

**TRACK ACTIVITY**

On 20th Sept, Dean Hill, Norm, Jim Ley, Mat Parker and Hap ripped up three rail lengths of track on the ramp track in preparation for the installation of a switch to our much needed rip track connecting link. Switch parts and ties were salvaged from an unused switch on the balloon with points from an unused switch in Reno. It has now been installed, nearly 500 feet of track laid and before long we will have another track in service. This track and the two tracks to the north are badly needed for storage space for our ever growing collection. In addition to those listed above, Rose Hersted, Steve Milward, Wayne Monger, SKI and Hank Stiles helped. A special thanks is due Ken Roller, who has almost single-handedly spiked down the rails.

**DEDUCTIONS.....****and your TAXES.....**

A major change in IRS rules will be in effect in 1987. Among the many changes Congress made is a limit on itemized deductions. Although the tax rate on income will be less for most people, the number of items one can claim as itemized deductions are reduced, thus it will not be advantageous to many to itemize. A donation to a charitable organization this year will off-set higher 1986 tax rates instead of lower taxed 1987 income. A donation can also be made on a Visa or M/C card even though it is not paid until 1987.

The tax ID numbers of the FRRS is....68-0002774

With an almost certain increase in the cost of diesel fuel in the coming year, we are going to purchase at least 2000 gallons of fuel this year. Membership contributions are requested to help cover costs, this we feel will be "money in the bank".

**RENEWAL TIME**

Charlene Marvin, membership

It's time to renew again! Membership is on an annual basis-Jan 1 starts a new year, if a member has joined after Oct, he/she is credited for the following year. If a member has not renewed by April, he/she will be dropped. We need all our members...Annual membership dues are still only \$15 per year. Life membership is available for \$300. If you don't want to renew let us know why so we can address the issue....Thanks...

We have many things planned for 1987 and need your support. If you can add a little "extra" to your dues, our preservation and restoration programs will appreciate it. Remember dues and contributions are tax deductible. We now have 674 paid up members.

**SENIOR DAY**

Nearly two dozen senior citizens attended our senior appreciation day, Sat Oct 25th. The senior housing unit is located on a bluff overlooking our museum, here the residents not only have an unequalled view of museum activities, but they also are subjected to the sounds the trains generate when we have operations. Some of the seniors have been keeping watch over our facility and report to Hap or the Sheriff's office any unusual activities.

To show our appreciation for their watchful eyes and patience with our sounds, Hap and Councilwoman Fran Roudebush suggested we give them a free train ride. So, we coupled 921 to the diner and a caboose, loaded the passengers aboard, including a great lady in a wheelchair and gave them a two-loop ride around the balloon. Aboard the diner, Barbra Holmes served hot-spiced cider and donuts to our friends. The train crew consisted of Jim Ley, engineer, Steve Jackson, fireman, Matt Parker, conductor and Hap Manit, brakeman. Norm Holmes, Virginia Larson and Bill Magazin helped in loading.

**DONATIONS**

New member Paul Bourget learned of our need for an answering machine and helped out with a donation of a fine machine from his parents Radio Shack store.

Another new member, Walter Harper a former WP employee in San Francisco, sent us a box of WP material including a WWII war bond flag that flew over the WP-SF freight station, a collection of MILEPOSTS, a 1929 newspaper, and other data. These are all welcome additions to our archives, especially the NCE items.

**Models of WP 2-8-8-2's**

Member John W Brown writes about getting a strong showing of interest on the two styles of these big mailers. He would like to see the project started by Key/Samhongsa finished, some needed info is rivet detail, top of the tender, etc. Please write to the TS and let us know about your interest in these models.

**EARLY AMERICAN RAILROADING**

A new magazine is out for the railroad enthusiast who likes the 1830 to 1930 time period. This mag put out by a non-profit group can be had by writing.....

**EARLY AMERICAN RAILROADING**

P.O. Box 101RP

Allegan, MI 49010

\$7.50 per year or a sample will be sent for two 22¢ stamps.....

**MAILING**

Due to a lack of interest, 1st Class mailing will no longer be available for the TRAIN SHEET.

Thanks to Joe Way, our mailing list has been updated to include ZIP + 4. Joe supplies our mailing labels for the SHEET and keeps it up to date. Please advise of any changes in your address.....

**FAIRMONT A-8 MOTOR CAR**

Courtesy of the Union Pacific a A-8 arrived Sept 29th. This large for a motor car, track gang car has a flat head Ford V-8 engine and a four speed transmission. The engine is in need of major repair and may need to be replaced.

**"MILEPOSTS"**

I have cataloged the society's collection of Western Pacific Mileposts. We are missing the following.....

March 1956

December 1958

April 1959

December 1969

The issues between...

SPR SUMMER FALL 1978 Vol30 #1

to

May/June 1980 Vol 32 #1

Missing are..Vol 30 No2 Winter 1978?

All Volumes 31 1979 up to issue

Vol 32 #1 May/June 1980.

For some reason 1979 and 80 are hard to find.....

I would like to fill out the collection and will return any Milepost after a copy is made....Thanks SKI!

**WP DECALS AVAILABLE**

Detail Associates long awaited WP decals are now out and the 7 sets cover most all box cars used on the Western Pacific. The gift shop will have them for you and the cost is \$3.50 ea less disc.....

Set 9001 Modern 15" White

Set 9002 Early 50's Silver

Set 9003 Late 50's Yellow

Set 9004 "THE WESTERN WAY"

Yellow Block Lettering 40'

Set 9005 "THE WESTERN WAY"

Yellow Block Lettering 50'

Set 9006 "THE WESTERN WAY"

Yellow Script Lettering 40' & 50'

Set 9007 Yellow "CUSHION

PROTECTION" 50' boxcar