

Makita Tools

By Eugene Vicknair

Finally, thanks to Ted Hendricks of Makita Tools, the FRRS, via the Zephyr Project, is now the recipient of several brand-new cordless tools that should prove invaluable on the Hostel and other projects. These tools are being made available to the FRRS for free for six months. At that time, they can be sold to members or purchased by the Society at a steep discount. Makita has indicated that, should this deal prove worthwhile, we can repeat it when these six months are up with a new batch of tools.

The complete list is:

- 1.. Cordless Vacuum
- 1.. Cordless Sliding Compound Miter Saw
- 1.. Spare Ni-MH Battery 24V
- 1.. 6 1/2" 14.4v Cordless Circular Saw
- 1.. Cordless Blower
- 1.. 12v Cordless Impact Driver
- 1.. 9.6V Cordless Impact Driver
- 1.. Spare Battery 12V
- 2.. 14.4V 3/8" Cordless Driver-Drill & Flashlight Kit
- 2.. 9.6V 3/8" Cordless Driver-Drill & Flashlight Kit
- 2.. 7" Sander-Polisher
- 3.. Spare Ni-MH Battery 14.4V
- 3.. Spare Battery 9.6V

Zephyr Project Update

By Eugene Vicknair

As the season draws to a close around the museum, we are beginning a final push to catch up on several items surrounding the Zephyr Project.

With help from Frank Brehm, the commemorative models are being completed and those will finally be getting into donor's hands. Also, several donations that slipped through the cracks have been caught and processed, along with several recent donations. Those gifts should already be received or be arriving shortly. I have taken several days off of work to catch up with all the donations items still outstanding. A complete list of donors to date will be in the next Train Sheet. Again, my thanks to everyone who has waited patiently for their donation gifts. The response to the fundraising campaign was of a level we never expected and it proved to be overwhelming for a while. And thank you to everyone who has donated. This is now, officially, the most successful fundraising campaign the FRRS has ever run. And the visitors are getting into it as well: Norman Holmes recently relayed the happy news that the donation box in the Silver Hostel yielded \$142.00.

On the restoration front, we have had a mixed bag for the season. The ambitious schedule set forth early on went unmet, however other areas of the project have moved forward better than expected. Eclipse Metalworking in Redwood City is currently completing the replica interior pieces for the Silver Hostel's dome section and doing it on a lower budget than anticipated. These will replace several missing or corroded interior panels and

Zephyr Project Update

trims and allow us to begin reassembling the dome interior once the floor is completed and the insulation installed. Two original sink sets for the restrooms have been located and are being purchased, as are several hallway lights and original end door lock-sets.

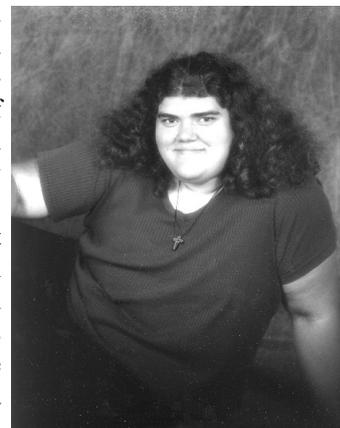
Special thanks go to Don Borden and Eric and Steve Stephens who put in many hours finishing the tearout of the dome flooring and removal of the existing interior components. The plans and drawings Doug Morgan found in Colorado have arrived and are an absolute treasure trove of information for restoring the car. I am currently in the process of cataloging them and separating them into subjects. No easy task as some of these drawings are over 14 feet long! Thanks to the Colorado Railroad Museum and their archivist Kenton Forrest, who has already called and let me know that they have recently acquired even more CZ car drawings. We will be examining those as soon as CRM gets them cataloged.

Rod McClure brought in the first of the plywood needed to replace the dome floor. Hopefully, by the beginning of October, the last of the old wood will be completely gone and the first new flooring will be installed in the dome. The hope is to have the dome interior completed before opening of season 2002.

Donnajean Marie Habeck

Donnajean Marie Habeck, daughter of member Steve Habeck, passed away July 9, 2001 at Eastern Plumas District Hospital in Portola at the age of 19.

Donnajean was born on June 22, 1982, in San Luis Obispo, she and her family moved to Quincy from Los Osos in 1992. Donnajean graduated from Quincy High School in 2000 and was a long-time member of the International Order of Rainbow Girls, affiliated with Masonic Lodge #93, Quincy Assembly.



She was employed at the Portola Railroad Museum as a clerk in the gift shop and also volunteered many hours each year especially during the set up of the yearly Santa Trains. She will be remembered by those who knew her as quiet but friendly.

Donnajean is survived by her parents, Steven and Mary Habeck, of Quincy; sisters Katherine, Jacqueline and Jennifer, of Quincy; her grandfather, Victor Krois, of Albuquerque, N.M.; one uncle, six aunts and many cousins. A funeral mass was held July 13, at St. John's Catholic Church in Quincy, with private family internment to follow at a later date.

Donations in Donnajean's honor may be made to the International Order of Rainbow Girls, Quincy Assembly, c/o Nancy Andrews, P.O. Box 106, Quincy, CA 95971.

We all convey our deepest sympathies to the Habeck family.