

DONATIONS:

Steven Bell delivered a large number of boxes containing WP paper items from the printing company who used to do the printing for WP in San Francisco. There are many interesting and historic items—a valuable addition to our archives.

George Wentworth donated some WP photos and CZ menus. EB Parsons delivered four boxes of legal briefs covering court cases involving WP. Bud Tabor donated a large number of WP MILEPOSTS and HEADLIGHT employee magazines as well as several very old equipment diagram and track chart books.

We would like to locate more copies of the HEADLIGHT which was published in the early 1940's to 1949. Also we need copies of the MILEPOST in the late 70s and early 80's.....Can you help, if you have copies please drop a line to SKI and we can fill out the collection. Issues can be copied and returned.

MEETING ROOM NAMED

With the help of Laura Edens, Dean Hill, Lynn Hanlon, Norm Holmes and Hap Manitt the tables have a coat of redwood stain and were sprayed with a clear finish; the floor was given two coats of gray paint. Pick Hobson loaned us 10 5'x6' sketches of steam locomotives which formerly hung in his Riverside Hotel in Reno. Now that the room has a finished look to it we have named it in honor of Mr Flannery, Union Pacific and past Western Pacific President. From now on the meeting room is the "Mike Flannery Room".

PORTOLA RAILROAD DAYS

The main event of the 1986 season is RR Days and this year our willing and ready staff greeted, answered questions and offered train rides to the thousands of visitors who came to Portola for the 4th annual event. A parade through downtown Portola opened Saturday's events, while in the City Park food, crafts and game booths fed and entertained the throngs. A model railroad exhibit was set up in the High School Gym and UP, combining their Bi-annual Family Days with the RR Days event provided a train ride to Blairsden and exhibited a number of railroad cars and a SD 40-2. SD-60's were the power for the passenger train.

In the next issue of the SHEET we are hoping to have Wayne Monger's "News of the Feather River Route" back with us and his report about the Motor Car Races.....

CAR IMPROVEMENTS

Larry Hanlon and John Ryczkowski painted our two "Vista Flats" yellow, John is also painting our Logo on plates to be mounted on the flats. Matt Parker built new cross-over platforms and Steve Habeck otherwise readied the "train" for RR Days.

Business Car 105 The collective editors from CTC BOARD held their first annual meeting on the 105. The car provided a nice quiet place with a railroad atmosphere. We were happy to provide the accommodation. Prior to RR Days, Doug Jensen spent several days (and nights) completely cleaning and waxing the outside finish of the car. It shone like a million dollars. The rugs were steam cleaned and this made the interior look and smell better.

CHARTER

On Aug 19th, two bus loads of people arrived from Reno on a "Mystery Trip". Hap Manitt resplendent in his WP conductors uniform escorted the group through the museum and gift shop, then they were given a twice around the balloon track train ride. Hap, Hank Stiles, Jim Ley and Norm Holmes were the train crew, 608 provided the power. After the museum stop, the group went to dinner at the Log Cabin. The tour agency that arranged the tour was very pleased with our part and would like to bring other groups here in the future.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to Wayne Monger and Steve Milward, with the help of Jim Ley and Hap Manitt along with finishing by John Ryczkowski, we now have a nice concrete walkway between the parking lot and the Diesel Shop for our main entrance. This replaces the gravel walk which now makes it easier to traverse with wheelchairs and open toe shoes. Wayne also obtained painted and installed several old WP and SN cross bucks at our crossings.

AT THE GIFT SHOP

We now have a full color calendar AMERICA'S EXCITING TRAINS in stock and at a discount to members. This 87 calendar by Bo-Tree Productions is a must for all railfans.....

A short note about the GP-30 849, all missing parts are back in place and for a short time she ran and will load, but the turbo is B.O. By next SHEET we'll have a full update on the 849 but it looks like the turbo-whine of a 30 will join that of a 20..... Watch RAILFAN for a upcoming article on GP-30's....

OPERATIONS 1986

With this years operations closing on the last weekend of Sept. we can look back on another successful year. The High spots were many riders, GP-20, 2001 running again, and ALCO's alive, and the low spot was the Railroad Days derailment of the 921. We split the switch starting out and put the trailing truck of the F "on the ground". No real damage was done. The 921 went onto the ties at about 3 Sunday afternoon and it was not until 8 PM that she was back on the rails. The operating crew working together using jacks, blocks, small sections of rail and sweat demonstrated their ability in getting 921 back on the rails. Looking forward to next years operations and many of our members coming up to Portola and joining in on the operations and becoming part of the crews.

ITEMS AND GROUPS

On the cover of this issue are covers of WP's publication "THE HEADLIGHT". Note drawing of WP's main office at 526 Mission St, San Francisco...

ZEPHYR NEWS

Ralph Orlandella, P.O. Box 162729 Sacramento, Calif 95816 is putting out a California Zephyr Newsletter about the late great CZ with excursions, roster of CZ equipment, restoration, etc.....FRRS and Ralph are both asking "where have they all gone". Please read the roster of CZ cars and see if we can add to it.

PROTOTYPE MODELER

Sept 1986 issue has an article by SKI on WP Centerflow Covered Hoppers. A well done modeling and prototype info article. PM is starting to come back on track and become a leader in modeling magazines. Also Nov 1985 issue of PM has a WP GP-20 modeling article.....
FREIGHT CARS JOURNAL
in the last issue 17/18 July 31 86 has an all time roster of Western Pacific cabooses.

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THE GREAT YELLOW FLEET

Newest book out from Golden West Books a complete history of reefers used by PFE, FGE, & others.....

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LOCOMOTIVES IN PARKS SIG
Dick Nedrow of P.O.Box 501
Manchester, Wash 98353-0501 has started a special interest group that will exchange information on preserved locomotives steam and diesel/electric in parks and museums.