

sale and removal from property.

- Year end fundraiser will go out next week. Sample was shown to Board.

### **Museum Manager's Report**

- Written report provided.
- List of items received for sale will be available soon.
- Online discussion forum has been removed due to poor content being posted, will be replaced by a blog.
- Epling showed litho received from Ed deLozier estate. We have multiple copies of this litho and rights to other paintings from Ed's personal collection.

### **Department Reports**

*Publications* – Train Sheet – Received article from Wayne Monger on trackwork. Current issue of Headlight is at the printer will arrive early January. *WPRRHS* – Convention information for 2011 is now out.

### **Safety Report**

Cold and icy. Everyone must be careful. Discussion about issues caused by sewer trucks using our road and driving through our property.

### **Public Comments**

Debbie Baer from Portola RR Days committee – seeking funding to reorganize and improve spike driving contest for 2011. Want to make spike driving contest a center piece of RR Days. Wayne Monger has been working with her on this event.

### **Notices**

Election nominations open January 1, 2011  
Santa Trains tonight at 5 PM and next Saturday at 5 PM

### **Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:22 PM and reconvened to open session at 2:40 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following:

"The Board heard a report on a legal issue – FRRS v. Morgan. No action taken.

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The Board heard a report on a personnel issue – Employment Structure. Concensus direction given. No action taken."

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Rod McClure, FRRS President

It has been too long since I wrote this column to keep all of you informed of events with our organization. We have been doing many things around the museum that you may or may not have heard about. We had a busy summer last year with special events like Dunsmuir RR Days, in which we joined forces with Matt Shuman from Shasta-Cascade Railroad Preservation Society and the UPRR to put on an excellent event in Dunsmuir, CA. This was the first time in three years that we attended this event and it was a great success for all of us. We had a fantastic Portola Railroad Days last year. With the FRRS, the Portola RR Days committee, City of Portola and Chris Skow's special excursion train to Portola from the San Francisco Bay Area we had one of the best Railroad Days in a long time. Plans are already in the works to have a better event this year.

Other items of interest that have been going on is the return to service of the WP F7A 917-D. It has had received new blowers, new oil cooler, a flushed water system with additional water drains to prevent the freezing of the radiators, a complete oil change and new rings. The list of people involved in this major project is long: Kenneth and Paul Finnigan, John Burburniak, Seth Adams, Greg and Matt Elems, Charlie Spikes, Dwyane Vandeervien, Cody "Noodle" Wilson, Steve Habeck, Dave McClain, Dwight Whetstone, Phil Schimerer Eddie Powell and myself. I hope I did not forget anyone but if I did, let me know. Now that she is in great operating condition, we need to get the body work done and painted. This will cost about \$18,000 to \$20,000 and donations are VERY welcome.

Other things repaired or worked on include the Southern Pacific Fire Truck, on which Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone redid the rings and the head which improved the engine's performance and resulted in no more nasty oil smoke. Dwayne V. replaced the master cylinder and now we have to replace all the wheel cylinders this year. This will make it roadable for parades and such. We also made a trade with the Oroville Fire Department for a complete restocking of our truck with a complete set of new supplies appropriate to the fire truck.

The clutch was replaced on our "Big White" forklift by Dwayne also. Steve Habeck and I, with help from Noodle and Bart and David Hansen, rearranged a couple of shop bays and turned the west bay into Habeck and my work bay so that we can service vehicles and batteries. The wood shop bay has been completely rearrange to accept our new woodworking

tools and expanded by Dwayne. The pit inside Shop 2 Track was cleaned, swept and washed out by Noodle. That has made a big difference for those who have to get in the pit to work under the equipment.

Many other projects, small and large have been accomplished over the last year and the credit goes to the members who spend a weekend, a day or everyday at the Museum. The other department heads have been submitting reports to keep you up to date like the Steam Department and the Museum Manager. We also received great report from Steve Habeck about this year's Railroad Days. Eugene Vicknair has been doing a great job trying to put out a Train Sheet on time but has been having a shortage of contributions. If any of you out there want to write something for the Train Sheet, go for it and send it to Eugene. The Headlight has been coming out to us on time thanks to the hard work of Mike Mucklin and his staff along with its contributors. We have received MANY compliments on the Headlight.

This year we have many other projects to work on, like

caboose and freight equipment that needs air brake work and certification. We also have locomotives to bring back to life from years of storage, such as the Alco S2 "WP" 512, Alco S4 WP 563, EMC SW1 WP 501 (the WP's first diesel), and a special project to turn Baldwin S12 USSteel 20 into a visual replica of a WP Baldwin switcher. We have on-going track maintenance on the balloon track and work to extend RIP Track 4 west to connect to the Ramp Track. RIP track 1 and 2 were connected in 2010 at the west end thanks to the hard work of Wayne Monger, Bill Parker, Rick Gruninger, Steve Habeck, Noodle, Bil Jackson and numerous others.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year when you can come up to the Museum. We want to have another safe and productive season. To that end, you will see a change to some rules this year and the requirement for Operation Personnel to have reflective shirts while operating. This will be explained at Rules class this year. Be there if you can.

Until next time, WP Lives!



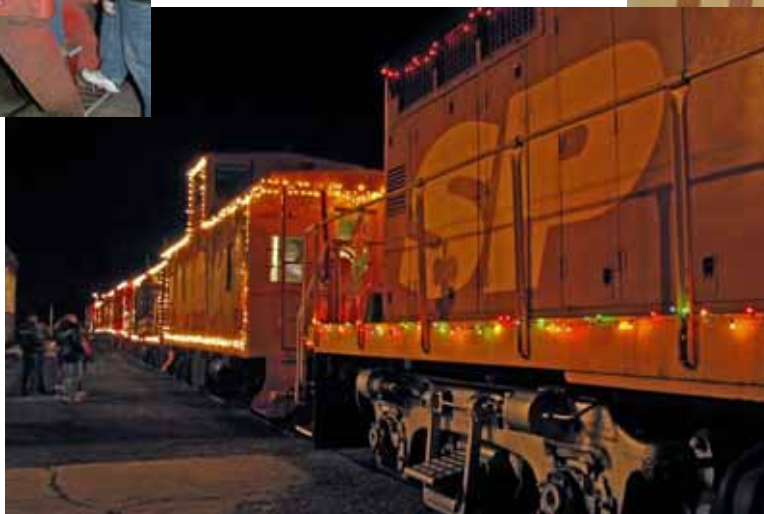
All aboard!

### SANTA TRAIN 2010

Fun for everyone, our annual Santa Trains were a big hit again this year. Thanks to Debbie Baer for sharing some photos of this year's event with everyone. Be sure to join us in December 2011!



Loren Ross is our jolly engineer for this run.



The lighting of the train is always a big hit with the visitors. Thanks to the Habeck Family and all the volunteers who handled all the decorating.