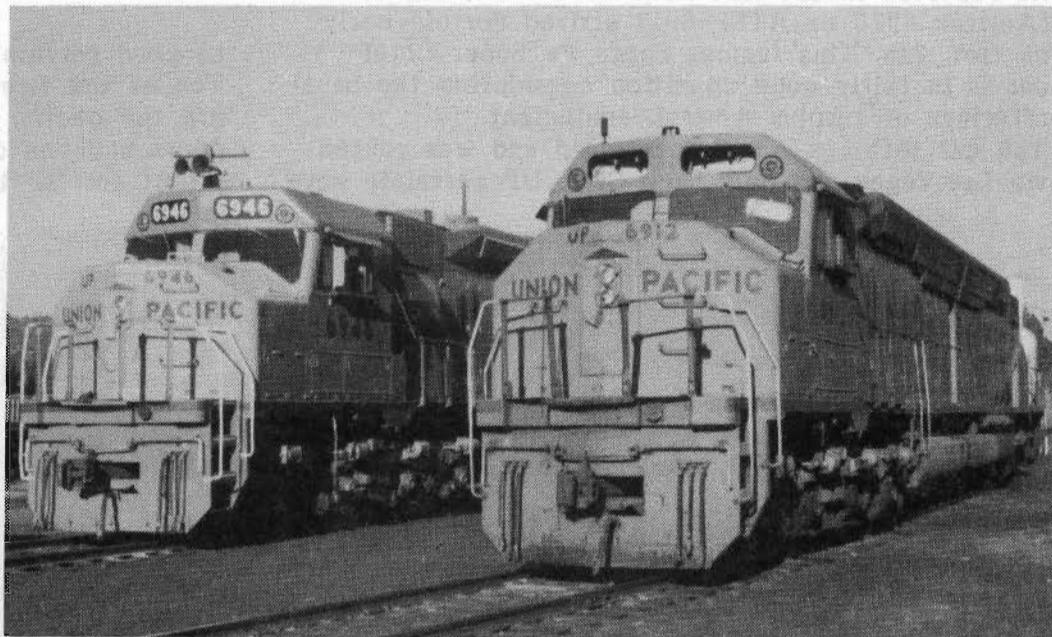


UP 6912 at PORTOLA

When 6946 was donated to our museum, the engine was more-or-less complete, and in running condition as possible. The 6946 will present a large challenge inasmuch as it needs engines, air compressors, wheel sets, traction motors and some electrical gear. Union Pacific agreed to help us return 6946 to operation and sent 6912 to Portola as a parts source. The 6912 has the electrical gear we need.....

**DUES ARE DUE**

President Norman Holmes

All Society members dues are due Jan 1st. We adopted the calendar year membership policy to cut down on our volunteer work load. Your dues may be taken as a charitable donation on your income tax return for the year. Present members will continue on the membership list until April if dues are not paid, we have over 550 members and growing every day....

If you joined our organization during 1985, we hope you feel you are getting your money's worth. We have been trying hard to make our Society worthy of your continuing support. When you send in your \$15. yearly dues, if you can add a little extra as a donation, it would be appreciated. Our restoration and acquisition program can always use more funding. It costs us about \$10. per member for THE TRAIN SHEET, membership cards and other materials for each member, so there isn't very much "profit".

One of our members suggested that we make a life membership category available to anyone interested in doing so. The Board agreed with the concept, therefore the following is available: For the fee of \$600, payable at one time or in six monthly payments, any member may become a lifer. This money will be put into a savings account to provide a financial base for the Society; the interest earned will replace the annual dues for that member. The advantage to the member is two-fold: 1 a \$600 tax deduction, and 2, no annual dues to remember to pay and protection from any dues increases.....

WORK WEEKENDS

Oct 19-20 Roger Arnold, Jim Boynton, Norm Holmes Doug Jensen, Jim Ley, Hap Manit, Dave McClain, John Ruchle, Ski, John Walker and perhaps one or two whom I missed worked one or two days at

the museum, Principal efforts were put into the removal of parts from the 6912 as well as the continuing work on the #8.

Nov 16-17 with a lot of snow on the ground there was not much enthusiasm, but work continued on the 6912, Dave brought six batteries donated to us through the efforts of members of the Pacific Locomotive Assn.

TRAIN CONVENTION

Earlier this year we joined the Tourist Railway Association (TRAIN). The principal benefit is our participation in their insurance program. There are 99 tourist railway and museum groups that are insured through TRAIN, making premiums reasonable considering the risk groups such as ours experience. TRAIN holds an annual convention, this year it was in San Francisco with Pacific Locomotive Assn. being the principal sponsor. Society President Norm Holmes was selected to attend and the following is his report:

"I arrived in San Francisco Nov 8th and chose to attend seminars on Site development and crowd control presented by Pacific Southwest Railway museum and equipment acquisition and leasing put on by Sacramento Railroad Museum and Project 2472.

Saturday, I attended seminars on grant writing, diesel maintenance, gift shop operation and insurance and safety. All seminars were interesting and informative. I taped recorded each session and brought back any material available. Next years convention will be held in Texas on November 7-8-9....."