

looks like we are doing something. The two WP GP9's are my first choice for paint.

Our Board of Directors make up has changed and the new people have new ideas. These ideas need to be directed to the betterment of the Society and the museum. Our visitors like what we have and enjoy the freedom to roam around our facility. While we are not a pristine museum like Sacramento or Carson City, we are different because we represent a railroad facility, but we still need to be visitor friendly.

Our Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society arm has presented a proposal to establish a library to store, catalog and make available our archives. We need to find a suitable location for this to be accomplished. Our endowment fund is growing and the income from this, when our goal is reached, will give us the funds to have at least one paid staff member. We have the opportunity to apply for two Federal grants and there are private foundation grants that might be available to our organization. We just have to try.

Volunteers are the back bone of our organization and we are very grateful for all the hours they put in. They could be at home doing "honey-do's" or fishing or something, instead they come to the museum at their own expense to help preserve the industrial technology of railroading for the public to enjoy. I can never thank these people enough, for without them we would have to close the gates.

Thanks to all who have sent Christmas cards, Barbara and I hope you all have a wonderful New Year.

—*Norm Holmes*

PS: Those of you who visited the museum during the past eight years may have met our dog "Goldie". I am sorry to report she is no longer with us, having died from an enlarged heart. She is missed.



Courtesy John Ryczkowski

CABOOSING BY HAP MANIT

Some activities at the museum...

November 1,3 Tom Graham, Melissa McGrath painted battery house interior.

November 2 Contractor installed electric service to office (guard) car.

November 3 Doug Morgan and Ken Iverson loaded batteries to ship to rebuild in Sacramento.

November 4 Doug Morgan hauled batteries to Sacramento.

November 8 Doug Morgan, Don Nelson and Ken Roller worked on ramp track, Steve Habeck, Gordon Wollesen and Nancy Parsons prepared locomotives for winter.

November 10 Contractor installed phone service in office car.

November 13-15 Doug Morgan set up phone etc in office car.

November 16 Boy Scout Troop stays overnight in Troop Sleeper.

November 23 Hank Stiles brought table saw and pallets from State Surplus in Sacramento.

Nov-Dec Doug Morgan, Ken Iverson and a paid mechanic worked on our dump truck and borrowed Whiting jacks in preparation for moving WP 563 from Livingston. Ken Roller escorted visitors and showed model railroad. Lolli Bryan, Hap Manit and Norm Holmes opened Gift Shop for visitors. Gordon Wollesen prepared plumbing for winter and did treasurers work. Norm Holmes did museum office work.

—GIFT SHOP NEWS—

Ken Hitch represented our museum at Great America Train Show events in San Bernardino and Costa Mesa in October, Barbara and Norman Holmes worked a GATS show in Pleasanton and the International Railfair in Roseville in November. Ken will work a GATS show in Santa Barbara January 3-4, and a Bakersfield MR club show January 17-18.

Barbara and Norman will have GATS shows in Sacramento January 24-25 and in San Francisco February 14-15. If you are in the area stop by and say

—SPECIAL FUND STATUS—

Item	Additions	Balance	Notes
Building	\$859.00	\$17,524.25	(1)
WP GP9	\$400.00	\$12,944.75	2,3,4,5
SP 1215	-	\$23,246.82	(*)
UP 737	-	-	
IR 110-1	-	-	
UP 105	\$50.00	\$1,585.00	(6)
CTC Board	-	\$220.00	
Library	\$100.00	\$268.00	(7)
Endowment	\$31,832.59	\$31,832.59	(8)

—OUR NEW LIFE MEMBERS—

*Vince Caprini
Neil and Pegi
Young*



(1) Proceeds to date from Raffle

(2) Richard Sullivan (3) Thomas Lawler (4) Ed De Lozier (5) Cash (6) Robert Burns (7) William Stiles (8) Includes \$5,000 cash and 250 shares of U S Bancorp. (*) Includes interest earned. Note: The cash and stock donations were made by members who wish to remain anonymous. These donations are placed in a stock brokerage account. If you hold stock that has appreciated and you wish to donate it to our organization to keep from paying income taxes on the appreciation, we would be happy to accept the donation. Please contact the museum regarding details.

Hello. Ken Iverson has been placed in charge of the run-a-locomotive program. Ken or Missy are available for reservations at the same phone number. Please note our new area code (530)832-4532.

—HEADLIGHT UPDATE—

Work is proceeding on THE HEADLIGHT, issue #15. As soon as the layout proofs are checked, the issue will go to press. Issue #16 is being put together now and is planned to go to layout in early Spring, with a planned release date of early Summer. Concept planning for issue #17 will occur this Spring with a planned release date for late Summer.

—Bill Shippen

WE OWN LAND!

On October 27, 1997, a deed for 3.46 acres of land was recorded in the Plumas County Court House, Quincy. This parcel is part of our leased property that was sold to a real estate developer by Union Pacific so that the developer would have access to Portola city services. As this property included our picnic area we were concerned that we would loose this valuable attraction. During a walk through with the UP and the developer, Bruce Cooper casually asked when they got through with their development map if there was some property they did not need, could it be donated to our