

TRACKAGE, BRIDGES & BUILDINGS

During early April, Ken Roller and Norm Holmes gathered over 170 loose angle bars, lots of spikes, bolts and other track material needed to rebuild some of the museum tracks. The material is now stock piled in one location so that it is available when needed. Much of this material suitable for our 85lb. rail, was being picked up for scrap and was saved in the nick of time by these hard workers. We will still be in need of more rail and track material, especially good used ties, but this can be obtained at a later date.

Ken has been putting in eight hour days cleaning the diesel shop building and picking up debris from around the area. Four pickup truck loads of debris was hauled up to the dumps using both Ken's and Norm's trucks. Ken has started removing the broken glass and dried putty from the 500 broken windows in the engine house. a long tedious job. This work will save us a lot of money later when the glass is replaced. We would at least like to replace the glass in the proposed meeting room. For this we will be needing 48 15 3/4 by 19 3/4 panes.

The two roll up doors on the east end of the building are both bad ordered. An estimate to repair them was obtained recently. It would cost over \$2500. We will be using only the west end doors for a while!

Four badly deteriorated ties replaced by Ken on May 10-11 were located at the balloon track tail switch, a very important point. Ken says he is getting in shape for the big rail laying party Memorial Day weekend.

As an item of interest-to build 825 feet of the track we need; You need to have 50 lengths of rail, 100 angle bars, 200 bolts, washers, nuts, 412 ties, 824 tie plates and 1,648 spikes. Editors note, We all owe Ken Roller a thank you and big "WELL DONE" , he has done a lot of work and the building and area shows it. Ski

LAST MEETING

The April 11th meeting, featuring the Clover Valley Lumber Co. film was shown to a standing room only crowd. A number of visitors drove over from Loyalton (where the company was located.) Several new members signed up to join the Society. Publicity for the movie consisted of handbills posted in Loyalton and Portola, articles appearing in the Sierra Booster and Portola Reporter and a short talk on Peter Caruthers talk program on KOH. Pete is a railfan and enjoys talking about railroading. The Clover Valley film was borrowed from the USFS and brought from Quincy by Dennis Clemmens who also projected it. This was followed by a new film on Equadorian steam trains by Chris Skow.

FUND RAISING by Chris Skow

Last month we received our own custom made WP 921 F unit belt buckles, watch fobs and key rings. We received 50 buckles and 100 emblems for both watch fobs and key rings. I am happy to report that all 50 buckles sold within two weeks and we only have a coupla dozen watch fobs and key rings left. We placed another custom order of 150 921 buckles which will have arrived by the time you read this. This 921 idea has turned out to be a great way to make money for our Society and the up keep for equipment received at the museum.

A new merger buckle has come out and we have it in stock. The buckles have the Union Pacific logo in the middle with Western Pacific and Missouri Pacific on the side. Also we have our 921 emblem made into a pin with a clasp for vest or hats.

We stock Western Pacific logo type buckles in several styles. A new item on the list is a WP logowith a pin and clasp on the back so you could use it as a pin for shirt or hat. These emblems are small (3/4 inch square) and look real nice pinned to a hat. I have on order some Union Pacific pins which will be in soon. Another new item which will arrive within the week is a two tone golden finish belt buckle with the WP 921 in one corner and the small WP logo in the opposite corner. This should be a real nice looking buckle. We also stock UP buckles, pins, watch fobs and key rings. If you like cloth patches, we have both WP and UP in stock.

Several other money making ideas are in the works including getting the new Western Pacific logo made into a watch fob and key ring. Our very own cloth patch for the Feather River Rail Society. If you would like to buy buckles, fobs or key rings with other railroad logos let us know, the chances are good that we can get it for you.

All buckles with one emblem (921, WP, UP etc.) \$7.50. 921 buckles with WP logo \$9.00. Merger buckle (UP WP MP) \$10.00. WP or UP hat vest or shirt tacks \$2.50. Shipping 75¢ per item, maximum \$1.50. California residents please add 6% sales tax.