

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 2020

Not much to report this month. Santa Trains concluded on a mixed note. We had a good night on our last Saturday and plans were made as to what was going to happen over the holiday. Several members got sick and that put a damper on the holidays and plans on the tear down. The shop has finally been switched with the Sweetwood back in the shop with the rotary / snail set back in the shop. This is to facilitate inspection and preparation for possible use this winter should we have enough snow to plow. We had a good response last winter running it as a fund raiser, so should the opportunity arise again Steve Habeck, David Elems and Ethan Doty are working on that project.

I was able to get Tom Hervey for the guest speaker at the banquet at the next Historical Convention. Tom worked on the SP, got cut off then went to work for the WP and never looked back at the SP. After the UP took over the WP, he worked there till he retired. After retirement, he went to work for the California PUC for 10 years. He has some great stories and I look forward to hearing them at the banquet. I'm hoping we get a good turnout for the convention to hear them. You won't want to miss his talk.

Work continues on the Archive car, with broken desks taken apart and prepped for removal. The east end of the archive car is getting cleared, with boxes of archives going into one of the steam boxcars. Kerry and Eugene can use all the help they can get with lots of tasks in the preparation and remodel. Ed Powel has installed a new AC/heater system that is working great. So we won't have to work in the cold, in the car anyway.

As I write this, I'm in Modesto with my wife tending to her mother. She is in the hospital, slowly improving but we're still not sure what caused the problem. The symptoms point to several problems, she has good days and not so good days. If you need to get a hold of me, I still check my cell phone and e mail daily.

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