

From the Desk of the President



Once again, the lights are on late into the night in my office here in Spring Garden, as the Train Sheet Editor patiently awaits my submissions for the Train Sheet. The conclusion of the operating season has given us more time on the weekends to attend to other projects, of which there have been many (just read the rest of this issue). After a highly successful Rallfan's Day/Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society convention, thoughts of things slowing down a bit were quickly cast aside by the ambitious schedule of projects pending.

As one of the few "regulars" at Portola who is still bound to a full-time (or in my case, considerably more than full-time) job outside the Museum, it can get difficult juggling schedules and priorities, and keeping up with what's going on at the same time. For me, it means lots of time on the phone, in front of the computer, and at the Museum, often burning the midnight oil to make it happen. It is a challenging, and, at times frustrating responsibility, but the payoff is being a part of the growth and development of the FRRS and the Portola Railroad Museum, all made possible by the support of you, the members. That's why we do it.

Steve Habeck

Pacific Limited Report

By Steve Habeck

A comprehensive report of PLG's 1996 activity will appear in the next Train Sheet (I know, that's what I said last issue); for now, the Branson trip is in progress as of this writing, and the Iowa trips, as a whole, did well. The overall financial picture, however, is not good. The PLG Board of Directors will meet in November to discuss several issues which will affect the future of PLG. After this meeting, a complete rundown of 1996 for PLG can be generated. Norm Holmes and I, as FRRS representatives on the PLG Board, will prepare a complete report for the Train Sheet at that time. Thank you for your patience.

Restoration Dept. Report

By David Dewey

The Restoration Department Orange T Shirts are in! If you've worked over 10 documented hours on a Department project, you've earned one! (You can also buy extras for \$10.) Our records show the following people have qualified for a shirt, if we missed you, please, just remind us! Norm H., Ken I., Ken H., Clyde L., Dr. Peter L., Doug M., Darrel H., Meg E., The Mike J. Family, John & Judy M. Shirts are available from the gift shop.

Project Updates

Ingersoll-Rand: More cleaning; parts have been boxed, and are being transferred to the Dept. boxcar.

SP 1215 (0-6-0): Cover Story, this issue! We were also written up in the Hanford Press, Tehachapi News, Bishop Press, and the Portola Reporter.

UP 105: The business car roof has been inspected. Major rust-out of the roof has been found! We are now stripping the roof sealer; volunteers needed here! Then we will repair and replace roof panels to make the roof watertight. Let us know if you'd like to join this project team! Alan Hirosona is spearheading this project, and Lolli is cheering us on.

MC 23: (See story on Motorcar 23 on page 7.) The new exhaust pipe has arrived and the exhaust whistle is being connected to it. The electric starter & generator are being rebuilt; they should eliminate hand-cranking blisters!

805A: We're still looking for cab windows!

There are lots of projects to do, we welcome any help you can supply. We don't need only physical work, there are also research and fund-raising projects to do too! See you at the museum!

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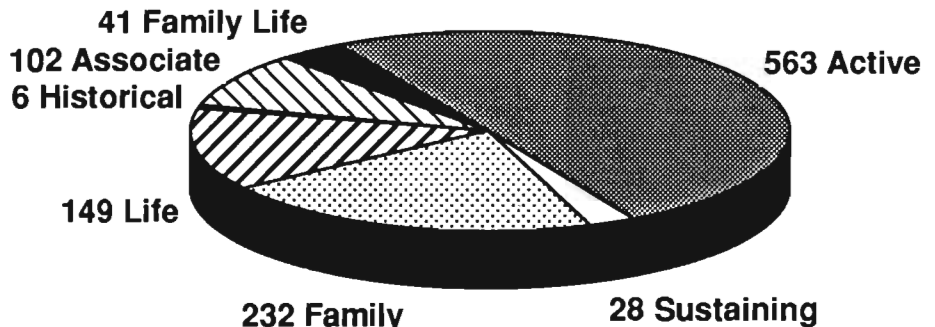
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as of October 27, 1996



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