

**JUNE 29th & 30th WEEKEND OPERATION**

A rather light passenger turnout was experienced for our June operating weekend. None-the-less, our alert-helpful train crews ran trains around the balloon track from 10AM to 5PM. Since the passenger load was light, it was decided to let 608 pull a few trains alone, while 921 was MUed to GP-7 708. 708 is inoperative but after several tries, closing air values and coaxing the 921 responded to 708's throttle. A successful two unit operation was initiated. Besides doing it "just for the fun of it", operating from the 708 allowed the engineer to face forward at the front of the train instead of having to back 921 around the balloon every other trip. Steve Habeck was the Conductor with Larry Hanlon, Mel Moore and Mat Parker as Trainmen. Bernie Christensen, Norm Holmes, Bob Larson and George Oels, Dave McClain and John Ryczkowski were Enginemen.

The ticket agent's position was filled by Bev Moore and Lynda Hanlon. The gift shop had Vickie Krois and Chris Skow, while Barbara Holmes, Rita Shields and Charlotte Marvin sold soft drinks from the kitchen. Passenger tickets brought in over \$200, while the gift shop grossed over \$1200.

It was decided to operate a short train on the 4th of July using 608 and caboose 1632. Even though there was no advance publicity for the event, enough people saw our signs to make the effort worthwhile. Of particular interest was a visit from Union Pacific President Mr. Flannery, Mrs. Flannery, their daughter, son-in-law and grand daughter. The Flannery's enjoyed a ride around the balloon track and were pleased with the progress our museum has made in the past year.

**DONATIONS**

Donations are coming into the Society at a fast clip more numerous for me to list in the "TRAIN SHEET". From a headlight from WP 256 to a 30 cup coffee maker, any and all items are a welcome addition to the collection of historic items or items to get a job done. Many members have made cash donations. We wish to thank all for their thoughtfulness in their donations to the Society.

Retired WP engineer John Caufield died recently and his widow Rosalie asked that cash donations be made in his name; N. Brown, J. Cooper, A. Aeckle, R. Mathews and Rev A. Thormburgh have done so in Johns name.....thank you.....

**IRS TAX ID NUMBER**

Donations are tax deductible and you need to use this number which is for the Society....

TAX ID # 68-0002774

**JULY OPERATIONS**

The Society was host to a meeting of the Plumas County Historical Society. Some members attended the afternoon meeting and were treated to a train ride. Jim Boynton and Hap Manit gave a talk on railroad history.

Train operations were held on the weekend of July 27-28th and again we had a steady stream of visitors that came by and walked around the yard, looked over the equipment, asked questions and rode the trains. It seems everyone is leaving with a positive feeling about the operations. All this is possible due to all the members that come to the museum and take part in the events. Saturday after operations a freight train was made up and ran out onto the balloon for photos. With 3051 on the point followed by 2001, 708 and supplying all the power was 921 with 428 at the rear.

