



# Caboosing with Hap Maniit...

*...the museum's diary*

- June 14, 1992 Dirk Wightman assisted Bruce Cooper with rebuilding the master cylinder on the fork lift.
- August 15, 1992 Norm Holmes was interviewed live on radio station KGO about the museum. Matt Barton worked on headlights of engine SP 4404. Pete Langdon worked on making outdoor benches on caboose MP 13878. Mardi Langdon updated locomotive inspection reports.
- August 17, 1992 Gordon Wollesen and son Will assembled new brush cutting machine.
- August 18, 1992 Norm Holmes and Matt Barton moved engine WP 608 out of the house and Norm then sprayed it with a primer coat.
- August 20, 1992 The yard was switched in preparation for Railroad Days. The clean-up crew consisted of: Hap Maniit, Ed Crary, Tom Brann, Matt Barton, Hank Stiles and Norm Holmes.
- August 21, 1992 David Dewey repaired and spruced up the ticket booths to be used on Railroad Days. Gordon Wollesen, Steve Habeck and Ken Roller joined the crew in preparing for Railroad Days.
- August 22, 1992 Feather River Railroad Days took place on this day and on August 23, 1992.
- August 26, 1992 Hank Stiles and Matt Barton replaced gasket on engine 707 to stop oil leak. Rose Hersted sanded primer on engine 608.
- August 27, 1992 Hank Stiles worked on engine O&NW 4 to prepare it for starting.
- August 30, 1992 Engine 608 was painted on this day by FRRS member Dino Drakos from Sacramento. Norm Holmes painted the inside of the Silver Debris.
- August 31, 1992 Hank Stiles and Bill Alexander worked 10 hours on this day reassembling the prime mover of engine SP 4404.
- September 2, 1992 Bill Alexander and Hank Stiles worked extensively on engine SP 4404 and after a hard day's work on it, started it and made further adjustments and repairs to it.
- September 3, 1992 26 people from Elderhostel toured the museum and had 4 hours of locomotive operation with Bruce Cooper. Matt Barton and Eddie Chase dug out around the track at terminal for installation of new track pans.
- September 4, 1992 Norm Holmes and Barbara Holmes painted the inside of the Silver Debris car.
- September 5, 1992 Labor Day weekend train rides began on this day. The kitchen crew throughout the weekend consisted of Bruce Cooper, Sue Cooper, Edna Ede, Lola Hewitson and Rose Hersted.
- September 7, 1992 Bill and James Alexander and Hank Stiles worked hard on engine SP 4404; it moved under its own power on this day.
- September 9, 1992 Jerry Todd installed new track pan on the track at terminal.
- September 11, 1992 Gordon Wollesen did winterization work around the museum from this day onward. Lola Hewitson and Rose Hersted prepared the Beanery for the weekend operations. Rose also cleaned both rest rooms and sorted and labeled bolts in the shop area.
- September 13, 1993 Mark French, Hank Stiles and Vic Neves worked on engine O&NW 4 hooking up traction motor cables and other work. The USN MRS-1 engine was started on this day.
- September 17, 1992 The final switching was done in preparation for Railfan Day.
- September 19, 1992 A busy schedule of vintage trains took place today on Railfan Day. The kitchen helpers included Bruce Cooper, Rose Hersted, Sue Cooper, Norm Holmes and Barbara Holmes. The ticket booths were staffed by Kent Stephens, Wayne Monger, Peter Gross, Richard Canino and Deborah Canino. Barbara Holmes staffed the gift shop. Errol Spangler, Bob Lindley and Jim Gidley, Sr. were switch tenders. John Walker and Dean Hill staffed the vendor's tables during the day.
- September 20, 1992 The FRRS yard was switched with everything being put back in its proper place after Railfan Day. R.M. Garrigan helped Doug Jensen sanding on engine 2001.
- September 22, 1992 Rose Hersted cleaned glass display cases, put tools away in shop area, and washed windows in rental locomotives.
- September 27, 1992 Hal Shields worked with Norm Holmes on installing phone jack in Silver Debris.
- October 4, 1992 A group who had flown into Nervino Airport arrived at the museum to rent a locomotive with Bruce Cooper.
- October 10, 1992 Bob Blanch, Larry Hanlon and Dave McClain worked on engine 805A. Kathie Hoxsie and son Evan cleaned car UP 105 and washed windows on engine 6946.
- October 11, 1992 Matt Barton, Scott Goodale and Bob Newbury replaced a broken angle bar and hammered down loose track spikes on balloon track.
- October 13, 1993 Merrill Turpin worked on repairing windows on caboose MP 13878.

## Gift Shop Items

The long-awaited video, "Western Pacific - The First Fifty Years - 1910-1960," will be released for sale November 1, 1992. Our Society has participated in the development and production costs for this video and will be able to offer it for sale to our members at a 20% discount until May 1, 1993, at which time the regular price will be in effect. The special price to members is \$56.00 postpaid. For California residents, the price is \$60.00 postpaid. Your purchases of this 2 hour tape through the Society which regularly sells for \$69.95 makes a substantial contribution to our publication fund.

We have a supply of the specially made 3985 Pacific Limited brass buckles that were sold on the July 1992 Steam Excursion. They sell for \$7.95. Also available are hat tacs with the UP emblem and Pacific Limited encircling it for \$4.95.

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