

pun intended). Besides the work weekend reported elsewhere, John Marvin hooked up two much-needed toilets, Ken Roller extended track seven so parking space is now available for the Burro crane. Hap Manitt, Jim Ley, and Norm Holmes relocated a large amount of misc. parts etc. to a box car and, yes, several loads of junk to the dump. Doug Jensen and Steve Milward worked on the shower car, lounge car, business car, and diner in preparation for the work weekend. Also assisting in various activities were John Walker, Dean Hill, Ken Roller, Mat Parker, Gary Cousins, and possibly others. If we missed your name, we're sorry, and thanks for your efforts.

Roger Hepkema did engineering work on the turnout location for the rip track switch and is doing an updated layout for our entire property.

### OUR MEMBERSHIP

We are sorry to report that nearly 20% of our membership have not renewed for 1987 (about 180 members). A final note will be sent out to try to encourage their continued membership. This dropout percentage is a little high, but not unusual. Most organizations and publications have a certain percentage of non-renewals.

But we got over 200 NEW members, so it seems that our membership is stable at just under 700 members.

We cannot be all things to all people, but we try to do the best we can. We hope that all of our members will share our enthusiasm in our endeavor to preserve the FEATHER RIVER ROUTE.

Additional life members:

Andy Carlson  
R.G. vonPrittwitz  
Ruedi Muller  
Robert Haynes  
Errol Spangler

### "WORK WEEKEND ONE"

Doug Jensen

Work Weekend One, simply stated, was a great success. 44 people showed up and earnestly put in a lot of sweat and labor. In 2 days we accomplished what would normally seem to take a year and it felt so good....

Jobs accomplished; Several people volunteered to go with Norm to Maybe with trucks and load ties that the UP had donated to us.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Our second annual Feather River Rail Festival (Railfan's Day) will be held July 11 at the museum.

This all day photo session will give people an opportunity to take pictures of our equipment and operations. We had 250 people in attendance last year and this year promises to be even better!

The Festival is a fund raising event (last years profits went towards construction of the new sidewalk on the SE entrance to the museum), thus the museum will be closed to the general public. Entrance to the festivities will be \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the gate. The operating crews will earn free passes for the day otherwise all will be asked to pay the entrance fee.

There are plenty of positions open on the operating crews; we need tour guides, car monitors, gate people, security, snack bar, and gift shop volunteers as well as train crews. There is a sign-up sheet in the museum, or contact me: John S. Walker, 1130 Galaxy Dr., Yuba City, Ca., 95991.

Make plans to join us that day, there will be plenty of great photo prospects, train rides, movies, slide shows, a raffle, and a night photo session.

Approximately 420 ties were loaded and moved to the museum with one small casualty. Doug Peterson from Lodi broke a finger when he got it caught between two ties. He was more upset that he couldn't do any work at the museum than about his finger.

Wayne Monger and John Walker painted "RAILROAD MUSEUM" in big, bold black letters on the hiway side of the diesel shop and it's already attracted people to the museum.

Dave McClain, Brian Challender, Renee McComb, Dave Waters, Ski, and Doug Jensen steam cleaned the 921, 1506, 1508, and 1517, and they look much better for it. Rose Hersted cleaned the cabs and windows of many of the locomotives. Steve Habeck attacked the "silver" caboose and cleaned it from vestibule to vestibule including the toilet system.

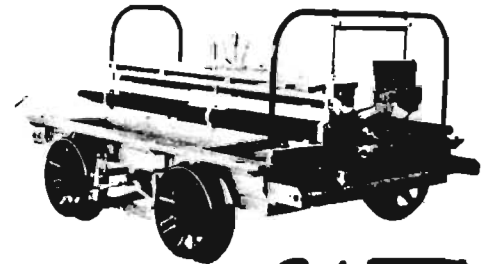
Gary Cousins took the lead and with the help of Ron Bitler, (who with Dave Waters did a minor overhaul of our operating speeder) George Crandle, and Jack Palmer, cleaned out the tool room, electric room and built shelves and organized parts and equipment in and around

July 4-5 Operating Weekend  
July 11 Railfan Day  
Aug 1-2 Motor Car Races  
Aug 22-23 Railroad Days

And remember we operate the last weekend of each month and have a work weekend every 3rd weekend of the month. Come on up we would love to have you and meet with you.

The operating dept is always looking for new members to join in in the operations.....

Please check your yellow 1987 calendar for all the events in Portola, if you need one or an extra please drop us a note.....



**Fairmont**

The national Track Motorcar Championship Races will be held in Portola on August One.

Please plan on attending this growing and exciting event....

For more information and car registration packets write to:

Motor Car Races  
Ron Butler  
19969 Portola Dr  
Salinas, Calif 93908  
or call 408-455-1475  
work number 408-757-2036

SEE YOU IN PORTOLA?????

the old boiler area. Things are where we can find them now and it looks great.

Steve Milward organized the grounds crew and with "Veector" Neves, L Rimici, Gary Reich, Roger Hepkema, and Dave Waters with burro service from Jim Ley, they went from one end of the yards to the other raking up debris and picking up spikes and rails. This was a two day job in the hot sun that also saw a celebratory removal of the Pinto to the dump. Luckily it was "free" week at the dump!

Larry Hanlon, Pete and Sue Solyom, John Hatchet and Steve Heib took some great pains to put windows in the 2001. As they were cut just a little over size and had to be tirmed to fit.

Roger Hepkema (a surveyor from the UP) and Steve Milward surveyed for Rip #2 and right behind them was Ken Roller spacing out our "new" ties in preparation for rails to be laid.

