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California Railroad Festival

We were again invited to participate in the California State Railroad Museum's Railroad Festival. Arrangements were made to send our WP 921D to Sacramento. However an inspection of the wheel flanges revealed that several wheels had worn to a point where they would not be allowed on the UP main line. Wear on WP 707 that we sent last year had also reached the condemned limit. We could not send a friction axle unit because of a UP restriction on that type of axle and Sacramento did not want any other unit we had, so none was sent...

Your Rail Society was represented at the Rail Festival by an information and sales booth. Norm and Barbara Holmes, Clyde and Lynda Lippincott, Dave Anderson, Joe Hill, Mark French, Kent Stephens, Brain Challender, Jim Ley and Ed Crary all helped during the three day event June 18, 19, 20, 1993. Temperatures reached 104 and 105 degrees on Friday and Saturday making for almost unbearable conditions.

Also on the same weekend, on Saturday, Dunsmuir held its Railroad Days. We had a table there that Kent Stephens staffed. At Sacramento on Sunday, the Great Pacific Coast Railroadiana event was held. Norm and Barbara Holmes took care of the two tables there (in air conditioned comfort!) Gross sales for all events was over \$1500. Besides profits from sales, a lot of information and good will is given for our organization.

Help Wanted

We are in need of someone to represent our organization and to handle gift shop sales at train show-type events in Southern California. Tom Clabaugh is unable to continue in this capacity because of business commitments, but will assist anyone who can take over this assignment. Most events that we have participated in in the past were during the fall, winter and spring, possibly 4 to 6 events. Sales and information about the FRRS are valuable to our organization. Can you help?

Union Pacific Convention

The 1993 Union Pacific Historical Society convention is being held in Stockton July 22 through 25, 1993 at the Stockton Hilton Hotel. A number of interesting events will be held including a visit to UP's Stockton terminal and an all day tour to Oakland and San Francisco. The convention is open to non-members as well as members of the UPHS. Our Society will have a sale and information booth at the hotel. Of particular interest is the all day tour to Oakland and San Francisco, Saturday, July 24, 1993. It will leave Stockton by bus going over Altamont Pass to Oakland for a tour of the Intermodal Terminal and the APL container facility. APL will show us how containers are loaded on and off ships and railroad cars. The bus will then cross San Francisco Bay and the tour group will board a chartered sightseeing boat for a cruise highlighting former railroad marine facilities along the waterfront. A hosted luncheon will be served on board. The cost for this one day (Saturday) tour is \$40 from Stockton and \$30 from Oakland. For further information and reservations call: W. E. Rutledge, 1034 Atkins Dr., Visalia, CA 93291, (209) 732-2815.

Circle the Wagons

The "Circle the Wagons" event committee met on April 18, 1993 and June 26, 1993. Committee members discussed plans for the July 2-3-4, 1994 event. Items on the agenda included a pageant to be held once each day, the number of covered wagons (diesels) to be invited, a UP passenger train ride, admission price, food service and where the money will come from to set up the event. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 1993.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are still available for Trains Unlimited, Tours excursion on the Nevada Northern Railway October 30-31, 1993. Tickets are \$4 each or 5 for \$15. The tickets include train ride and motel accommodations. Over \$1600 has been raised so far toward our building fund. The more tickets you buy, the better chance you have to win. It's much better than the lottery!

Oregon Trail Steam Excursion

Look for complete reports in the next issue of the Train Sheet on the recent Union Pacific steam excursion between Salt Lake City, Utah and Portland, Oregon in which we participated. Everyone involved is still getting their facts and figures together.



Notice

The FRRS does NOT back-date memberships. If you allow your membership to lapse, and then you rejoin, any publications that you missed during the lapse time you must purchase as back issues from the gift shop as stated on page 2 of each Train Sheet. This is even more reason to keep your membership up to date.

We send you a renewal notice at the beginning of the month of your membership expiration, and if we get no response, we send a second (final) renewal notice before dropping anyone from membership. The Train Sheet and The Headlight are mailed by bulk mail which can be unreliable. We could not afford to mail publications by more expensive means. Being bulk mail, it is possible that a publication is mailed to you and never reaches you.

ALL mailing of back issues is done from Portola. If you feel you have missed a publication, contact Norm Holmes at the Museum.