

# Thank You

from Conductor Jim Gidley, Sr.

I want to thank all the FRRS operating crew members who worked with me this summer. I am well aware of family and job constants.

Please give some thought as to when you will be able to work next year. We are usually short crew members on Saturdays with more crew members than we could give train positions to on Sundays.

It was great to see the new student train crew members this year. Let's get qualified next year.

## PEOPLE... GENEROUS PEOPLE!

These generous people have all helped the museum by making cash donations.

Erwin Rose	David Burton
Martin Gibson	Andrew Peterson
John O'Malley	Mark French
Mike Fuhrig	Earl Pitman
Kirk Baer	Edward Ryan
Spencer Pattison	Brian Matsumoto

We have also received a number of donations to the memory of Jerry McQueen - we thank all those who donated.

## LUCKY PEOPLE!

The lucky winner of our raffle was Luise Reith of Tahoe City, CA. She received a free round trip for 2 on the private car Virginia City. We gained \$900 for our building fund due to raffle ticket sales. Another raffle will be held next year. We thank all those who bought tickets and good luck next year.

# The Crew From Chico Presents

## The Weekend of September 28-30, 1990 at the Chico Expo 90.

By Terry Decottignies

The Portola Railroad Museum displayed artifacts to help with the Expo's theme -- "Trains, Planes and Automobiles."

The display consisted of the museum's hand car, 3-wheel velocipede, speeder, yard switch stand, etc. Also included were pictures provided by Hap Manitt, and video tapes of the museum.

The North Valley Live Steam and Butte County Model Railroad Club, and Dave Dewey and Michael Needham, also helped with the display by providing an "N" Gauge layout and a locomotive bell along with pictures and train info. The bell was particularly effective in drawing attention to the display.

Approximately 20,000 people attended this year's EXPO and our display was quite busy throughout. Kent Stephens, who put in many hours manning the display, used his time to educate the public about our rental program.

All of those involved feel the display was a success, and hope it has encouraged people to come see the museum and to become members.

Mark French organized the effort to transport and man the display throughout the weekend. He had help from Kent Stephens, Terry Decottignies and Glen Hanson. Terry helped with his truck and trailer by making a roundtrip to haul the speeder, handcar, and velocipede. Small display items were transported by Kent in his pickup truck.

## FALL CLEAN UP

Although we had few participants, much was accomplished on our second annual fall clean up weekend, Sept. 29-30, 1990. Our 43 rolls of snow fence that were moved and unceremoniously dumped near the sump during our spring work weekend was stacked neatly. This fence once was around the oil pits and someday can be used in other locations. Parts that arrived with SP 4004 from Simplot were removed from the short hood and placed in a box car. A bad order battery was exchanged in WP 707 and four batteries removed from WP 2001. Diesel shop roof vents were closed; and oil sludge hauled to the city's land fill; waste buckets were dumped and cleaned in all cabooses and engines. Anti freeze levels were checked on all units that were not to be drained for the winter. The oil house was reorganized, a leaking fire hydrant shut off was dug out so that the leaking hydrant could be shut off. Porta-potties and the ticket booth were moved to the diesel shop. Track gauge and alignment were checked on the balloon track; switch targets were painted and numbered. In the kitchen, the grill and sink were cleaned, all refrigerators emptied and placed in winter storage. Steve Habeck made up a switch list to move equipment in place for winter. Sue Cooper provided lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Participating in the cleanup were: Eddie Chase, Bruce Cooper, Sue Cooper, Emery Goddard, Mary Griffin, Steve Habeck, Roger Hepkema, Dean Hill, Barbara Holmes, Norman Holmes, Greg Lugo, Hap Manitt, Lynda Monger, Wayne Monger, Hank Stiles, Mardi Vincent, Karena Wollesen and Gordon Wollesen. (anyone else???)

## WANTED!



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