



Mat Parker and Dave McClain doing some fine tuning to the Kennecott Alco #908

WINNEMUCCA DEPOT

In three days time seventy-five years of history was reduced to rubble in Winnemucca. On July 22 a wrecker's ball demolished the former WP depot. Union Pacific replaced the beautiful old spanish style structure with a "7-11" style building which is modern in every respect including solar heating and cooling.

UP offered the old depot to the Northern Nevada Historical Society at Winnemucca and even offered funds to help move it, but because of its location (on the wrong side of a freeway and two narrow bridges) and its construction (8" concrete walls built on a concrete floor), they deemed it impossible to move and save.

All is not lost, however, the local historical society saved the half-round windows, the ticket office window and the crew black-board. Our society saved 18 of the double-hung windows and six single windows for use in our replica WP depot whenever the funds are available. Norm Holmes and Dutch Rohlinger drove the 420 mile round trip to bring back the windows which are now stored in one of our box cars.....

AND AROUND THE MUSEUM GROUNDS

Glass, yes we have glass, through the efforts of Portola member John Fisher and the generosity of Pittsburg Plate Glass Co. We received a donation of 204 pieces of 33x44 window glass. We had to pay for the shipment to Portola from Fresno on two tons of glass! It was unloaded using a fork lift borrowed from Ralph Womack. Thanks to there efforts we now have sufficient glass to complete the glazing in the building with some left over. Odie Lorimer made up some street directional signs and Ken Roller made up signs directing the public and also painted a nice rendition of 921 pointing the way to the shop entrance. Hap Mani and Emery Goddard one time and Norm and Barbara Holmes the next made the 120 mile round trip to Herlong to pick up surplus items that are available to us through the state surplus office. Being a non profit organization a small handling charge is made but that is the only charge. Wayne Monger started painting the diesel shop doors orange after being tired of seeing them a faded green and Jack Palmer finished the job in time of the Grand Opening. John Marvin put a door on the womans rest room. Norm Holmes made up a four foot square ticket booth for use when we have an operating day.

Our county workfare workers, under the able leadership of Hap Mani, have constructed 12 picnic style tables with benches for our meeting room. They were so good the City had our crew constuct some more for the City Park. They also made up barracades for use during Railroad Days. All the brush in the RV and picnic areas was grubbed out into piles so when we have a grader come in to work it over the area is clear.

