

our depot building and everything being stored in one of our boxcars until needed. Thanks to Hap Manitt and local UP officials for arranging for us to save these items.

Bob Harlow has donated a 6X8 foot billboard sign for Museum use.

A snack vending machine has been donated to our museum by friends in Reno and the efforts of Marie Lindley. It has been filled with candy and snack foods for the convenience of our visitors and workers. A canned soft drink vending machine would make a nice addition, if anyone knows of one available for donation.

Through the efforts of Jim Atkins and Union Pacific Superintendent Jeff Verhaal and Chief Dispatcher Byron Schroeder, the "power control board" used in the Sacramento Dispatchers office has been donated to our Rail Society. The two magnetic boards were used to keep track of WP's locomotives using small tabs with the engine numbers. Norm Holmes brought the boards back from Sacto. Hap Manitt saved a number of items from the Portola yards over the years and stored them at his mine claim near Graeagle. The original control shack from the turntable, a tall smokestack from the forge, lots of 45lb rail, ties and timbers are now in Portola returned from whence they came.. Thanks to Hap.

SD-60's on the FEATHER RIVER ROUTE.....

Union Pacific's new EMD super series 3800 horsepower locomotives are now frequent visitors to the rails of the canyon. UP ordered 60 units numbered 6000-6059 and the first seen west bound was 6010 and 6011 on April 28th. The first unit on the point down the canyon was 6008 that had the honor of bring the 105 to Portola.

OPERATING DAYS

An Elks convention in Portola and a railfan field trip prompted our Society to open the operating season early this year. On Saturday and Sunday April 26 and 27th, trains were operated for the benefit of these two groups and other visitors who happened by. Eighteen members of the Promontory Chapter, NRHS boarded Amtrak in Salt Lake City for the all night trip to Reno. There they rented two vans for the trip to Portola and a visit down the Feather River Canyon. A number of visitors from the Elks convention took time out to see our display and take a ride.....

Helping out for the weekend were Brian Challenger, Steve Habeck, Rose Hersted, Barbara and Norman Holmes, Steve Hieb, Doug Jensen, Bob Larson, Jim Ley, Vickie Krois, Dave McClain, Vic Neves, Mat Parker and Ski.

A three day operating session over Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26 marked our first anniversary of the Grand Opening celebration. Steve Habeck arrived a day early and with the help of Greg Brahms, Norm Holmes, Jim Ley, Rod McClure and Steve Milward almost every track in the yard was switched. The long lead toward the balloon track was cleared for operation and No.3 was left clear for safety. Switching operations started at 3:30 and lasted until 1 AM. Lots of experience for our operating crews.

Newly arrived Business Car 105 was spotted against the Santa Fe diner which was coupled to 6946. This enabled our visitors to walk through the three units. The 105 was a special attraction to everyone.

We were somewhat disappointed by the attendance over the holiday, but maybe the steam expo in Vancouver had something to do with it.

Also the Hi-way up the canyon is still blocked, due to be opened by July 4th.

Operating crews were Greg Brahms, Horn Holmes, Vickie Krois, Jim Ley, Dave McClain, Ski, Tom Messer, Steve Milward, George Oels, Jack Palmer, Mat Parker, Graham Snyder, and Bob Wakefield. Barbara Holmes served coffee, ice tea, soft drinks and donuts from the kitchen, Jack Palmer almost single handedly manned the ticket booth.

FRRS SOP

The first addition of the Society's Standard Operating Procedures is on line. Every member of the operating dept, now headed by Steve Habeck, needs a copy of this publication.

They can be had by writing attn: Training. Along with this SOP you need a copy of THE BASIC TRAINING MANUAL FOR BRAKEMEN AND SWITCHMEN, by the Railway Educational Bureau. One or the other of WP or UP SAFETY RULES. These

can be had by going thru the gift shop.

All members of the operating dept will be responsible to know the info in the SOP and by RR days will have to pass a rules class and test on the SOP.

I am trying to set up a system so that all members can get the training they need and want when they can make it to the museum. Please get a copy of the SOP and read it over it spells out every-thing you need to know about advancing thru the operating dept.

By getting a SOP your name will go on a operating dept mailing list and you will be advised as to any dates and changes as to rules classes, operations, crews, etc.....

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