



Caboosing

with Hap Manitt...

...the museum's diary

- February 17, 1992 Ken Roller worked on the upgrade of the model railroad in the Beanery.
- February 18, 1992 Gordon Wollesen worked on tearing out the old electrical system and installing the new electrical system in the newly refinished operating department office. His work on this and other electrical systems at the museum, including batteries, was DAILY. Ken Roller's work on the new model railroad in the Beanery has also been DAILY.
- February 22, 1992 A writer from the Reno Gazette-Journal came to the museum and rode with Bruce Cooper doing a story on the rental program and taking photos. Sue Cooper made lunch for the crew working at the museum on this day.
- February 26, 1992 Hank Stiles removed from engine SP 4404 heads, liners and damaged piston and rods.
- February 28, 1992 Bruce Cooper finished sheet-rocking the operations room.
- February 29, 1992 Engine 805 came alive and moved under its own power on this day.
- March 2, 1992 Steve Habeck and Gordon Wollesen switched the yard and worked on batteries of engine 512.
- March 3, 1992 Hank Stiles and Steve Habeck worked on the road with the loader. Bruce Cooper cleaned the sides of engine 921D. Sue Cooper placed address labels on envelopes for the Steam Excursion mailing.
- March 7, 1992 Mike Kelsey and Jim McCombs donated a large amount of electrical supplies and equipment for the completion of the operations room. They also worked on taping and texturing the walls.
- March 8, 1992 Mike Kelsey, Ken Roller and Hap Manitt helped with a tour of the museum by 50 people who arrived on a bus. Bob Lindley, Errol Spangler and Bob York used shovels to fill in pot holes on road. They straightened out our signs out on the streets.
- March 10, 1992 Bruce Cooper prepared engine 921 for the rental season, and pronounced it ready to go.
- March 14, 1992 Bill Evans hauled in a large load of firewood for the museum, and he worked hard painting the operations room.
- March 15, 1992 Dan Ogle worked on electrical system of engine 707.
- March 17, 1992 Ken Roller and Norm Holmes travelled to Keddie to pick up a telephone unit for the museum.
- March 19, 1992 Robert Alexander from Roseville inspected internal engine parts of engine SP 4404 and found the crankshaft bent.
- March 22, 1992 Hank Stiles, Steve Habeck and Jason Krois removed the water pump from engine 707.
- March 27, 1992 Bruce Cooper and Gordon Wollesen switched O&NW engine #4, which was on flat car, into our yard from the UP.
- March 31, 1992 Brian Challender arrived with the first of several loads of material that was purchased from the SP auction in Sacramento. Ken Roller dug out around a number of bad ties on the balloon track. He then removed spikes and tie plates and replaced the bad ties with better ones. He said it was back-breaking work.
- April 2, 1992 Brian and Bob Challender, Hank Stiles, Doug Morgan and Gordon Wollesen unloaded a lathe off of a truck which had come from the SP Auction in Sacramento. The truckloads from the auction were rolling in at a furious pace.
- April 3, 1992 Sue Cooper painted the floor and the walls in the kitchen service area.
- April 4, 1992 Two well-known FRRS members, Pete Langdon and Mardi Vincent, were married on this day at the Community Church.
- April 8, 1992 Norm Holmes, Hank Stiles, Jim Ley, Brian Challender, Ed Warren, Ken Roller, Larry LaBarge, Doug Morgan and Wayne Monger worked most of the day to unload O&NW Baldwin #4 off of flat car onto its trucks.
- April 9, 1992 38 people from the Feather River College toured the museum.
- April 10, 1992 Jim Ley worked on the truck crane, then he and Brian Challender worked on stocking the electrical shelf.
- April 12, 1992 Hank Stiles, Brian Challender, Pete Langdon, Mardi Langdon, Dan Wheeler and son, Bill Alexander, Hap Manitt, Steve Habeck, Norm Holmes, and Gordon Wollesen all cleaned up the shop area in preparation for a visit from the UP Board of Directors. They cleaned and washed the floor, and put everything in its place, and made the shop look spic and span.
- April 13, 1992 Gordon Wollesen worked on plumbing for new water heater for the kitchen. Engine SP 4404 was switched outside so that the head could be lifted off. Dirk Wightman, a new working member from Portola, installed rear headlight on engine SP 4404 with helper Robert Alexander. Steve Habeck worked in operations room installing clipboard and records cabinets, clock, keylock box and information chart. The operations room now looks real homey. Bruce Cooper repaired the dispatcher's table.
- April 15, 1992 The UP Board of Director's train arrived at Portola at 7:20PM. Norm Holmes and Hap Manitt greeted the officials on the train at that time.
- April 16, 1992 The UP Board of Directors toured the museum and went for a short train ride around the balloon track. The 805 crew prepared and started the 805 in preparation for a photo shoot. John Ryczkowski, Ed Warren and Larry Hanlon all photographed the 805 with its train at Malfunction Junction. A switch crew of Hank Stiles, Ed Warren, Mardi Langdon and Steve Habeck switched the yard for about 8 hours putting things back where they belong after having had trains made up for the UP Board of Directors and for the photo shoot.