

The President's Desk

Norman Holmes

On March 20, 1949, Western Pacific, along with Rio Grande and Burlington, inaugurated the streamlined, vista domed, California Zephyr. This train immediately became popular with travellers and became the "most talked about train in the country." Its existence and success put the heretofore little known Western Pacific Railroad before the public eye. March 20, 1989 will mark the fortieth anniversary of the train, and although the planned rebirth of the train with original equipment for one trip over the original route did not work out, we will never forget the Zephyr. Perhaps in ten years attitudes will change with the original route railroads so that we can have a golden anniversary of the Silver Lady. We are planning to have a small ceremony in Portola on March 20 commemorating the event and will have a special CZ booklet with photos and remembrances of this fine train.

We wish to thank those members who sent us Christmas cards this year. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Norman

Win!

A RAILFAN TRIP
FOR TWO
TO SOUTH AMERICA

Please help your museum out by buying the fund raising drive raffle tickets. Two lucky people will be going to Chile in November, 1989. It just might be *you!*

The Feather River Rail Society is sponsoring the 2nd trip giveaway raffle in order to help raise funds to help build the "Portola Railroad Museum Visitor's Center".

The winner of the September 5th drawing will receive an all-expense paid railfan tour for two people from Miami to Chile operated by Trains Unlimited Tours. The entire value is over \$5600. The two week tour departs November 12, 1989.

Tickets
are \$3
each, or 5
for \$10

Co-sponsoring the raffle are:

Trains Unlimited Tours

Ladeco Airlines of Chile

Latour of Chile

Donations

A number of our members have made cash contributions recently. Our expenses, utilities at the museum and printing, to name two, continue, even though museum activities are slower in winter time. We really do appreciate your help.

Those contributing were:
Chas. Bach, Bob Beall, John Cone, Stephen Denno, Robert Dobbins, John Flower, Sam Girdler, Chas. Givens, Phillip Gresho, Fred Klyver, S.W. Little, Scott McAllister, Ken Meeker, Fred Morton, Tom Mounovan, Dave Richards and Larry Richards.

We'd like to particularly thank the *Sacramento Modular Railroaders* for selecting our museum as their "organization of the year" to receive a monetary donation.

Another special thanks goes to Mr. John Cone. In response to my request last issue, John has donated a "Thunderscan" device which will soon be used in production of this newsletter.

Also "Thanks!" to John Keith for offering the use of a different scanning device! He has graciously offered to digitize anything we need for use in our publications.

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