

REPLACEMENT NEEDED

Our founder, past president and current Executive Director/General Manager Norman Holmes made an announcement at the annual meeting that he would like to step down from the full-time duties he now has so he can have a little more time for personal projects and travel. Norm stated that in no way would he give up helping at the museum, but that the administration and gift shop work leaves him little time for himself. He will remain on the Board of Directors and would like to be able to work on a restoration project.

We would like to find someone who has the time and skills to take over Norm's responsibilities. A volunteer for this position would be ideal, however, if no one is found we will have to hire someone. Norm gave plenty of time to find a replacement, making the resignation effective December 31, 1999.

As we grow, and this is found to be the case with a number of other railroad museums, we find there is just too much work for a volunteer only organization. One of our members, who has been very generous in the past, contacted us recently and offered to donate some stock that had appreciated in value. He wanted to give it to us instead of paying a large portion of the profit in capital gains taxes. He would like to see us establish an endowment fund where the income would fund salaries of one or more paid staff. This proposal was accepted by the Board of Directors with a goal of \$500,000. Please contact Steve or Norm if you are interested in donating stock, property or cash to this fund. It may be to your tax advantage.

GIFT SHOP

An increase in summer visitors is keeping our Gift Shop busy. Lolli Bryan works in the shop during the week and Barbara Holmes works there on weekends. Ken Hitch, Barb and Norm Holmes set up a table at the PCC-NMRA convention in Bakersfield May 2 and 3, Barb and Norm also had a sales table at the Great Pacific Railroadiana Show and Sales in Sacramento June 22.

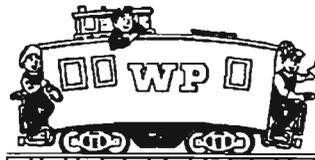
David Dewey designed a special cap with a flowing Alco PA and Shasta Daylight train to be sold on the Dunsmuir Daylight train June 21. We ordered 144 caps and sold 114, making a tidy profit. The same cap in orange instead of gray was provided for the car hosts. Barb and Norm were the sales people on the train. T-shirts, books, tapes and whistles were also sold.



1997 CREW TRAINING

JIM GIDLEY, SR. TRAIN MASTER

We had only four new people show up for crew training this year. All of the vacancies for student brakeman are open, the assignments for student conductor, fireman and engineer are full. If you are interested in being a member of the operating department we can always use your help. Training for student brakeman can start at any time. Contact me or Gordon for further information.



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The Museums's Diary

May 4 Ken Roller and Norm Holmes to Grays Flat to prepare rail from old mill spur for transportation to Portola.

May 5-6 Missy and Ken Iverson, Barbara and Norm Holmes prepare news letter for mailing.

May 14 Rail arrived from Grays Flat, Ken Roller, Bruce Cooper, Gordon Wollesen and Norm Holmes unloaded, later Bruce restacked pile with backhoe.

May 13 to 16 Ken Iverson, Lolli Bryan and Skip Englert to Reno to help UP with Operation Life Saver.

May 17 Spring get ready weekend. Wayne Monger, Steve Habeck, Eddie Chase, Jim Holliwell and Norm Holmes extended Rip 2 track 20 feet to accommodate longer locomotive, Vic Neves worked on his SP caboose, Hank Stiles worked on 2873 bell.

May 23 Quincy Head Start children train ride, tour. Kerry Cochran, Jack Palmer, John and Judy Whitaker clean equipment, switch cars for opening weekend.

May 24 Tom Graham worked on SN 146.

May 29-30 Norm Holmes and John Ryczkowski to Alameda to remove couplers from ABL 105 for use on WP 563.

June 1 Steve Habeck and Norm Holmes worked on flat car to transport WP 563.

June 7-8 Wayne Monger reinstalled traction motor leads on ONW 3.

June 13 Kerry Cochran and Jack Palmer worked on tracks.

June 19 Bruce Cooper took school children for an engine ride.

June 22 Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association and the Cadillac-LaSalle clubs visited the museum.

June 25 Tom Sharpsteen worked on Model T hi-railer and track tested same. Runs great!

June 28 Dave Bergman and Bob Lindley worked to complete the plumbing on the shower car.



RAILROAD DAYS

The fifteenth annual Feather River Railroad Days will be August 16-17. As usual we will have model railroad layouts in the shop building and entertainment on the dock and the need for lots of help before and during the event. Both operating crews, gift shop, beanery and crowd control people are needed. Please let Gordon know if you can come up to help.

RAILROAD LANTERNS FOR SALE

John Walker has approximately 29 railroad lanterns for sale. The list is too long to publish here. John says that none of them are perfect by any means and most are at least a little dirty from being stored in a warehouse over the last 6 or 7 years. But there are some interesting ones to be sure. With a little TLC (or a nice new coat of paint) these will shine up nicely.

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