

ends were attended to. Many hours of work goes into planning and set up for RR Days. Thanks to all of you who helped and came to Portola for the weekend. We cannot make events like this happen without ALL of you!

In July, we again set out with some of our equipment for Dunsmuir for their annual Dunsmuir Railroad Days. With Gail McClure driving the chase vehicle, Steve Habeck, Phil Schmierer, Ed Dickens and myself departed Portola with the UP 6936 on the point hauling the WP 2001, our baggage car, lounge car, Silver Lodge and the UP 105, our box car, the UP 25283 caboose and, bringing up the rear, was the WP 484. Upon our arrival at Dunsmuir, and until our departure, Matt Shuman and the Dunsmuir RR Days people took care of all of our needs and made the whole event a pleasure to be at. We had all of our equipment open and on display for many visitors with one of the highlights being the UP 6936 being on the turntable and being spun once an hour for the crowds delight! Gail McClure and Mary Habeck worked the baggage car gift shop providing us with some tidy sales. Thanks goes to Matt Shuman and his people who worked with me on every little thing, the Union Pacific for allowing us to take our equipment on the road, the people of Dunsmuir for having us and our members who took the time to drive to Dunsmuir to help out. Besides our road crew mentioned above, Norm and Barbara Holmes, Hank and Janice Stiles, Julie Anderson, Frank Brehm, Jim Ley and Wayne Monger. Thanks to all.

Work continues on the WP 165. Chris Allen brought up the restored headlight and temporarily mounted it and newly minted

Builder's Plates for Railroad Days. These, along with Norm Holmes' tender medallion, made her look proud. Chris and Charlie Spikes have removed the side rods and other appliances, preparing her for asbestos removal and final inspection. She is in much better condition than originally thought and we have great hope that once Chris is done with the final boiler inspection we can put together a complete report on restoring her to operation. Check out the new Steam Page on our Website! <http://steam.wplives.org>. We still need donations to raise the money for the asbestos removal and any little bit will help.

I have mentioned before that we need to begin a concerted effort to bring younger people into the organization and, more importantly, we must begin to educate a whole new generation about the WP and its role in history. Many of today's young people have no idea what a train really is, other than a nuisance at crossings and something to throw rocks at when it goes by. I have asked Thom Anderson and the Historical Department to begin planning presentations to school age groups. It is our hope that by aggressively pursuing the younger generation and enlightening them to the history of the WP and its role in the development of the world they live in, we can keep the passion of the WP alive for generations to come. If any of you would like to help with this project, please contact myself or Thom for more information. We are looking for those of you who are involved with teaching or child development that can help us get our presentation out there to as many places as possible.

Until next time, WP Lives!

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