

President Report 6/14

Season is off to a good start. 917 is not quite in service yet, but should be shortly. Box car clean out continues when we can. Later in the year, we will get a large dumpster and fill it up. Still lots of old carpet and scrap wood to get rid of.

The Hostel was wrapped and is now out of the shop,. The 105 is in its place and the shop looks different! Thanks to Everyone involved in getting it wrapped, moved, stairs rebuilt and area clean up.

Seth and I got the bad radiator core out of the 1503, after testing, it was determined that it was not repairable so I have found a local source and they are cutting us a break in price. The only other mechanical issue left to resolve is governor issues. I have a painter lined up for later this summer after we get the prep work done.

Dave McClain and company are coming back up at the end of the month to finish repairs on the 707 and get the 501 started for the first time in many years.

I just got good news that some of our insurance costs will be less this year. So far, about \$500 reduction to premium costs with more to come.

The 165 crew continues to make huge progress. See Chris' blog for details.

Eugene and Wayne are working hard to put together this years convention in Fairfield. (at Waynes house, I think)

Wayne is working hard on some possible new archive donations. Frank is beginning to build sturdy shelves for the Simplot car for more archive storage.

We have been contacted by the mayor of Hines, Oregon in regards to their purchasing the ONW 4 so they can return it to its last home and possible operate it. More on this as it happens.

Eugene and Tom cleaned and organized the wood shop. With a plan in place to improve the safety and operation of tools, the shop will be much more user friendly for those who are qualified to operate the machines.

I'm sure that I am forgetting somethings, but thanks to ALL of our volunteers who, without them, we would not be where we are.