Motive Power: 2873, 921, 608, 707, 2001 running.

Little fork lift should be returning soon. Tug won't start. Electric carts were supposed to be picked up in March but have not heard anymore from that company. Green Death should be added to scrap gondola in my humble opinion. Can't we have a nice truck that looks good and presents a good image instead of that scary piece of crap Dodge?