Dave Anderson worked on the plumbing in the ladies room and made the sink operable again while his wife, Julie, did the thankless job of cleaning the blinds for the meeting room. Doug Peterson (before he broke his finger) and John McCormick devised a system to hang the blinds.

Most important, let's not forget the cooks! Anne Robertson-Worth (who traveled up from Grass Valley and back, a 200 mile round trip, twice during the weekend because her boss couldn't give her the time off), Pam Hodson, Lynda Monger, all put their time in behind the wood burning stove of the diner to serve lunch, dinner, and breakfast to the hungry beasts. Also thanks to Lou Ann Milward for cooking some items in her home kitchen that couldn't be done at the museum. Thanks Renee McComb for mopping the floors and to Ron Butler for vacuuming the carpets in the diner. It was a great feeling to eat meals in the diner.

Saturday evening after dinner Ken Yoe gave a grand talk and slide presentation on the beginnings of the California State Railroad Museum and their restoration efforts. Thanks to you Ken and Hatty for your company.

Dave McClain later gave his course on starting the F7 units and then we proceeded to start four of them and run night operations (our apologies to our neighbors on the hill). It's been a long time since we've seen F units in MU'd service. It was a long weekend but so much was done and many friendships were sparked. The talk all weekend was how friendly things are at FRRS and what a great group of people work there. Let's see what happens next year. My thanks to all of you for making this a success and especially Steve Milward, Hap Manitt, and Jim Ley who got out there and did some ugly jobs for me in preparation for this event. Let's do it again next year. And for those of you who weren't there, come up and see what we accomplished. We're pretty proud.

Here's a list of those that I know pitched in. I apologize to those that I missed.

Dave Anderson	Gary Cousins
Julie Anderson	George Crandle
Ron Butler	Mark French
Brian Challender	Steve Habeck

Larry Hanlon	Lynda Monger
John Hatchet	Vic Neves
Steve Heib	Jack Palmer
Roger Hepkema	Matt Palmer
Rose Hersted	Doug Peterson
Pam Hodson	Tom Potts
Barbara Holmes	Ed Randall
Norm Holmes	Gary Reich
Barbara Holmes	Leonard Rimici
Steve Jackson	Anne Robertson-Worth
Doug Jensen	Robert Rohner
Vickie Krois	Ken Roller
Jim Ley	John Ryczkowski
Hap Manitt	Pete Solyom
Dave McClain	Sue Solyom
Renee McComb	Hank Stiles
John McCormick	John Walker
Lou Ann Milward	Dave Waters
Steve Milward	



### MEMORIAL DAY OPENING

The 2nd anniversary of our Grand Opening was a grand success. Highlight of the event was a pancake breakfast at the museum put on by the Portola Rotary Club. Rotary President Skip Englert knew that we needed funding to repair the roll up doors at the east end of the diesel shop and felt the breakfast could raise the necessary funds for this purpose. Nearly 600 persons attended the event. The exact amount raised was not available at press time, but we are sure the amount will go a long way toward the repair job costs.

Operations over the opening holiday weekend consisted of our regular train rides around the balloon track, using WP 2001 (GP-20) and a three unit F7 set (WP 921D, ARR 1507, and ARR 1506). The use of the Alaska units was a special treat authorized by Mountain Diesel for this occasion. A three unit F7 set was very interesting to see and hear. Passenger ticket sales totaled \$718.

Crew members were Steve Habeck, Vic Neves, Steve Milward, John Ryczkowski, Jim Ley, Dave McClain, Dean Hill, Gary Cousins, and Gordon Wolleson and sons. Others helping with the event were Hap Manitt, Norm and Barbara Holmes, Pam Hodson, Rose Hersted, Dianne Wolleson, Vickie Krois, and Mary Ryczkowski.

A hamburger grill was set up to serve lunch for our crews and visitors. Emery Goddard did a fine job as chef assisted by Kitty Fender and Diane Wolleson. The smell of onions frying on the grill enticed many to buy a burger, some more than one.

### DONATIONS

George Comer donated an RCA video camera, recorder, and all attachments to our museum so we may now record activities as we progress. The equipment is in nearly new condition and is quite valuable. We thank George for this most generous donation. He also donated a steam engine breathing funnel, used on locomotives working through tunnels and snow sheds. The funnel was attached with a rubber hose to the engine's air system, cotton waste in the funnel was wetted, and when a long tunnel was reached the air was turned on and the funnel placed over one's mouth and nose. This allowed the men to breathe cool, clean air. This particular funnel was from the SP, but the WP had similar ones.

Another very valuable donation was received from Richard Croll in the form of six barrels of diesel locomotive lubrication oil. Arrangements were made by Steve Milward with Dave McClain transporting the oil to Portola.

George Wentworth sent us several old Exposition Flyer and California Zephyr Menus and Gilbert McGarr gave us a 1871 "Manual of the Railroads of the United States". This 700 page book lists railroads of that period and also has many interesting ads for products available in that period. Russ Pettit donated a nice UP shield clock for the meeting room.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

The following have made cash donations during the past two months. We appreciate your financial help to maintain our valuable equipment collection. Additional donations are always welcome.

Tom Bacarella	Richard Humm
Robert Bailey	Paul Ingraham
Jeffrey Baus	Bob Klempner
John Brown	Fred Klyver
David Burton	Roger Long
James Case	Rudei Muller
Walter Clary	Andrew Peterson
Mark Cooper	Leo Prescott
Jack Dorothy	Lew Ramsey
David Edwards	Gary Richardson
Robert Flannery	Leigh Savage
Warren Gibson	Gerald Stiener
Dennis Gilkey	Robert Topham
James Groenke	David Vollbrecht
Robert Hanft	Tom Weston
Dan Heilig	John Whitson
Richard Holmes	

805A T shirt sales are doing quite well. We still have most sizes