

Linda and Wayne Monger and Pam Hodgson for their help on the ticket booth, Barbara Holmes-snack bar, Chris Skow and Vickie Krois-gift shop, Bill Frasier for loaning us his movie screen, and a big THANK YOU to Rick Merrill from Idaho, who spent a two week vacation at Portola working on the shower car (it now works!!) and other assorted projects in preparation for this event. I wish I could list everyone who participated but, the turnout this year was so great that I couldn't begin to remember everyone involved. Thanks again for a job well done.

Myself and the FRRS are looking to next year to be even better.....

### DIESEL DOINGS

As part of the diesel training class Brian Challendar is conducting this summer, a complete oil change was done on WP GP-7 No. 707. Additional work in the form of window replacement, headlight change out, battery door repair, and installation of a pre-lube oil pump along with a scrub down is needed before this unit is ready for regular service.

On June 20 Richard Canino, Steve Habeck, Norm Holmes, Jim Ley, Steve Milward, Dave McClain, Odie Lorimer, Hank Stiles, and Kent Thompson accomplished a great deal on the UP GP-30 no. 849. The turbo was replaced,

a new set of batteries installed and some miscellaneous air work completed. The engine was test run on Sunday and even though a few minor problems remain to be solved, we have an operable GP-30. On June 29th Jim Ley and Brian Challendar changed the crankcase oil, and fuel filters.

### AND AROUND THE MUSEUM

Rick Merle from Blackfoot, Idaho returned to the PRM in July along with his daughter Melissa to spend a two week vacation working on our equipment. (Rick and Melissa spent two weeks with us in 1985 also.) Rick accomplished much during his stay, completing the step renewal on SN 1632, finishing the shower-lounge car and doing many other small jobs around the museum, which seem to have no end. Both Rick and Melissa said they enjoyed their stay. We enjoyed them and wish them a speedy return.

Steve Habeck also spent some vacation time with us in July doing some of the many odd jobs around the museum and switching equipment for operations and rail festival day. Steve lives in Los Osos which is quite a drive (10 hours) to come to help our museum, and he does this once a month during the summer.

### TRACK WORK

Our one-man track laying machine, Ken Roller, working ten hours a day July 6-10 completed the Rip#2 track in time to allow it to be used to store some of our equipment prior to the Rail Festival event. Rip#3 remains to be laid: the ties are in place, but need to be spaced, then rail moved onto the ties, etc. However, due to an unfortunate automobile accident on July 11th, Ken will not be building track for at least a month. We all wish Ken a speedy recovery.

Ken is an accomplished artist, so during his recuperation, he will be painting a number of canvases depicting WP steam engines for display in our museum. If anyone would like to commission Ken to do a painting, he would be glad to oblige.....

### THIS MONTHS COVER PHOTO

Shows the July 4th operating crew on the nose of the 921 in our new operating dept T-shirts.

Last issues cover photo--how many know where it was--East of Winnemucca, Nevada on the old WP main line just before you get to Weso, milepost 536.

*With a blast of smoke GP-30 849 roars back to life on June 21st after turbo replacement*

