

- Repairs complete on "Silver Plate". Setting up with Sierra for move to Oakdale. UP will inspect for move in Oakdale. Estimated \$3800-4000 to move. In UMLER, have COTS and single car air test. E. Vicknair will go to Jamestown to do a final inventory.
- Ken Finnegan put together an interactive database on the web concerning locomotive mechanical status.

Museum Manager Report

- Written report submitted.
- Did 59 RALs in July with 17 being walk-ins. 4 cited KOLO Channel 8 news item from July 16.
- Gift Shop gross receipts were \$23,761. RAL and Gift Shop income for May to July 2008 appears to be up about \$16,000 over same period 2007.
- Did \$1500 in sales at Anaheim National Train Show.
- Lots of positive feedback on look of the museum.

Director's Reports

Walker - Acknowledged Mike Mucklin for work on Anaheim Train Show. Chris Allan also assisted. James Mason showed up on Saturday. Bob Sims handled layout. D. Epling worked sales on booth. Dave Piers and daughter Ally and member Mark Granados came up and worked in archives car.

G. McClure - noted that according to Manager report that we are getting visitors from KOLO news item.

Department Reports

Steam - Have been working since Monday along with Nathan Osborne. Mr. Osborne has set up system for getting boiler thickness readings. C. Spikes has been working on cutting out superheater flues. No condition issues in belly of boiler barrel. Gave engine boiler wash. Dana and Chris cleaned tube sheets. Thickness mapping will continue. Once done, they will start Form 4. Then, we will begin fundraising for new tubes and flues.

Train Sheet - Issue in mail over 1 month with no delivery reports. Finally reports of delivery from members who had not received issues in a long time, likely due to bulk mailing. Next issue nearly ready for printer, but will be reconfigured as double issue. Discussed mailing and other issues with Train Sheet. Considering all future mailing as First Class.

Advertising - KOLO Staycations: KOLO did a lengthy, outstanding news piece on the museum. Co-anchors and weather reported commented on air about how great the museum and RAL sounded. Already, we have seen a big response. We sold several RALs, at least 4, directly from KOLO and have noted a lot of visitors coming up from Reno / Carson due to KOLO. Hot August Nights booth opens Tuesday. Model T delivered today. We have already had 1 RAL booked using Hot August Nights coupon. Farmer's Market: D.

Epling took N scale model of SP 2873 and set it up with power pack. Got people to run model and then told them they could run the real thing. Did raffle that got a lot of attention. Used large signs from National Train Show in Anaheim. Encountered people who saw us on KOLO. Talked to Nevada Make-A-Wish Foundation. They want us to do a booth at their next big event. Our visitor numbers now seem to be even or up slightly, while other museums are down. Gift Shop sales are up. *Track* - Track repairs are progressing faster than anticipated. Track to ramp is half complete. Lots of work going on. Phil Schmierer, Bill Parker, Cody Wilson, Seth Adams, Ken Finnegan, Paul Finnegan, Slim Liebey, George Souza, Rick Gruninger, R. McClure.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:03 PM and reconvened to open session at 8:10 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten/ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on an on-going issue of member misconduct. No action taken."

September 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motions 08-09-01 / 02.

- . Minutes - from the August 2008 BOD Meeting.
- . Financial Reports - removed by motion.

2. Business Motions

Motion 08-09-03

Portola Railroad Days

As goodwill effort to maintain relationship with local community, we will pay \$250 to PRRD Committee with understanding that in future all agreements with committee will be in writing. From line item 54090 - Special Events Expenses.

G. McClure / Thurman. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 08-09-04

2008 Santa Trains

FRRS to do Santa Trains. We will solicit donations from community and we will charge a gate. Details to be

determined by a committee to be appointed.
 R. McClure / Thurman. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.
 Motion carried.
 Committee: R. McClure, Parker, Epling, Monger, Habeck

Actions and Notices

- R. McClure received August 18, a letter from Kasgro concerning big red flatcar, KRL 600430. Car has been donated by Kasgro to the FRRS. We will have formal approval of donation on October Agenda.
- Linda Knudsen submitted a letter resigning from employment with the gift shop due to health reasons, effective September 15.

