

ALCO'S COMING TO PORTOLA

Back in May of 1984 John Ryczkowski while in SLC contacted a local group there that had received several engines from Kennecott. After a lot of ground work and in December of 84 John meet with Kennecott and looked over and picked out a Electric Engine #778 for donation. At that time all diesels had been donated but John found that three old alcos were over at the smelter. After several phone calls to SLC by John and working with the officials there it ended with a request to fill certain requirements which Norm Holmes quickly answered by phone and letters. A letter came saying come over and look over the engines, which was done on the April trip.

We were shown an Alco RS-2 and two RS-3's and they were the last ones and we might as well take all three! Their appearance is a little rough, but inside they appear complete. Union Pacific has said that they will move all four engines free of charge. They may show up in Portola anyday!!! They are;

Alco RS-2 908 former Nevada Mines at Ely 104

Alco RS-3 2

Alco RS-3 3

GE Electric No 778 former Chino Mines 104

We really appreciate Kennecott Copper Corporation's donation to our western railroad collection and a special thanks for the time and efforts to lay the ground work that ended in three engines that John Ryczkowski did.

