

## PRESIDENTS'S DESK by Norman Holmes

From time to time we hear some say, "It's too bad there isn't more being done at the museum." A few of us namely Jim Ley, Hap Manit, Ken Roller, Hank Stiles and myself work 5 to 7 days a week at the museum. We are volunteers. We are not paid. We do the day to day work needed to keep our facility in some semblance of order. When other volunteers come up to work on weekends or at other times we help them on their particular projects. Usually we are "go-fers" where is this or that, how do I do something worthwhile for the community and we believe we are preserving something tangible for future generations to enjoy. The work of the museum is not only painting a locomotive to make it look pretty, it is hauling the garbage, sweeping the floors, re-arranging seemingly endless accumulation of new "things."

It may not be exciting work to put toilet paper in the rest-rooms, but it can be exciting not to find toilet paper when you need it. There are phone calls to make and answer, mail to be picked up, sorted and answered or sent to appropriate people for action. Banking to be done, bills to be paid - it goes on and on. Because of this it is difficult for us to take on major projects. We need more project people - people who will take on a job and follow it through to completion. There are small projects such as re-decking a push car or painting garbage cans to major jobs like preparing a locomotive or car for paint. If you would like to see more done at the museum, ask yourself, "What can I do to help?"

Brian Blake, 3312 View St., Fort Worth, TX 76103, has photos of WP power in Texas. He will sell photos and would like to correspond with WP modelers.

## FRRS CALENDAR

April 16 - Social Meeting  
 May 21-22 - Spring Work Party  
 May 28-30 - 3rd Anniversary of  
 Grand Opening - Operations  
 June 2-5 - NMRA-PCR Convention  
 in Santa Rosa  
 June 18 - Annual Membership  
 Meeting  
 June 25-26 - Operating Weekend  
 July 2-4 - Operating Weekend  
 July 9-10 - Rail Festival Weekend  
 July 30-31 - Operating Weekend

## CAR PARTS

Union Pacific donated a 50 foot box car to the Sierra Valley Community Hospital in Loyaltan for storage of medical records, etc. As they had no use for the trucks, couplers or air brake equipment, they were given to us. We arranged for a truck to haul them to Portola. Sierra Pacific Lumber Co. loaded them for us and our Little Giant unloaded them assisted by crane operator Jim Ley. Norm Holmes and Hank Stiles supervised the project. The roller bearing trucks are now on our wheel track awaiting a need.

## VISITORS

Valentine's Day/President's Day three day weekend brought about two dozen visitors to the museum, the most visitors we have had on any date this year. The fine, warm weather was welcome to melt the two feet of accumulated snow. During the last week of February, a number of visitors going to or from Winter Rail stopped by our facility including a group from the Revelstoke Heritage Railway Society, Revelstoke, B.C. Our visitor guest book contain 7,474 names registered in 1987 (up from 4,480 in 1986.) We try to get everyone to sign, but many do not. We estimate in excess of 10,000 people visited our museum last year.