

make arrangements to house you and your crew (and secure your equipment) at the museum. Consider it a working vacation. In addition to train watching, there are six golf courses in the area and the fishing is great!

Take a look at the list and give John Walker a call at 530-832-4131 if you think you can help. And remember, donations to the FRRS are tax deductible.

1) The museum has a gap in our perimeter fence along the south side of the museum. We have also had the property lines around the hospital surveyed. We have the posts and the fence material. But we don't have the money or the labor to install the fence. If you are in the fencing business, we could really use your expertise and help getting these fences installed and securing our property.

2) We really need a hydraulic man-lift of some kind. A "Cherry Picker", "bucket truck" or scissor lift of some kind would make it easier to do restorations, painting, changing light bulbs, repairing broken glass, electrical wiring, trimming trees, the list is endless! And it would be safer than setting up scaffolding or climbing tall ladders.

3) Speaking of ladders, we could use a heavy-duty extension ladder. Ideally, a wide one about 25-30 feet long. For safety reasons, the ladder would have to be in good shape with good feet on the bottom. A 10 foot folding ladder, preferably fiberglass, would also be useful inside the shop.

4) A heavy-duty, 1,000 + pound capacity cart with steerable, pneumatic tires is needed for a portable pump cart we want to build.

5) A small "Bobcat" type front-end loader. These tractors are great for landscape projects, cement work and clearing snow. An auger attachment on the back would help us dig holes for fencing, signs and other projects.

6) Our Mechanical forces and track repair crews could really use a John Deere "Gator" or similar all-terrain, work vehicle. We need a 6x6 with a flat deck on the back for hauling 55-gallon drums, big wrenches, track tools and parts.

7) Snow blowers. While the snow has finally melted away, it could be back as early as October. So please keep us in mind for one of these before the snows return.

8) We will need to do some roof repairs again soon. The galvanized metal roof needs another coating of sealant and paint. If any readers are in the roofing business, and might be able to donate some material, equipment and or, labor, please give me a call.

9) Our carpentry shop is always looking for good quality power tools. Circular saws, Sawsalls, routers, table saws, cordless drills, nail guns, planers, vacuum systems, cutters, joiners, you name it, we want it and could use it. We could also use a small cement mixer.

10) A floor scrubber (no, not your mother in law). The engine house floor gets a lot of wear and tear from muddy boots, rubber tired equipment, vehicles, locomotives dripping oil, etc. It would be nice to scrub the shop floor down a couple of times a year. This would be a big help in preparing the shop floors for repainting.

11) If anyone is in the aggregate business, we could use a few truckloads of sand, 2-6 inch river rock and drain rock for various landscaping and drainage projects.

12) A bead blasting system for cleaning small metal parts. This would help the restoration and mechanical department.

13) The gift shop and the display room need glass display cases. Upright or counter styles are both good. We're also looking for some "Slat-wall" style display panels and good peg-board panels. Our expanded book and video section gives need to additional bookcases.

14) We've received a small conference table but we're still looking for a big one that will host 10-12 people for Board of Director meetings or conferences. We can refinish the table (or perhaps another member can help in this area).

15) Reception area furniture. We would like to set up a new reception area inside the entranceway into the museum. We need a nice reception desk and counters, which we can use for brochures and informational signs. If someone out there is redoing the reception area of his or her offices, please consider donating the old furniture to the museum.

16) Motion sensor security lights. We've located at least six areas where we could use these to improve security and safety.

17) Our wooden picnic tables are wearing out. Despite storing them in boxcars or inside the building in the winter, summer thunderstorms and normal wear and tear are taking their toll. We need to begin replacing these with aluminum or fiberglass tables that are easier to move and resistant to damage from rain. Ideally, we need six to twelve of these.

18) This one may not be popular but, if you need it, your thankful you have it. We could use two "Porta-Potties".

19) And finally, a big request. I may be dreaming but I'm going to give it a try anyway. Our master plan for the museum calls for a replica depot in the parking lot for a new gift shop and ticket office. While it would be great to get that started tomorrow, a doublewide, modular/manufactured building would be a great temporary fix to an already overcrowded, uninsulated engine house. We don't need a residence with a kitchen, bedrooms and closets, but more specifically, a large empty building that we could turn into a gift shop and ticket office. Typically, construction companies, schools and real estate companies use these types of buildings for temporary offices and classrooms. Another option would be one of those manufactured steel buildings, which can be insulated and heated. I may be reaching, but I know these types of buildings are out there and until we can build something permanent, we could really use a building like this.

And if anyone has an extra Dodge Viper or Chevy Corvette that their not using...ah, never mind. I was just checking to see if you had read down this far. Thanks; we will have more items listed in future issues.

Memberships and Donations

We would like to welcome new life member: Charles Bach and thank the following for thier generous donations:

WP 705 Donation for 150.00 from Jason Midyette and 300.00 Donation from Ed Benjamin. It seems Ed makes a 300.00 donation every year with his membership renewal, Thank you for your continued support.