

Railfan Day

Saturday, September 16, 1995

9:30 AM to Midnight

16 trains are running for the enjoyment of visitors. The first train of the day takes visitors to the hill area near the balloon track. This is an excellent vantage point where all of the day's trains can be viewed and photographed in a scenic setting. We put a lot of effort into setting up this event and we really put on a great show.

Tentative plans for the night photo shoot include having 200-ton crane WPMW 37 lifting a heavy object near the grade crossing, and also having the newly restored nose of the WP 2001 GP20 to be just emerging from the engine house door and to be facing the nose of the 805A. These should make very nice photos.

Come on up and join the fun. Look for a complete report in the next issue of the Train Sheet.

The FRRS National Track Motorcar Championships

have been canceled.

Instead look forward to a motorcar swap meet, tune up session and general friendly get together on Saturday, September 30, 1995, in preparation for the MOW motorcar run on the Almanor Railroad the next day, Sunday October 1, 1995.

If you have never seen track motorcars in action, these are the "Putt-putts" that railroad maintenance workers used to ride on the track for inspection, to perform maintenance and to carry materials. Come on up to Portola on September 30 and hitch a ride on a motorcar.

For more information on the run on the Almanor Railroad run, contact Vic Neves (510) 352-4373.

Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society

The SP H&TS is holding a meet at the Portola Railroad Museum on Sunday, October 8, 1995.

We will feature our SP locomotives SD9 4404, and Kodachrome GP9 2873 pulling various SP trains for the meet. Our SP "Beet" train will still be made up having been used on Railfan Day. Also Baldwin AS-616 O&NW #4 will be running.

The SP H&TS people have arranged for numerous SP modelling and detailing clinics to be held during the day. There will be plenty of activities of interest for all attendees.

Come on up and join the fun; ride in an SP locomotive or caboose.

6th Annual FRRS Southern Regional Meet

Saturday, October 14, 1995

This year the FRRS Southern Regional Meet is a prototype modeler's meet featuring western roads. This feature should bring additional participants to the meet with a greater variety of display and/or contest models.

We again have invited Mr. Art Lloyd. In addition, Mr. Anthony Thompson, of the Southern Pacific Technical and Historical Society will be a feature speaker. He is the author of the recently published book, "PFE Reefers." And as if that is not enough, Mr. Dave Hussey will be presenting. Dave is a contemporary modeler extraordinaire and his models of locomotives and freight cars have graced the pages of Mainline, RMC, and most recently Model Railroading magazines.

This year's meet is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 1995. We will be holding the meet at a new location at the "La Habra Clubhouse" located at 200 W. Greenwood in La Habra, California. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Pete Solyom at 310-691-4139 for additional information.

The 25th Annual V&T Railroad History Symposium

October 13-15, 1995, Friday-Sunday

The Nevada State Railroad Museum and the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum are pleased to announce the 25th annual V&T Railroad History Symposium, to be held on October 13-15 at the Nevada State Railroad Museum and in the meeting rooms of the Nugget in Carson City. This year's Symposium focuses on wooden passenger cars, with presentations on historical 19th century operations on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, recent restorations of cars by several museums, and modern construction and operation of wooden cars on several tourist railroads.

Papers will be presented in morning and afternoon sessions, held at the Nugget on both Friday and Saturday. On Sunday morning there will be a presentation and discussion on wooden car construction, restoration and operation, held in the Museum's Restoration Shop, wrapping up the official Symposium program. Steam trains will be operating on the Museum's trackage during Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a Friday evening reception at the Railroad Museum featuring a slide presentation of the Museum's year in review. On Saturday evening the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum annual dinner will be held at the Nugget.

For registration forms and information, contact: Nevada State Railroad Museum, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710, (702) 687-6953