

Library Car

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has made a nice cash donation to the project for which we thank him also. Frank Brehm has already cleaned out part of his collection at home and donated it to the museum to be stored inside the car. Again, it is gratifying to see so many members and volunteers from different areas in the organization coming together and working to solve a problem. This is the kind of teamwork and resourcefulness that makes you proud to be a member of the FRRS.

I have been working with WPRRHS member Garth Groff who works as a librarian at the University of Virginia and Kent Stephens (a librarian at Chico State in California) on a filing system for our archives. I have also been talking with Plumas County Museum Director Scott Lawson on these matters and he has helped us with our plans and given us some good advice. On a recent rip to Pennsylvania, I was able to spend several hours touring the library, processing room and archives of the Steamtown National Historic Site. These folks were extremely cooperative and helpful in explaining their procedures and how they store their archives.

Stop by the museum and take a look at the new "Archives storage car". Better yet, make plans to come up and work in the car sometime. There is plenty of room and plenty of stuff to sort through. Call me if you're interested. Now is also the time to look around the closet and consider donating some of your items to the museum (We are doing just fine on modeling magazines at the moment. We will let you know our specific needs in this area soon). We can even use copies of things that we do not already have.

These are just some of the donations we have received in the last year: 190 Al Phelps WP steam prints. Hap Manit's conductor's uniform and pictures and documents from his collection. The Thomas Phillips diaries from 1908 to 1951 chronicling his work as a construction engineer on the WP. The "Weso Papers" which include train registers for every WP and SP train, which went by this station in 1923! Two Fred Whitman paintings, two switch stand lamps, some negatives and several boxes of books and magazines.

If we keep getting more stuff...we might have to build another car!

Logging Flats Return to PRM

by Norman Holmes

Our two Pacific Lumber Company logging flat cars were returned to Portola from Loyalton in March this year.

Peter Langdon, a Sierra Pacific Industries employee and member of our Society, suggested we help Loyalton celebrate their logging heritage in the first annual Timberfest. Starting in 1993 Union Pacific transported a locomotive and caboose to Loyalton. The two logging flat cars were trucked over and loaded with logs to represent a logging train. When the event was over the equipment was returned to Portola. This operation was repeated the next two years. In 1995 we decided to leave the flats in Loyalton instead of going to the trouble of loading and unloading the cars. 1997 was the last year we participated in Loyalton's event but the flat cars remained in storage in Loyalton until this year when it was decided they should be returned to the museum.

Andy Anderson made arrangements with Wilburn Construction for two trips from Portola to Loyalton to truck the cars home. Also helping with the unloading was Norm Holmes, Ken Iverson, Doug Morgan and Tobie Smith. Equipment displayed and the year is shown below.

1993 - ONW 4, Baldwin AS616 - ONW 300, wooden caboose
 1994 - UP 849, EMD GP30 - WP 484, bay window caboose
 1995 - WP 707, EMD GP7 - WP 428, bay window caboose
 1996 - WP 2001, EMD GP20 - WP 428, bay window caboose
 1997 - SP 2873, EMD GP9 - WP 484, bay window caboose



After being lifted from the truck trailer one of the flat cars is being swung around in preparation for setting it back on its arch-bar trucks. - Norm Holmes