

President Report 01/15

1. Hostel Wrap: Attempted contact with USA Wrap again today. Message left with Head Honcho on his personal cell phone. I informed him that if he did not get back to me by next week I would be forced to turn it over to our legal representative for further action.
2. Received receipts from the transport of the crossing signals from Manteca. Total of \$169.06 Delivered and in parking lot. People involved aware of the no strings attached to the donation.
3. Vista Flat: After thought and discussions with Steve, Gail, Eugene, Tommy, I think it is time to rebuild one of our old Vista Flat Cars and use it in our Summer Caboose trains and our Santa Trains. I don't have any costs as of yet, but if we do this, we do it right without cutting corners. Ideas so far include upgraded air brake system, possible new trucks, Trex flooring and railing, making this our ADA accessible car, and a cover of some kind. Myself and others have to pick which car and assess the above improvements before we assign costs. We are open to additional ideas on this, but the basics above cover a starting point.
4. Baldwin AS616 sale: I have been in contact with the Mayor of Hines Oregon and this is moving ahead. It looks like UP is going to provide flat cars and movement. They are doing well in raising the money needed for purchase and movement. I have sent them all specs needed, and again going over all the details of loading and tie down.
5. Scrap Batteries: Charlie has found that the local scrap dealers in Reno won't take the batteries as is. I am going to work with Dave Roth in getting ours down to the scrapper he used so we can get some good cash for the lead.
6. Insurance: Our insurance policies have been renewed for 2015. Liability premium has gone up about \$2000 a year. Rick is reviewing it all.
7. Thanks to all for a injury and incident free 2014