

AND FROM THE KITCHEN

Greg Brahms hooked up the propane to the kitchen stove in time to be used for our Grand Opening, Norm Holmes hooked up water and drain pipes to the sink unit so that our kitchen is more or less complete. We still need some cabinets for storage. It's small but sure is nice to have. Bill Zimmerman's donation of a Cola Cooler box will allow the retirement of the old washing machine tub where we kept the cold drinks on ice. Barbara Holmes and others sell soft drinks, ice tea and coffee on operating and work days. Often donuts and other bakery delicacies are available to fill those midmorning hungries.... The local American Legion Post set up a Hamburger and Hot Dog stand in the diesel house on operating days. The smell of onions frying permeates the area and makes one's mouth water. We appreciate their assistance to make the visitors experience complete, and their great Hamburgers.....

HOBO STEW COOK-OFF

We plan to have an operating weekend Sept. 28-29th and for this event, as a fund raiser and to get the community involved, we will have a Hobo Stew cook-off. This will be operated similar to a Chili Cook-off except we'll have stew. We wish to invite anyone who will prepare a pot of stew and bring it to the meeting room Saturday at 6:00pm. Judges will sample the stew and prizes will be awarded for the best. After judging, the stew will be enjoyed by all attending, at a charge of \$3.50 per person, which will include salad and garlic bread. Put this date on your calendar for an interesting evening.

RAILROAD DAYS RAFFLE

We have been offered two quest certificates to be raffled off at our Railroad Days celebration August 24-25th. The certificates are good for one night's stay at the White Sulphur Springs Ranch, a Bed & Breakfast Hotel. Don Miller offered us the opportunity to make some money for the Society and to introduce his recently renovated establishment.

This historic hotel was built in 1852 and served as a hotel for the Truckee-Quincy Stage, and is located in Mohawk Valley on Hwy 89 about 10 miles from Portola.

The tickets are selling for \$1.00 each and are available by mail or at our booths during Railroad Days. Drawing to be held at 5pm on August 25th.....

FUND RAISING

By CHRIS SKOW

Our new merchandise catalog was mailed out to all members last month. Many new items have been added, please help the Society by ordering from the catalog or visit our gift shop in the museum. All profits from merchandise sales go

toward museum equipment maintenance and restoration. In case you did not receive a catalog, drop me a card and I will send another.

We are gearing up for Railroad Days Aug 24-25th, the gift shop will be fully stocked. During Railroad Days Society merchandise will also be on sale at Bottle Annie's on Commercial Street, the Lady Engineer's booth in City Park and at the High School Gym where model railroad layouts will be operating. We need volunteers to help man the booths, if you can help please let me know.

We would like to thank four local merchants for helping us out in sales: Bottle Annie's Shop and Kehoe Pharmacy in downtown Portola, TNT and Kwik Stop on Hwy 70. All stock our custom made coffee mugs.

The museum gift shop has been doing very well since Grand Opening of the museum. The shop is open every weekend from 10am to 4pm, also we open the shop on weekdays when visitors arrive. Member Vickie Krois from Keddie handles the shop on weekends and is doing a fine job. Lynda Monger has been helping also several times recently. Hap Manitt, who is at the museum every day of the week opens for weekday visitors. I want to thank every one who helps us in the gift shop, we can always use the help and will need everyone we can get for Railroad Days.....

WP PHOTOS NEEDED

Member Ken Rattenne, who published the 1984 WP calendar is working on a WP pictorial entitled "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE" He is in need of good B&W photos and slides of the area from Keddie to Bieber and from Portola to SLC, especially the east end. Please write to him and he will send a want list.

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WP MODELERS

I have been talking with Tom Marsh of Overland models about doing models of WP steel caboose series 426-460, WP's first steel bay windows. Done in two styles, one like the 428 with roof walks and in a as delivered state, and the other a rebuilt with no roof walks and windows blanked out. I need to know how many we can sell so a run can be put together. Please drop me a note if you would like several for your layout the price would be about \$63.00 each and a discount would be available for members. So please drop me a note about them and if we have the interest I would like to do the air dump car and the WP tank cars. Another caboose is the 779 which has never been modeled.....Ski