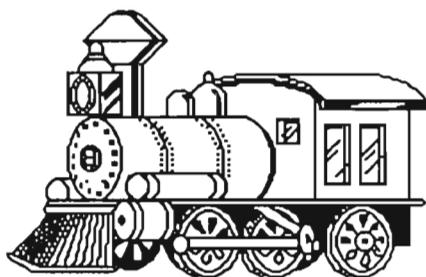


Feather River Short Line News



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After a long cold winter, the Short Line "season" opened on April 1, 1989. Project Foreman Jim Boynton, John Marvin and Portola Mayor Mel Moore went to work washing down the engine boiler and scrubbing down the engine.

The actual restoration of Number 8's tender air brake systems began just before she was mothballed for the winter in 1988. Jim Boynton, Mel Moore and Gordon Wollesen dismantled the brake cylinder and rigging and Jim brought all the parts back to Quincy. Many hours were spent cleaning and wire brushing them to bare metal before priming and painting was completed. The word had gone out for the all-important cup gasket for the brake cylinder piston. Jack Corrick, machinist and steam locomotive inspector for the Orange Empire Ry. Museum responded with the critical part. This generosity provided the necessary part to complete the job.

On April 5, 1989 Jim took the refurbished parts back to Portola and work started in the assembly. Aided by Mel Moore and Al Vizina (with Mike Attama adding weight to the assembly), the job was completed in six hours. Air trainlined from a Portola R.R. Museum diesel was piped to the cylinder and the system worked perfectly! As a result, this air equipment is no doubt as clean and efficient as the day it was applied to Engine 8.

The Pyle-National headlight that was donated by the Ted Benson family has been installed on Number 8's tender and a class light bracket is now in place. The lettering on #8's cab and tender on the right hand side is to be completed soon. Jim Boynton and John Marvin are preparing #8 for her annual hydrostatic test to get the engine ready for passenger service at the museum this summer.

An outstanding display of historical material is now on display at the Plumas County Museum in Quincy honoring Arthur W. Keddie and his family. He was a famous surveyor and resident of Quincy and his work resulted in the title of "Father of the Western Pacific". The town of Keddie was named in his honor. Jim Boynton did many of the photo enlargements and many articles of interest from the Keddie family are exhibited. We recommend this to all railroad fans.

See you in Portola!

Donations

Last summer Anthony Nararro donated a caboos lamp and a switchmen's lamp to our artifacts collection. We overlooked reporting the donation at that time - sorry! George Comer donated a box of timetables, calendars and miscellaneous railroad paper items. Ingrid Joy donated a Lionel Virginia & Truckee train belonging to her late husband Jerry.

A lot of mileage costs were donated by the mainstays of the museum, notably: Gordon Wollesen and Hank Stiles, who are at the museum almost every day. Hap Manit makes 4 or 5 trips a day, open and closing the museum and running errands. Even though he lives close, this totals 3,500 miles a year. Norm Holmes, driving his infamous pickup truck, drove over 18,000 miles doing the business of the museum including trips to Sacramento, the Bay Area and Utah. Without these dedicated individuals and others, our museum would not be progressing like it is.

And we don't want to forget Joe Way, our tireless membership administrator. He puts in a great amount of time keep track of our constantly moving and growing membership!

Cash donations have been gratefully received from: Owen Acuff, George Andrews, Brian Blake, George Comer, Dave Davella, Don Douglas, Mark French, Dean Hill, Norm Holmes, Henry Hultgren, Sam Jenkinson, Peter Langdon, Tom Lerza, Ralph Ross, Steve Santos, Richard Severance, Richard Simonsen, Mark Spellman, Larry Trumbull, Peter Watkins, Mat Winegar and Eric Wright.

A \$900 torque wrench and multiplier were purchased with these and other donations. Your generous donations really help!

Wish List

The following is a list of tools we could use in our shop. If you have or know of possibilities for donation, please let us know.

Heavy duty vise
Band saw
Oxyacetylene torch with gauges
Parts washer
Belt sander
Machine lathe
9 inch angle grinder
1-inch drive socket set
Heavy duty bench grinder