

FEBRUARY MEETING

Despite the somewhat late publication of the Jan-Feb TRAIN SHEET, a number of members attended our February meeting. Hap Manit showed movies of the transfer of the Feather River Short Line equipment to Portola and Norm Holmes showed some of his 1960 era railroad movies. Barbara Holmes made a cake to celebrate the 4th anniversary of our Society.

APRIL MEETING

Our April social meeting will be held April 18 at 7:30 pm in the Portola City Hall. A film program will be presented and refreshments served.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Now that everyone has received their 1987 merchandise catalog you can see we are serious in bringing you the best western merchandise available at the best prices. Orders are starting to come in and I will get them filled in the shortest possible time. Everything listed in the catalog is also on display at the gift shop if you would like to come on in. If for some reason you did not receive a catalog please let us know. I want to thank the following persons that helped out at the many sales shows, gift shop and getting the catalog ready for mailing. Without your help we never could have done it: Roy Lopez, Pat Duffy, David Dodds, Oden Lorimer, Vickie Krois, Larry Richards, Jim Atkins, Matt Parker and his Father, Nick and Dorithy Baldi, Paul and Michelle Robinson, Mr & Mrs Hartung, Craig Huddleston, Bill Garner, Elton Shell, Bill Marshall, Hap Manit, Joe Way and Rose Hersted. Charter Train In Ecuador..... Chris Skow is operating a private chartered train with steam into the Andes of Ecuador. To depart in August, room for 30 persons, if interested contact: Chris P.O. Box 312, Portola 96122

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR NORM HOLMES

Back in December Dave McClain, John, and Mary Ski conspired over the juices of fermented fruits. It was decided that Norm deserved

something extra for all the time, dedication, and soul that he has given to the museum. The idea of gifting him a life membership was hatched and Dave volunteered to handle the particulars. He solicited contributions from people acquainted with Norm and the museum and had no trouble collecting the \$300. Dave presented the check at the February meeting--a small way of saying thanks from your friends.

805-A

A bid for \$25,000 has been made thru Mountain Diesel Transportation to the owners of the 805-A. We have our fingers crossed they will accept the offer. The unit is reported to be complete but will need some engine and electrical work plus a complete repainting.

T-SHIRTS

Please find enclosed a special offer for "Home Coming of the Silver Lady" T-Shirts done by Oden Lorimer. These very nice shirts are in limited supply and the donation is going to the 805-A fund....Please order yours TODAY.....

Also Ski is working on several WP and FRRS T-Shirts for members only. First out will be a operating dept T-Shirts for crew member ID..... Followed by a green shirt with orange =WP= on the front, a brown one with yellow WP THE *Western* WAY, a silver shirt with orange WP feather and nose of the 921, a Das Boot shirt, and one using WP's new logo..... If your interested write to Ski so you can receive a brochure. The monies raised will go into a special freight car restoration fund.

RENEW MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!

Is this your last TRAIN SHEET?? If you have not paid in the months of Oct thru March 1987 your membership has expired..... Please pay now in the envelope enclosed in this issue so you will not miss an issue of the SHEET. Lots going on at the museum this year and we would like you to be a part of it. 62 new members so far this year but over 200 are current membership have not sent in their renewals, we need your support....see you in Portola.....

We also have four new life members
Stephen J Clifton
Bill Frasier
Norman Holmes
John J Ryczkowski
They bring it up to 17 Life Members

WORK PROGRESSING**ON SHORTLINE #8**

After two and a half years of work Jim Boynton reports that "finally things are being put back on #8 instead of being taken off". Re-bricking of the firebox is completed, rebuilding of the air system is underway and new wood work for the cab is planned. Plans are now set for replacing the lagging (insulation) on the boiler and the jacket material is on hand. An agreement for operations between the Shortline and the FRRS is being worked out and soon this logging 2-6-2 will be boiling water again.

TWO UPCOMING EVENTS**FIRST ANNUAL SPRING WORK WEEKEND****MAY 16 & 17**

see enclosed data sheet

SECOND ANNUAL FEATHER RIVER RAIL FESTIVAL

JULY 11th

Photo runby's, display's, trainrides, slide show's
movie's and night photo set ups!!!

Last year's event was a great time!!!

Tickets are \$5 in advance
or \$7 at the gate

For further info or tickets please write
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