

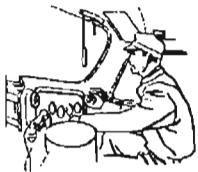
## Available in the Gift Shop

We still have a few of the HO gauge WP merchandise box cars that were special ordered - four different numbers. We also have a supply of HO WP cabooses, bright red with large WP and herald, a special run by Dimi Trains. Box car or caboose \$15 each.

## Upcoming Train Shows

We attend a number of train shows during fall and winter to publicize our museum and to sell merchandise for gift shop income. Roger and Dottie Aten handle our southern California shows, Barbara and Norman Holmes work most of the northern shows with help from Lynda and David Dewey, Dave Anderson, Jim Gidley, Sr. and others. Upcoming shows are:

- January 7-8, 1995 Great American Train Show, Bakersfield
- February 4-5, 1995 Thunder Mountain Model Show, Roseville
- February 25-26, 1995 Great American Train Show, Las Vegas
- March 11, 1995 Winterail, Stockton
- March 25-26, 1995 Great American Train Show, San Mateo



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"...Let me rephrase that..."

In Train Sheet #68, I made reference to "hordes of camera-toting chasers" contributing to the less-than-sold-out status of the Pacific Limited trip from Fremont to Portola on July 1, 1994, in my Pacific Limited report. This could be, and was, interpreted by some that trackside railfan photographers were partly responsible for the disappointing ticket sales. This unfortunate choice of words on my part stirred up some response from the railfan community, and is cause for me to rephrase my comments.

From the train, we saw people in groups both large and small at trackside, as we passed by, all the way from Fremont to Portola. Obviously, all these people had heard about the train somehow, or they wouldn't have been there. That even a small number of these people would not, or could not, buy a ticket to ride the train was the source of my comments. Of course, very few of these people were railfans, let alone railfan photographers. Therefore, I admit to a poor choice of words in the original report, and offer this clarification of what was meant. But I'd also like to offer a bit of advice: help promote these trains however you can, because if the tickets don't sell, the trains won't run.

--Steve Habeck

## Don't forget the Fund Raising Drive and Free Trip Drawing

Trains Unlimited, Tours and the Feather River Rail Society are pleased to announce the 7th Annual drawing for a free trip in 1995. The winner of this drawing will receive two free spaces on any Trains Unlimited, Tours North American trips in 1995. This would include the British Columbia Spectacular, Nevada Northern Spectacular or Fall Colors Express.

Fund raising tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. All sales from these tickets will go towards the Building Restoration Fund at The Portola Railroad Museum. The drawing will be held at The Portola Railroad Museum on May 22, 1995.

Five drawing tickets have already been mailed, if you want to buy more raffle tickets, Trains Unlimited, Tours can supply these. Please help YOUR museum grow by buying all five tickets.

If you have any questions about Trains Unlimited, Tours, please call (916) 836-1745 or write: P. O. Box 1997, Portola, CA 96122.

The following is a letter of appreciation written to us by the winner of the 1994 free trip raffle, Jim Atkins, an FRRS Life Member and a signal electronic technician with Union Pacific, from Sacramento:

*September 28, 1994*

*Dear Chris Skow,*

*Jeanne and I had a fantastic time on our Rocky Mountaineer vacation. We want to thank you and the FRRS again for making this all possible.*

*Enclosed is a picture of Jeanne and me at Banff on September 13.*

*The entire trip went perfectly! The folks at Rocky Mountaineer had every part of our trip covered - they did a great job!*

*The train was wonderful - the cars are very nicely restored and the car attendant was great. She catered to everyone in our car for the two days and I don't think she ever had a chance to sit down the entire trip. The train ride was like being on a cruise ship on rails.*

*We sure had a good time.*

*Many thanks!*

*Jim Atkins*



*1994 Free trip winners Jim & Jeanne Atkins*