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## *Hap Mani's Diary of Museum Happenings*

By our Jack-of-all-Trades, curator, caretaker, detail person, record keeper and friend...

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- June 22, 1990 The tractor that we use to plow snow with went back to its owner for the summer. Norm Holmes packed up goods from the gift shop to take to the TRAIN show in Sacramento.
- June 23, 1990 Wayne and Lynda Monger cut weeds in the picnic area.
- June 24, 1990 Pete Solyom hauled gift shop goods to Southern California to sell at a railroad show there. Kent Stephens scraped and painted decals on the UP 6946.
- June 25, 1990 Hank Stiles and Brian Challender took the cracked compressor heads off of WP 501. Mardi Vincent put the new heads on and torqued them. Gordon Wolleson and a group of Boy Scouts painted the caboose at the Portola City Park.
- June 26, 1990 Brian Challender and Mardi Vincent revamped old alcohol-carrying trailer and turned it into a water trailer for spraying water on the parking lot to keep dust down.
- June 27, 1990 Norm Holmes and Ken Roller did repair work on balloon track changing bad ties. Jim Boynton and John Marvin cleaned up engine #8 and pumped oil into the tank. Steve Habeck, Ken Roller and Norm Holmes hung Ken's new 4' x 8' oil paintings in the dining room.
- June 28, 1990 Track work on weed-burner track extension was done by Norm Holmes and Ken Roller.
- June 29, 1990 Engine 501 had its crankcase oil changed by Hank Stiles and Mardi Vincent. WP placards were mounted on it.
- June 30, 1990 The Chairman of U.P.R.R., Mr. Walsh, had his train stop in Portola at 3:45PM. It had 2 SD-50's on the point. He came in to the museum and gift shop after having a tour of the UP facility.
- July 1, 1990 We had pictures taken in front of WP 921-D for Railroad Days program. Doug Jansen did more work sanding WP 2001. Tom Moungovan and Dave Anderson steam-cleaned the Simplot 4004.
- July 2, 1990 Jim Matthew painted the kitchen floor.
- July 3, 1990 Norm Holmes installed new batteries in the Burro Crane.
- July 5, 1990 We salvaged 450 ties from the old U.P. West Pass for future use at the museum. Norm and Barbara Holmes went to Sacramento to check on dump truck at the AFB there for possible acquisition. Gordon Wolleson and his Boy Scouts worked on the picnic benches in the FRRS picnic area.
- July 7, 1990 A wedding was conducted on the grounds of our museum. We made up a special train for the occasion which consisted of F7 921D, our Santa Fe Diner, and our U.P. business car #105. The bride and groom were married on the open

- platform of the 105 car with it located at the crossing near Milward switch. After the ceremony, their train made a couple of trips around the balloon track; then the whole wedding party left for the reception. Later that day, we installed a VCR-TV combination unit in the gift shop so as to demonstrate the many videos we have for sale.
- July 12, 1990 Tobie Smith graded the parking lot, the area for the new depot, and the picnic area. You can now go into these areas without getting a broken spring on your vehicle.
- July 14, 1990 KOLO-TV in Reno taped a special on our Rent-A-Locomotive program. See story elsewhere. The new water trailer sprayed water on our parking lot.
- July 16, 1990 Norm Holmes and the gang received the Hospital Car and the S.A.C. guard car from the U.P. into the FRRS grounds. See Story elsewhere.
- July 21, 1990 The museum was visited by 160 members of E Clampus Vitus who toured the museum. Wayne Monger, Lynda Monger, Steve Habeck, Mark French, Kent Stephens, and Bill Evans hauled 3 loads of ties from the west pass into the museum. Eric Rich and Hank Stiles pulled a heavy power cord out to the outfit cars; which had to run UNDER several tracks along the way. Ray Anderson worked 5 hours on GE 80 tonner #80 and U.P. 849 cleaning electrical equipment.
- July 22, 1990 The WP picnic was held in the picnic grounds. The passenger trains made flag stops all day at the picnic grounds to pick up or discharge passengers there. Bruce Cooper started work replacing missing parts on the dump truck we acquired.
- July 26, 1990 Drew Lewis, chairman of U.P. Corporation, arrived in Portola with his special train which had Centennial 6936 on the point to change crews at 10:30PM.
- July 27, 1990 Gordon Wolleson installed heavy wire service into the kitchen.
- August 2, 1990 A group of children from the preschool in Herlong toured the museum. Lynda and Wayne Monger set up for the Motorcar races which were held on the 4th.
- August 4, 1990 The Motorcar races took place. See story elsewhere. Pat Cousin took charge of the kitchen during the Motorcar races.
- August 5, 1990 Kent Stephens, and Wayne Monger, and Lynda Monger cleaned up the whole yard where the races took place.
- August 7, 1990 14 members of the Elks Club from Chico and Paradise toured the museum.
- August 8, 1990 Bob Lindley worked on Santa Fe caboose 999147, he put in a lube disk in the center casting.