

Materials and artifacts donated include a set of original drawings of paint schemes for WP F7, GP7, and GP35 units given by Robert Topham. From Robert Young's collection, three large WP steam era photos. Richard Morgan of New Zealand gave us a NZ Rys rule book and a number of timetables.

FEATHER RIVER RAILROAD DAYS

August 22-23, was a grand success this year, with nearly double the attendance of last year. In anticipation of the usual Saturday crowd, it was decided to operate two trains this year; two cabooses and a vista-flat each. This would allow one to load while the other was going around the loop. Three engine crews with three engines were needed along with two train crews. Steve Habeck, Rod McClure, Phil Schmierer, Dave Waters, and Vic Neves did all the necessary switching on Friday, Hap hosed down the shop building floor so that everything would be ready for Saturday. Steve Milward put white lines down for control in the parking lot using the talc powder from the balloontrack--now you know what that is good for!

Saturday morning Dave McClain started the locomotives and the trains were ready as soon as the parade was over at 11:30 am. Vic Neves set up a control center and assumed the position of dispatcher. Portable radios were used and a set of outside speakers let the public know what was going on. Rod McClure was the trainmaster and assisted wherever needed. Because of the number of visitors and the complex train movements, Kent Stephens and John Walker kept control over the pedestrian crossing. Pam Hodson and Mary Ryczkowski were in the ticket booth. Over \$2,000 worth of tickets was sold. A record.

At one time eight locomotives were in operation; FRSL 8, KCC 2, WP 608, UP 849, WP 921D, WP 2001, ARR 1506, and ARR 1517. The operation of FRSL 8 was a special treat for us and our visitors. Jim Boynton and a crew of volunteers have worked many hours over the past three years to bring this old girl back to serviceable condition. We hope it will see much use in the future.

Train and engine crews over the two days were; Dave Anderson, Bruce Cooper, Mark French, Steve Habeck, Larry Hanlon, Norm Holmes, Fred James, Dave McClain, Rod McClure, Rick Merle, Steve

Milward, Vic Neves George Oels, John Ryczkowski, Phil Schmierer, Ken Thompson, Dave Waters, Gordon Wollesen and boys.

Besides train operations our gift shop did a great volume of business, Vickie Krois and Julie Anderson were busy all day Saturday and Sunday. Barbara Holmes Holmes, assisted by Charlene Marvin and Sue Cooper sold sodas, ice tea and snacks while Emery Godard cooked over 300 hamburgers and over 150 hot dogs on our own grill. The \$600 gas grill was completely paid for with food sales profits. Nick and Dorothy Baldi and Robin Shannon helped Emery with his sales.

The UP business car was open to the public, exiting through the diner. Shannon Smith kept watch over it. The open platform of coal flat WPMW 8545 provided a stage where several musical groups performed in the diesel shop both days. UP's quartette was particularly popular. Norm Holmes assisted by Ed Del Prete and Carl Swenson did a quick rebuild of the deck of the flat so it could be used for the stage.

Ken Roller set up an attractive display of his paintings and sold one of his recent works. Many hours of preparation and clean-up were completed prior to the event, now that it is over we can relax a little until next year. However the public has come to expect great things from us--we have to do better next year.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Northern California's catastrophic forest fires, while not directly affecting Portola, nevertheless kept a lot of visitors away from the mountains and our Labor Day weekend train rides. Smoke was thick, sometimes visibility was down to less than one mile. Trains were operated hourly around the balloon track for all three days, although sometimes the crew outnumbered the passengers. Feather River Short Line's steam engine was fired up on Saturday and operated around the balloon several times to the delight of all present. Helping out on the holiday were; Dave and Julie Anderson, Bruce Cooper, Mark French, Emery Godard, Ray Graham, Norm & Barb Holmes, Monte Isham, Jim Ley, Hap Manitt, Andy McCarron, Rod McClure, Steve Milward, Wayne Monger, Vic Neves, Matt Parker, John Ryczkowski, Kent Stephens, Hank Stiles, Gordon and Dianne Wollesen.

SEPT. 26-27th OPERATIONS

Again our visitor turnout was not all that great despite good weather. Hourly trips were conducted around the loop both days and the FRSL steamer operated on Saturday. A first at our museum was the steam engine pulling the Santa Fe caboose around the balloon for photos, followed by operation with the SN caboose. The No. 8 still needs some work, but she runs fine. Sunday after the last run, several hours were spent switching the yard to place equipment in winter locations. However, past experience shows that something will need to be moved again later. Crews for the weekend were; Brian Challender, Bruce and Sue Cooper, Mark French, Steve Habeck, Jim Ley, Hap Manitt, Dave McClain, Steve Milward, Matt Parker, Hal and Rita Shields, Ken Thompson, and Gordon and Dianne Wollesen.

Gordon and Dianne Wollesen have moved their family from Foresthill to Portola after Gordon retired from the California Division of Forestry. We welcome them to Portola and certainly appreciate all the help they have given to our museum.



FRRS T-SHIRTS

I would like to thank everyone that ordered the silver FRRS logo T-Shirts, over 60 were ordered and this sold-out my stock so there was and is going to be a little delay in shipping, especially XXL. This is due to the current unavailability of the high quality "Hanes" T-Shirts, but I'll soon have a full stock to fill orders.

I have received several letters from satisfied members after ordering their shirts.....

With this issue, the "Pink" FRRS T-Shirts are now available. They have the same FRRS logo with a red feather but are on a pink Hanes T-Shirt and are in the smaller sizes for the children and ladies of the Society in mind.

For your convenience I have put an order blank on the back side of the mailing label.....

Please order your pink or silver FRRS member T-Shirts and remember that your purchase is supporting your Society.....