

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By NORMAN HOLMES

Our 15th annual membership meeting was held on June 14th. Sue Cooper prepared a delightful Mexican dinner, however, probably because Father's Day was the next day and because of school graduation ceremonies, the meeting was lightly attended. Steve Habeck, Norm Holmes, Gordon Wollesen and Hank Stiles reported on the status of the organization and the museum. Doug Morgan reported on the Dunsmuir Daylight excursion train.

Election results are as follows: Elected for three year terms were Sue Cooper, Skip Englert and Bruce Cooper. Wayne Monger was elected to a one year term. The by-law change was passed with a 6 to 1 majority. Only 165 ballots were returned.

Because of so many conflicting activities in June, we are considering changing the date of the annual meeting. We are open to suggestions.

Our annual glad hand award was presented to Tom Graham who regularly drives up from Santa Rosa to help with maintenance projects and is starting to work in the operating department. A special glad hand award was presented to Barbara Holmes for her work in the Gift Shop, Train Shows and her support of her husband, Norman.

After the dinner, reports and awards, Vic Neves showed some interesting early WP slides.

The Glad Hand award plaques were assembled by Bruce Cooper. A glad hand, for those who may not know, is the end of the air hose that couples to another hose to complete the air pipe for train braking. The plaque has two glad hands coupled together like a hand shake. The glad hands are chrome plated, mounted on a wooden plaque with an appropriate engraved metal plate.



Barbara Holmes receiving her special Glad Hand Award presented by FRRS President Steve Habeck, Gordon Wollesen assisting.



Photo by Don Borden

Superintendent Gordon Wollesen (R) and Train Master Jim Gidley (L) present Glad Hand award to Tom Graham.

INTERESTING OPERATING DAY

June 28 was an interesting operating day, having more visitors that would have been expected. Regular caboose train operation started at 11AM on schedule using our Alco S-1 No. 512. After the noon break, VIA FPA-4 6776 was placed in service for the first time this year. After two trips it was coupled to EMD F7A No. 921D and MU'd for the first time. The controls worked with no problem.

Since it was such a nice day a good number of visitors were on hand to visit the museum and to take a train ride. A group of 10 Chevrolet truck owners from Reno, called the "Round Fender Roundup" arrived to visit the museum followed by 18 members of the "Reliable A Club" who arrived from Sacramento in their vintage Ford Model A cars. Sandwiched in between caboose trains we operated several locomotive rentals. Opening up weekends for rentals has helped our income considerably.

Train and engine crews on hand for this most interesting, productive day were: Tom Andrews, Dave Bergman, Pat Brimmer, Eddie Chase, Bryan Challenger, Skip Englert, Jim Gidley, Norm Holmes, Hank Stiles, Ed Wagner and Gordon Wollesen. Also on helping on other tasks for the weekend were: Barbara Holmes and Linda Brimmer in the Gift Shop, Edna Ede and Lorna Miner in the Beanery. Ken Roller and Hap Manit greeted visitors and Ken operated the model railroad. Thanks to all for a most successful weekend.

FROM THE BEANERY

The Beanery is open and thriving, even with our low prices. Our new popcorn machine is fast becoming popular and the aroma is fantastic. The operating season is now underway and we are really "cookin'". The Annual Membership dinner was a great tasting success, but we still need more help in the kitchen and serving areas.

The operating weekends are being covered by the kitchen crew and myself, but we'll need a full complement of helpers on the BIG weekends. We are expecting an excellent turnout for Railroad Days between our ever growing membership and the town's Railroad Days parade. We'll have to pack 'em in for Railfan Day as plenty of folks come up to see all of the action then too.

If you know you can help, give us a call and sign-up. You need not be a "Chief Boyardee" - just bring a happy willingness to work.

Personal note...I want to thank you ALL for your support in my re-election. I will endeavor to be worthy of your support. Thank you very much, Sue.

Sue Cooper, FRRS Director and Beanery Supt.