

TAMPER

The Oct 13-14th weekend found Al Thomsen running his Kabota tractor moving ballast and paving to allow the installation of a turnout for two car storage tracks. Al's efforts have saved our volunteer workers many hours of backbreaking work.

Plumas County is unique in the state for its program to require food stamp recipients to do a certain number of hours of public service work to remain eligible for the stamps. Qualifying work can be assigned at county, city or non-profit projects. On Oct 30, five men showed up for work at the museum. With the help of Norm Holmes, Hap Manit Mel Moore and Ken Roller, 100 feet of the rip track was removed and moved east. The ties were then removed from an unused switch and moved to the first location. Then the City provided a tractor to remove the old ballast. The next day the ties were placed in their new locations and rail spiked down. During the next week additional track work was done when the weather was nice; at other times, the workers removed dry putty from the broken window frames in the diesel shop area. The men now have their required hours in they did a good job while they were here. One man showed up to work even tho his hours were completed-just to help our museum. All together we gained 192 hours from these men.

FUND RAISING by Chris Skow

Portola's Feather River Railroad Days on Aug 25 & 26th were a complete success with over 12,000 people showing up on Saturday and about half that number on Sunday. Needless to say our society did quite well in sales of our railroad related items. We had our merchandise for sale at three different locations in Portola. The GIA-BLE Lady Engineers set up a booth in the city park and sold items for us. We thank the ladies for all their help in raising money for our museum. Also we want to thank Marion Crumpacker who carried our line of railroad items in her hobby store, Marion's Hobbies, which is located on Commerical Street just above the railroad depot. This booth was

in downtown Portola. Our society then set up a booth at the west end of Commerical Street just above the railroad depot. This booth was operated by John Walker from Marysville, Barbara Paul of Reno and Martin Banks from Las Vegas, all society members. We thank them very much for their time and help. Also we want to thank the Western Depot of Yuba City for giving us quite a bit of merchandise on consignment to sell at this event. All profits from the two day event will go to help acquire, restore and maintain equipment at the museum. In the Spring we will have a very big job ahead of us working on this equipment, it all takes money.

Our custom made 921 mugs have arrived and are now available. These mugs are a real work of art. With five different colors on these mugs

they are beautiful! Please help us out and order a set today. We have strong cardboard mailers and can ship them anywhere. We also have three other mugs for sale now: Western Pacific logo! Union Pacific logo and the merger mug which has the logos of WP-UP-MP. Mugs cost \$5.00 plus 6% tax for Calif. residents. Shipping cost 75¢ per items with a maximum cost of \$2.25 per order. While on the subject of mugs, we are getting made a UP 6946 mug which is the large DDA40X Centennial diesel that the UP donated to us on Railroad Days.

Other new items include Western Pacific adjustable hats. They are orange with the WP logo in black letters with the red feather, @ \$5.50 ea. Western Pacific T-shirts with a large WP logo.

These shirts come in Adult sizes S-M-L-XL for \$6.50 each or child sizes 4to6, 8to10 or 12to14 years for \$5.50 each. The decals have arrived in two sizes, 2" square for \$2.00 or 8" square for \$7.00. These decals are beautiful and made by the original company that had the contract with the WP years ago. Easy to apply, backing paper which peels off so you can press the decal onto any surface. We also have several other items for sale including a UP E unit in a small hat tack and the UP "Overland" cloth patch, key rings, watch fobs and hat tacks. Refer to our list of items for sale that was mailed out to all of you with the ballots several weeks ago.

We are going to start setting up a booth and display to advertise and sell items for the museum at railroad shows. Our first show was on November 17 & 18 at Roseville. Many model railroad clubs, railroad vendors, collectors and dealers display their railroad items every year at this event, called The International Rail Fair. We did over \$900 in sales for the two day event. Several more shows are coming up in the next several months and we hope to participate in all of them.

The large 45x40" and the standard size 26x22½" WP logos are going to be available soon, we need to know how many you will want before we order them due to the cost. Please let us know so we can get an order in soon \$60.00 and \$22.00 ea.

It was very hard to vote for next years Board members, every one on the list would do a great job and it was hard to pick one over the other.

- EDITOR -

MEMBERSHIP

The FRRS is now at 226 members and growing every day. We put together a list of all the members and their addresses it was going to be included in this SHEET but due to the size it was not. Any member wishing a copy of this list please send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to the society at Portola and we'll send the computer style list right out.