

AROUND THE MUSEUM by Norman Holmes

Clean-up of the La Portola tar pits continues with the contractor working six days a week to remove the old oil. Hap and Jim Ley have been assisting the contractor in any way they can, in return we have received all the old fencing material and most of the ties that were used for fence posts.

Gary Cousin, Jim Ley, Hap Manitt, Ken Roller, Hank Stiles and others have been cleaning up the diesel shop area. It seems this is a never ending job as items arrive and need to be put away for future use. Tom Moore has been working to complete our three-phase power installation. Tom got a donation of 200 feet of 3/0 wire, a circuit breaker and other items needed from his employers suppliers, thus keeping our costs to a minimum. Three-phase power will enable us to operate our air compressor and welders that need this type of power. Other work at the museum includes John Walker on SN 5005 hopper cars; Ken Roller on track work; George Comer and Ray Tucker cleaning the restrooms; Hank Stiles and Gordon Wolleson on the roll-up doors; Dave McClain and Larry Hanlon starting and checking the 608, 707, 848, 921D, and 2001; Larry Cope on the 105; John Walker, Hank Stiles and Ken Roller sanding and painting the vista flats; Dan Robirds working on the brake system of the 501; Doug Jensen preparing the 2001 for paint; Bruce Cooper fixing an air leak on the 921D; and Wayne Monger, John Walker and Matt Parker installed crossing "buck boards" on our three dirt road crossings. Hap Manitt arranged for a local dump truck to clean up the debris in the proposed picnic area. The Portola Soroptimist Club has bought some metal BBQ units to be installed as soon as the area has been graded, etc.

Bruce Cooper built a storage cabinet and desk unit which was placed in the old movie room. This will become an operations and

maintenance office. Our collection of maintenance and parts books have been placed in the cabinet. A clip board rack is over the desk and a clip board provided for each locomotive so that records may be kept available. We thank Bruce for a fine job.

We are sorry to have to report the passing of member Cal Dorothy.

LAST MEETING

Our April social meeting attracted two dozen members who heard a progress report by Hap Manitt and saw several video tapes brought up by Kent Stephens.

EQUIPMENT ARRIVALS

UP #29954, a 52 foot gondola car arrived in early April with parts for four drop tables. The car and its contents were donated to us by the Promontory Chapter of NRHS. The UP moved the car from Salt Lake City to Portola without charge. We plan to install one of the tables on Rip 2 to make changing of locomotive axels and traction motors easier. We appreciate the generosity of the Promontory Chapter and UPRR.

HEADLINES AND DEADLINES

If you have any photos or articles for the upcoming TRAIN SHEET, the deadline for them is July 17, 1988. You can mail them to me at the Portola address or if you are at the museum you can give them to me in person. Thanks