

**SALES****By Dept Head CHRIS SKOW**

We have a number of new items to add to our ever growing list of Western Pacific and Union Pacific merchandise. We are please to announce that you can now buy our merchandise using your Visa or Master Card. Just send us the card number name on the card and the expiration date along with your order. Also remember we now offer a 10% discount to all paid members for any merchandise from our catalog. I am working on a big four page catalog now which will be ready in about a month. This will be sent to all members. California residents please add the 6% sales tax. Shipping cost---.75¢ per item a maximum of \$2.25 per order.

Several new itemsto only name a few; Custom painted HO model Diesels and cabooses, offered in several colors and styles and have been very popular at all FRRS booth sales.

And at \$35.00 per powered unit and \$15.00 per caboose are a good value.

T-shirts with the 921 pulling the Cal Zephyr a beautiful four color design, in s-m-l-xl-xxl for \$6.50 each add \$1 for xxl.

We also have current books, Timetables, WP pen sets hat tacks and key rings.

**DONATIONS**

Chris Skow donated a number of employee and public timetables for sale by the Society, George Wentworth also sent us some old WP timetables along with some Exposition Flyer and CZ menus for our collection. Roger Stockland gave us two five horsepower motors and a gear type oil pump, Bill Garner reduced his Santa Fe collection of timetables by seven and Oden Lorimer cut a WP herald stencil from hard board for our car work. Jim Harper, of High Sierra Models in Reno, gave us a much needed air spray gun, Wayne Monger donated a roll of air hose and fittings, Bob Turner sent us a set of plans for the Clio and Keddie bridges plus track plans. John Fisher, an architect, has drawn us a set of plans for our motor car shed suitable to obtain a building permit. Longfellow Lumber donated a load of two by lumber for our use. Howard Wise, who has gotten the 921's sister 918 running again and did a fantastic rewiring job replacing all the burnt out wiring, gave a complete wiring diagram which will help in the future, and extra dynamic brake gibs for the 921. An extremely rare item arrived on March 6th; a very old four wheel hand car last used in 1919. Mr. Flannery spotted the car in the Union Pacific Pocatello Motor car Shops and directed its relocation to Portola. We really appreciate Mr. Flannery's interest in our museum.

**GRAND OPENING**

We are planning our Grand Opening for Memorial Day weekend May 25-27. A ribbon cutting ceremony will occur on Sat. at 10AM, marking the official opening. Train rides for the public, going around the balloon, will follow until 4PM. Train rides will continue on Sunday and Mon. The train will consist of WP 921 & 608 (if running), two cabooses and one or two flat cars. A ticket good for train rides all day will be available for \$2 each or \$5 for families. Food and drinks will be available on museum grounds. Other special events including special photo runs will be held. We will need the help of some of our members for train ops, ticket sales, item sales and hopfully crowd control. If you can help please let us know.

**TRAINING CLASS**

On May 18th at 10:00am we will have a training class for this years operations, needed are Engineers Fireman, Conductors, Brakeman, Switchtenders, Ticket takers, and Guides. This will be a hands on class and is open to all members.

**The WHEEL REPORT**

Equipment donated by Union Pacific continues to arrive at our museum. On Jan 23th WPMW 0813 arrived, it is one of six 40' double door box cars used for Ford transmission service. It was last used as a storage car a Pulga. Ourlast Box car from the east arrived Jan 29th WPMW 0220. former WP 20807, was one of the orig. compartmentizer cars which were painted silver with a large orange feather. Car Director John Ryczkowski is planning to have this car repainted back into it's silver scheme for our grand opening. Horm Holmes has purchased a SP\_UP PFE steel 40' ice refrigerator car from Stockton. it was moved to Portola on its own wheels courtesy of Union Pacific. arriving Feb 11th. Ice reefers in running condition are rare since mechanical reefers replaced them more than twenty years ago. This car PFE #11545 was blt in 1957, and was among the last if that type blt. WP 6550, a 50' Gon, loaded with rails was spotted on museum trackage Feb 13th. We now have only a 50' double door box from Keddie coming and the 481 tender from Sacto.

**BACK ISSUES**

Back issues of **The TRAIN SHEET** (1984 only) are available for \$1 each or the full year (6) for \$5. Just write to John for back issues.