

Wanted

Top Quality Color Slides For Use In the FRRS Multi-Media Presentation At Railfair '91. We are in need of good quality slides showing activities at the Portola Railroad Museum, including repair of equipment, crowds at Railroad Days and Railfan Day, Rent-A-Locomotive Program, miscellaneous museum activities and scenes, etc. Slides will be copied and returned. This is for use at the FRRS information booth at Railfair '91 from May 3, 1991 to May 12, 1991. Contact Wayne Monger at (707) 746-8238.

More Wanted

Volunteers to staff the FRRS Information Booth at Railfair '91. We need MANY people, as the FRRS is required to staff the booth for at least 12 hours EACH DAY from May 3, 1991 to May 12, 1991. There will be some selling of merchandise, but mostly answering of questions about our museum. Contact Norman Holmes (916) 832-4737.

Bite the Bullet

Due to a number of reasons including increased postage rates, printing costs and general operating costs, your Board of Directors voted to increase the dues of most FRRS members effective May 1st, 1991. The board made a very sincere and dedicated effort NOT to raise the dues for Associate membership because we know that there are many people who enjoy membership in FRRS and because they are retired or disabled cannot afford more than \$15 a year. Unlike our government legislators who raise their salaries and our taxes, Board members receive no pay and pay the same dues as any other member and contribute much more in time and personal expense to further the goals of our organization.

The new dues rates are as follows: Associate \$15, Active \$30, Family \$35, Sustaining \$75 and Life \$300. You will note that we have established a new category Sustaining at \$75 per year. All membership categories receive our bi-monthly newsletter, "The Train Sheet." All membership categories EXCEPT Associate also receive "The Headlight," which is our popular quarterly Western Pacific historical publication.

Our new dues rates are in line with membership dues charged by other organizations that have similar needs and facilities. You will be sent a notice when it is time for you to renew, and this notice will show the correct amounts.

Baldwins

As mentioned in our last issue of the Train Sheet, we purchased two Baldwin AS-616 road switcher locomotives from Oregon & Northwestern. A problem has arisen regarding transportation. Union Pacific does not want to move the units in a train on their own wheels because of their friction bearing wheel sets. If moved, a speed restriction of 25 mph would be imposed. To run a train at this speed over a high speed-long mileage district would be unacceptable to the railroad. We are investigating the possibility of loading the units on special heavy-duty flat cars: our only alternative to selling the units for scrap. Watch in the next Train Sheet for an interesting, in-depth history of these units written by Wayne Monger.

Donations

The following have made financial contributions to our museum:

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Your donations over the past two months have been great. As you know income for this time of the year is low because of the small number of visitors. Our power bill for January was nearly \$300 because of the extreme cold temperature. Thanks for your help. We still have transportation to pay for to get the F7B unit from Montreal and the problem in moving the BLW units, so your continued help is needed.