

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Gary and Pat Cousin loaded their car with gift shop items and set up a table at the International Railfair in Roseville, Nov. 11-12. They did a good business in merchandise sales and established good relations for our Rail Society. Dave Anderson, Mark French and Jim Gidley helped at the tables.

Dave Dodds and Bill Marshall set up a table at Orange Empire Railway Museum, West Covina Model Railroaders Swap Meet, Foothill Model Railroaders Club in Sunland and the GATS show at the LA County Fairgrounds. Their help in selling our merchandise and acquainting the public about our organization is greatly appreciated. Merchandise sales are a major source of income for our museum.

New Books:

Diesels over Donner by Richard Steinhilber & Dick Dorn. A visual history of first and second generation diesels working over SP's Donner Pass. 104 pages, 105 color & 4 b&w photos.

hard cover - \$50.

Light Rail Transit on the West Coast by Harre Demoro & John Harder. A 96 page soft cover book featuring historical and present photos & a short history of transit systems in San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento, San Jose, Portland and Los Angeles. \$13.95

Toys:

Die-cast metal toy train set, includes diesel switcher, coal car, tank car, box car & caboose, about 20" long. \$3.95

Catalog:

We mailed out the new 1990 gift shop catalog in early December. If you did not get one, let us know and we will send you one.

TRAIN SHEET EDITOR

We are still without a new Train Sheet editor. We hope to have someone soon. In the meantime please bear with us. Our goal is to have the Train Sheet out on a regular basis with the Jan-Feb, 1990 issue closed on Feb 15 and mailed before Feb 28 and follow that same schedule through out the year. The next issue of the Train Sheet will have a callendar of events for the year.

DONATIONS

Dan Chapman built two thrust blocks for our RS-3. We were missing two of these heavy steel blocks with brass bearing plates which are needed in the truck bearing boxes. The cost of new blocks from Alco was over \$700 each. We paid Dan only \$50 for material. Dan did the machine work. Thanks. George Bartlett donated several display cases for use in the gift shop and snack bar and we have a correction - the movie screen listed as a donation last month should have been credited to Bill Frasier. Sorry Bill.

Cash donations received since Nov. 1st totaled \$260. We thank the following members for their extra support for our preservation work: Galen Anderson, Rick Galassi, Fred Klyver, Tom Moungovan, Eric Reuberson, Peter Shirey, Palmer Simpson and Larry Trumbull. Some of our facility expenses go on, such as electricity for heating and battery charging, during the winter months. We would like to put more names on the cash donation list...

SANTA TRAIN

Our fourth annual Santa Train was a grand success. Nearly 200 children and parents rode the two caboose train powered by WP 512. Six trips were made between noon and 2 PM, Saturday, December 9th.

Hap Manit set up a six foot Christmas tree in the diesel shop along with other decorations. Barbara Holmes had ready hot coffee and cookies. Hap bought a giant sack of pop corn, which was readily consumed by the many children. Again, Emery Godard was our geneal Santa, riding the train and handing out candy canes and toys to the excited children.

Dean Hill was our engineer, Erv Hartung fireman, Hank Stiles conductor and Norm Holmes, brakeman. Barbara Holmes took care of gift shop sales.

MEETING

Our annual Christmas social meeting was held at the Portola City Hall. Only nine attended which meant there was more cake and cider for us! Barbara Holmes baked a Black Forrest Torte cake, Deborah Canino brought two plates of cookies. Both were great. Norm Holmes showed some slides of other railroad museums and railroads visited this year.

Rent-a-locomotive gift certificates are available.
\$60 to drive a diesel locomotive for one hour. 832-4532