President's Report

- Virgil Staff took a bad fall last week. Broke hip and tore up his arm. R. and G. McClure visited him on behalf of FRRS. Still has more stuff for us.
- Silver Plate is billed. Waiting on Sierra for acceptance of car. E. Vicknair went to Jamestown to haul parts up.
- Emergency track work on RR Days replaced 11 ties. Still operated trains. Ops crews did a fantastic job working around the track work.
- Rod and Gail spent last weekend in Bay Area moving donated items from GGRM to Portola, including side skirts for GE 44 tonner locomotive.
- WP 917 - oil cooler was taken by D. Epling to A1 Radiator. A1 is looking for replacement. McClure found rebuilt radiator for \$2800 with core. Brand new is \$4300. Return and repair rotten one is \$1400 plus. This is last mechanical issue with 917. Consensus direction to pursue best route to get engine operating.

Museum Manager's Report

- August gross \$40,631.00. Preliminary look is that revenue is up for same period 2007 in all areas.
- C. Spikes suggested that we do a design contest among membership for a new donation box. Contest to run through Dec. 31.
- RALs were heavily booked in August.
- Lots of visitors citing Hot August Nights, KOLO and rerun of California / Bay Area Backroads. Also a lot from Channel 8 Staycations and some from Hot August Nights and KUNR Radio Ads.
- Portola RR Days - we had nearly double the sales of last year's event and attendance looked a lot higher than last year. Complimented the operations crews on their great operations and how well everything went.
- Z-Scale layout - complimented Bart Hansen on his work on the layout. Received \$200 from Z-Trak Magazine. This will become an annual donation.
- Bart Hansen and Bruce Veilleux had learned to run the register and would be assisting in gift shop.
- Craig Simmons secured donation of a refrigerator for the crew lounge. Received a donation of a washing

machine in good condition. Still need an electric dryer.

- Tony Trombino and Dave Navarreno, local electricians, have been working on electrical on the Silver Debris. Dave also got outside building lights working again.
- Gift Shop has 2 HO scale CCT 60 and 70 special models in stock. More WP HO stuff has come in.
- Thanked Charlie Spikes for all his recent work.
- Family of Frank Beavers is donating all Frank's models, photos and paperwork to museum. By September 21, we need to go to Frank's house and move all materials.

Director's Reports

Holmes - Jack Hathaway is willing to acquire 1 complete place setting set of WP relevant china and donate to the museum. Chris Skow brought up almost 100 people for RR Days. Board offered thanks to Mr. Skow. California Gold show is planning to spend several weeks doing shows in our area.

Monger - Thanks to Spencer for handling handcar during RR Days. Bart Hansen also helped with handcar.

Vicknair - Thanked Chris Kapreilian and Tim Carter for assisting with Silver Plate parts sorting and movement.

Department Reports

Train Sheet - Written report provided. Very few submissions, thanked Holmes, Parker and Allan for their articles. Issue 142 will become double 142-143 to speed up backlog.

Advertising - Parker had review of how well our marketing efforts have been working. In face of bad economy, we are seeing rise in sales, RAL and visitors over 2007. Stated that we need more people to support marketing efforts and resulting visitorship.

Committee Reports

2009 Committee - Plans proceeding. Have plans for displays in traveling exhibit, need funding. Waiting for special event dates from Union Pacific. G. McClure stated that CalTrans is willing to turn curve above Keddie into historical overlook when they reroute the road. We need to lay foundation for helping out.

Hospital Committee - G. McClure discussed recent trespassing and break-ins. Review of plans for CCC crew to come up and fence property.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:47 PM and reconvened to open session at 7:21 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten/ITAC. No action taken. The Board heard a committee report on a personnel issue concerning the Museum Manager Contract. Consensus direction given, no action taken."