

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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165 Work Session Progress

For those that don't regularly check the 165 Facebook site, here's a summary of key accomplishments during the work session last week –

1. ALL tubes have been rolled – a major milestone.
2. Throttle joint ring ground into the dry pipe and throttle stand installed in the Boiler.
3. Numerous other valves lapped in.
4. More machining on the dome lid for the vent pipe.
5. On the tender side, oil tank secured to deck, sand tank, oil and heater lines, draw-bars, and apron installed. Tender work is nearly complete.
6. Engine and tender moved to fire hydrant to fill boiler for the 1st time since 1956. This initial leak check and boiler washout was another major milestone.

CZ Dome Tarps

Steve Lee donated 3 large tarps along with a bunch of straps and bungees to get the open dome windows covered. We ran out of time during the 165 work session so we need to organize a small work party to get them installed soon before the afternoon rain/thunder storms get more prevalent. Use of the man basket and material handler or forklift would probably speed the process and increase safety. They are 19x29' and reflective. I've moved them from the shop floor to the deck outside the RG boxcar.

Photo Donation to Archives

We had a visitor last Sat. who has ~40 B&W prints handed down to him. He's the great nephew of Agust Adam Kramm - Division engineer? We sat down in the board room and went through them. While a few are quite washed out, most are decent quality and rather rare. Two main subjects - Construction photos of building the wooden trestle and concrete underpass at Williams Loop and second - building the Reno Branch. These include a few shots of the NCO infrastructure in Reno: depot, yard, and big roundhouse. These could easily become 2 photo essays for the Headlight.

Thought he was going to leave them with me, but instead wants to come back from Mendocino sometime in July? One friend with him lives in Virgilia. I have phone/email contact info. I would be glad to scan them - something I could do while at home.

Window Film Project

I'm back on this important project. The prep work for the museum store windows between the outside to rollup doors was done last fall and the film has just been cut. So hopefully, the film will be applied by the board meeting. A second layer will probably be required where the afternoon sun glare is a problem. Then new caulking needs to be applied where it was removed during the prep. Next priority is the east windows to abate the morning sun and then the NE set. The display room is next where the UV blocking is sorely needed. Obviously, this project needs some additional manpower to speed up the process. If left to me alone, the store will probably not get done this season.

More Book Donations to the Store

17 more books off ebay have been delivered with prices set low to "Move em out, Raw-hide". I have the list if any members are interested in good deals.

Brochure Distribution Down 395

I grabbed a stack of brochures from the store and plan to distribute them on my way home to the places I usually stop at, if they will take them. I'm also targeting a few other key places like the Carson Valley and Topaz casinos. I'll keep a log of where and how many are left to track effectiveness during later checks.