

President Report 5/15

The last month has been busy with bringing the museum out of hibernation. Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone repaired a leaking liner in the SP / Quincy TR6A 1100 it is now in service for the year along with the WP F7A 917 and SP GP9 2873. Fritz (David Elems) spent time going over each and making it ready for the years service. The US Army FM H-12-44 1857 is out of service pending finding a source for traction motor brushes and replacement of gaskets for the fuel tank gauges. The WP SW1500 1503 is alive and well thanks to Fritz, Burr and Alex Wilson, Tom Carter, and myself. Habeck continues to keep what is left our locomotive batteries in service. We are looking at getting at least one new set later this year. I have found a new source for everything batteries in Reno which also will give us .15 cents a pound for our old batteries. This will help pay for a new set as we have a lot of dead ones ready to go. Superintendent Rick Gruninger held two yearly rules classes which were a great success. We are seeing the return of old members that have been away for awhile and some new ones also.

I have arranged for us to have a couple of UP locomotives on display for our guest to see. They are in long term storage and will be with us for while.

The 2015 convention went very well. Eugene will have a more detailed report. It was fun meeting some of our members, answering their questions on current situations and we recruited at least 3 new members. I rented a small van and Habeck and I gave tours to about 17 attendees around the old WP sights of Elko and the “new” yard. It was a good time enjoyed by all.

I am about done putting Big White Forklift back together. With help from Fritz, Bil Jackson and Dwayne Van Dervee, it is coming along nicely. A few more weeks and it should be back in service.

If you have not noticed, check out the new window frames Dwayne is making and installing in the Party caboose. Great work!

The ongoing legal issue continues to take time away from doing the things that need to be done at the museum. This should be resolved shortly and we can get back to the important business of operating the museum.