

# HAP'S DIARY OF MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

- April 26, 1990 Hap attended a meeting of the Railroad Days Parade Committee. Plans were made to have an auction with the proceeds being used to finance Railroad Days Parade.
- April 28-29, 1990 Norm Holmes and Hank Stiles gathered parts, tools and equipment needed to get the SP-Simplot Engine 4004 air problem corrected so the unit could be moved from Pocatello, Idaho to Portola.
- May 1, 1990 Dick Joy and his construction crew started at 7:00AM on April 30, 1990 cutting new road from 1st Avenue to the museum. A total of 200 10-ton truckloads of dirt fill were removed from the right-of-way and dumped into land south of the museum for future land use -- visitor center. Dick Joy had a very painful accident when a loaded backhoe bucket fell on his foot. We were told later that he will be all right.
- May 2, 1990 Norm Holmes and Hap Manit gave talks on the beginning of the Western Pacific Railroad to the Feather River College Senior History Travel Classes -- for 5 days beginning this date. The classes were conducted by Jim Young from Feather River College.
- May 3, 1990 Thanks are given to the Cromer Brothers (Paul and George) for their fine work done in improvements in the women's rest room and in the men's rest room. Also thanks to them for donating and installing the ceiling light in the display room.
- May 4, 1990 Vic Neves arrived on this date to start work in tool room and other work around museum.
- May 5, 1990 Gary Cousin and Bruce Cooper worked on clean-up jobs around the museum -- Brian Challendar, Erv Hartung and Steve Habeck moved ties from lower West Pass track to museum yard.
- May 8, 1990 Paul Kalinian Photography Studio finished filming his documentary at the museum using extras Hap Manit, Ken Roller and others. The engineer on the movie train was Bruce Cooper, and Gordon Wolleson was the conductor. Rolling stock included Alco S-1 512, a tank car, a flat car and our SN caboose. After all of this excitement, 13 ladie Rotarians from Thailand arrived and had a tour of the museum. Tour guides were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Clifton, and Katherine Barnett. Thanks go to Gordon Wolleson for wiring the lights in the Troop Sleeper Car.
- May 9, 1990 Thanks also go to Gordon for wiring the lights in the shower car -- "Silver Shower" and in the caretaker's car -- "Silver Debris." SP-Simplot Engine 4004 arrived in Portola yard, and was switched into FRRS yard by Steve Habeck, Bruce Cooper and Gordon Wolleson.
- May 10, 1990 Norm and Barbara Holmes started to paint walls in gift shop -- and to rearrange store inventory on newly installed shelving.
- May 12, 1990 A big thank you goes to Bill Evans from Palmdale California for travelling a long distance and back home after working on nose body work of the 805A. Thanks also to Odie Lorimer from Lodi California for being his helper.
- May 12, 1990 The museum donation box was stolen from the museum by a young boy aged 9 to 13. The case was solved very quickly by the sheriff's department.
- May 14, 1990 A Switch crew including Bruce Cooper, Gordon Wolleson, Steve Habeck, Hank Stiles switched FRRS yard and placed good-looking equipment in prominent places for public viewing.
- May 15, 1990 Hap Manit was getting ready for Railroad Days Parade committee fund raiser auction. He took inventory of all the donated items.
- May 15, 1990 Steve Habeck placed engraved signs on all rolling stock that had no signs at all or had dilapidated signs.
- May 19, 1990 Mrs. Sue Cooper was flown by helicopter to Reno early in the morning because of severe sickness. She was in the hospital for 10 days. She has now been released and is now seen regularly in the snack bar at the museum on weekends. It's good to have you back, Sue.
- May 23, 1990 Steve Habeck mounted engraved signs on Ken Roller's large 4'x8' oil paintings. Jack Palmer arrived from San Francisco to work on cleaning and polishing the side panels of the 805A. Hap arranged cook stoves in the museum to prepare for the Legion breakfast.
- May 24, 1990 51 students from the Pioneer Elementary School in Quincy toured the museum. Thanks go to Steve Habeck for moving the heavy 12 foot long counter from gift shop so that new glass cases could be moved in. Thanks also to Ned Carney who shows up from Mountain View to help around the museum.
- May 25, 1990 Hap Manit contacted manager of Sierra Pacific Power Company for a quick rewiring job to the kitchen because of our larger use of electrical power there. Thanks go to Ken Rightmere and to the electrician -- David Chappel.
- June 1, 1990 Norm Holmes, Hap Manit, Bruce Cooper, Gordon Wolleson, and Hank Stiles started work on SP-Simplot 4004 engine. 41 students from the Pre-School of Loyalton toured the museum. Hap Manit, Norm Holmes, Barbara Holmes, and Hank Stiles cleaned the kitchen and rec hall, hooked up grill and stove.



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