

President Report 3/2015

I have received our own EPA Waste Oil Permit. I have made contact with a company who will come and remove our waste oil and may even pay us for it.

A member has sent me a check for \$4181.88 for the purchase of fuel. He wishes to remain nameless at this time. I'm waiting for the price to stabilize before we purchase this much fuel. We will put it in our tank car for later use.

Welding work continues on the 165. Certified welding will be done on the boiler around the 18th of this month. Once this is done, we will put the 1503 and 917 back into the shop for continued body work and paint prep work.

Gail and I hauled up a truck and trailer load of donated items from Tom Carter. This includes a industrial color copy machine valued at \$7000 which will be installed in the Ops office. It will be used by authorized personnel only as it has password protection, and is accessible by wireless network. Other items include heavy duty industrial multiple drawer storage cabinets for the wood working shop, metal safety cabinet, 8ft white board, 4 new fire extinguishers, a crossing flasher mounted on a small pole for display. Fritz and I unloaded this equipment and placed it in new homes. Thank Tommy!

The 1857 was over the pit for inspection and fuel sight glass repair when Fritz found the TM brushes worn down to almost nothing. I am chasing down where we can get replacements. We need these before we can put it back into service. Of course, being ex-military they are not the usual Westinghouse standard.

Also, the 1100 had been showing signs of coolant leakage around one of the cylinders. Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone have come up and pulled the offending liner. They are waiting for parts to put it back together. This was a good catch by Fritz. It has not contaminated the oil, which is a good thing.

After being ignored by the company who wrapped the Hostel, I am turning this over to our Attorney for settlement. Until then, I am going to find some heavy duty tarps to cover the dome.

I am talking with City Public Works manager, Todd, regarding the city getting some of our pieces of equipment for display at each end of town along with other items to help advertise us and help the city with their needs.

We have some new FRA requirements that we have to begin this year. Specifically, center plate lube, COTS, and inspection of the cabooses we use in our train and begin keeping detailed records on this. Also, changes to the Air Brake requirements for our locomotives will require some changes also.

I have began participating in a UPRR matching donation program which takes a predetermined amount from each paycheck and matches it dollar for dollar up to 12k per year. I had signed up FRRS some years back as a authorized non profit for this. I am encouraging all UP employees who are members to join me in this if they can afford it. They also have a matching hours for dollars program which I am waiting for more details on which will allow UP employees to track their donated hours and the UP will match it with a money donation.

This year during the crew training weekends, I plan to have at least one training and qualification class for those who want to operate Museum Fork Lifts and other equipment. I will advertise this as soon as I can make sure I can do it. I also plan to enforce allowing only qualified operators to operate our equipment. This will help us with our safety plan, and stop damage to our equipment.

Helping me with a lot of the day to day unmentioned things that have to be done regardless of the season are Fritz, Steve, Gail, Charlie, Van, Matt Elems, Greg Elems, Ethan and Ali, Thanks to all of you. I do notice.