

## Special Operations

Two groups of senior citizens from the Oakland (CA) Museum stopped by our museum on April 28 and on May 17 for a train ride and tour. They were on a three day tour visiting historical sites and museums in our general area. We also gave rides and tours to several school groups in May. Most of the children had never been on a train and this gives us an opportunity to talk to them about railroads and safety around trains. On June 8, a busload came over from Reno for the tour and a ride. Their trip was climaxed by dinner at Portola's famous Log Cabin restaurant.

On June 17, Union Pacific Corporation Chairman Drew Lewis, his wife Marilyn and guests, including Richard Voell, President and CEO of the Rockefeller Group, toured the museum. At 7 am, their special UP train, which had spent the night in Portola, left for a daylight ride through the Feather River Canyon. We are certainly pleased that Mr Lewis enjoys showing the museum to his friends. Rising at this early hour to welcome the group were Dave and Julie Anderson, Ned Cray, Norm Holmes, Hap Manit and Hank Stiles.

## Donations

Hans Ploug donated a 400 amp electric welder with cables. This item, although old, will be very useful for heavy welding. Mr & Mrs James Welch donated a number of Ernest Towler railroad prints.

Cash donations have been gratefully received from the following: Murray Brown, George Comer, Clem Dickey, Robert Diehl, William Garner, Melvin Getzlaff, Steve Habeck, Charles Hakker, Richard Hall, James Hollett, Hooker Oaks Good Sams of Chico, Robert Klempner, Josiah Jenkins, Richard Hall, Allan and Lynn Ratcliff, and Leonard Rimicci. In addition, a check in the amount of \$259.50 was received from the Fairfax-Falls Church United Way of Vienna, Virginia. One of our members (who are you?) must have made contributions to our organization through the United Way. We really appreciate this and this might be a

way other members could contribute to our museum.

Steve Habeck again applied for PG&E's Community Award Program. Again, he did not win the \$1000 first prize, but the \$100 award alludes to Steve's personal contribution to our society. We thank Steve and PG&E for the contribution.

We have several painting projects - 2001 and 501 in particular - that will be completed this summer. However, paint and associated supplies are costly, we could really use some extra financial help in this area.

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Starting with Memorial Day this year, we have been operating trains every weekend. Feather River Shortline RR will be operating No. 8 on the second weekend of each month, and on Railroad Days. Rather than trying to list all the operating personnel each week, we just want to thank those who regularly and not so regularly come to Portola to help operate the trains. All are dedicated to doing a safe and professional job and are a credit to our organization. Anyone wishing to learn the job are come on up and see the conductor for instruction.



John Ryczkowski, Larry Hanlon and Dave McClain on top of UP 849 (GP-30) as the turbo is removed for repair. (DW)