

Spring Clean-up Weekend Saturday and Sunday April 20 & 21, 1991

The fun starts at 9:00 AM each day

Nineteen ninety-one will present a number of challenges to our Society. We need to improve the appearance of our facility and equipment so that the visiting public will be impressed. During April and early May we will have Union Pacific's double-header steam powered passenger train staying overnight in Portola. Hundreds of passengers and train viewers will be here. Railfair '91 will attract several hundred thousand visitors to Sacramento. We will have a booth at Railfair publicizing our museum. We must be ready to receive and impress the visitors we are sure to attract.

We need your help at the museum to clean-up, relocate and help get everything ready for our visitors. As in the past, we are having our annual work weekend allowing us to clean-up, to throw out the junk, and to dust off the equipment. The effort will be a two-day affair with food provided for all of you hardy helpers.

On the work agenda for the 2 days will be: track inspection, switch maintenance, discarding of useless equipment and scrap, general cleanup of inside and outside of the building, and relocating of rail and ties. There will NOT be any locomotive restoration work on these 2 days.

Come prepared with work clothes, gloves and a sense of adventure.

The First Sub Club

All meetings begin at 8:00 PM and are held at Niles Depot Museum, 36997 Mission Blvd, Fremont CA.

Friday, March 29, 1991

Saturday, July 13, 1991 (barbecue at 5:30PM before meeting)

Information: Call
(415) 591-4997

Friday, November 29, 1991

Friday, September 6, 1991 discussion of Railfan Day

Your Board of Directors

Starting with this issue of the Train Sheet, we'll have an article summarizing the issues handled at the preceding board of directors meetings. The purpose of this new regular column is twofold. The first is to report on issues that would not otherwise be included in "The Train Sheet," but that are of interest to the membership. The second is to show that the board of directors is a hard-working group of people who dedicate an entire day of their time to setting the course of your museum. This report will be created by Kent Stephens who takes careful notes of each board meeting, and who is the secretary of the board of directors.

The board meeting of January 13, 1991 was held at the home of Bruce and Sue Cooper. All board members were present, and the guests in attendance were Ed Warren, Bill Evans and Sue Cooper. President Norm Holmes called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM. We thank Bruce and Sue for their hospitality and for providing their warm home for the meeting, as well as for refreshments. The enginehouse is very cold!

Gordon Wollesen gave the financial report which was followed by Hank Stiles of the publicity committee giving an extensive report on his investigation regarding advertising - "getting the most bang for our bucks." The board approved advertisements in TRAINS magazine and LOCOMOTIVE & RAILWAY PRESERVATION in railroad museum sections. The deadline for getting an ad into TRAINS was January 25, 1991 to make the April issue. Hank will investigate further for the best/cheapest means of reaching the non-rail visitor.

Ed Warren reported that the current membership is 900 members.

Norm Holmes reported that the gift shop inventory has been completed and that the new catalog would be completed shortly.

Bill Evans, who is in charge of restoration at the museum, suggested that the board should set 1991 guidelines for restoration projects. After a lengthy dis-

ussion, it was agreed that WP 805A and WP 2001 will continue to be our ongoing projects, but that we will fit smaller restoration and preservation projects in depending on available help. Some units, such as SP 4004 are major restoration projects while others are smaller. (WP501 and WP 512 were completed in 1990.) We also need to preserve previously restored units and equipment. The board requested Bill to evaluate restoration and preservation needs of Baldwin 51, WP 608, WP 921D, WP 2001, UP6946 and to report back to the board. (Baldwin 51 and WP 2001 are restoration projects; WP 608 needs repainting - orange fading to pink; WP 921D and UP 6946 are preservation because of rusty spots.

Norm Holmes reported that UP was donating former WP derrick WP-37 and a sand car to us. (See story elsewhere.) Norm also reported on the progress of the purchase of Montreal F7B. (See story elsewhere.)

In other board action, extensive mechanical department rules were adopted, and an extensive discussion of the upcoming UP Steam excursion train from Railfair '91. (See story elsewhere)

•The board approved the 1991 calendar which you received with this Train Sheet.

•A Crew safety training proposal was tabled until the March meeting due to lack of time to discuss it.

•Norm announced that Central California Traction is donating much needed switches and track parts to our museum.

•Bruce brought up a proposal to upgrade museum radio communications to improve operations and safety. The board agreed this is a necessity and approved the purchase of a base station and 2 portables.

•Kent Stephens proposed writing "summary minutes" of the board meetings for publication in "The Train Sheet" which is what you are reading right now.

•Gordon Wollesen reported briefly on the "big freeze" and its effect on the museum diesel batteries.

Kent Stephens, Secretary