

Silver Scene Update

A special mail request was made to all FRRS members asking them to express their interest in acquiring, and to make a financial pledge to help the museum purchase the dome car, Silver Scene. The car was built by Budd for the CB&Q for use in the Twin Cities Zephyr, but was used in other Zephyr trains as needed. While not a California Zephyr car it is the same general type of car used in the CZ and may have seen service in that train.

The car was built as a Dome Coach, but now has been converted to a private car available for charter on Amtrak trains. It has a lounge in one end, a dining area in the other, and a kitchen and restroom under the dome. The dome retains its 24 seats.

While the response from our members was extremely gratifying, with 340 sending back their forms. The vote was 314 in favor, 26 against. \$29,650 was pledged. The purchase price of the car was \$195,000. A number of members expressed a desire to pledge only if the car was a CZ car. We are looking into several other possible CZ cars that may be available. WP had seven dome coaches and two dome-coffee shop-dorm cars. We know the location of all but one of the WP dome cars. Silver Scooner is lost from the record books.

The Board decided that not enough money was pledged to purchase the car without depleting our financial reserve and going into debt. We wish to thank all our members who responded to this rather short notice request. If and when another opportunity for a dome car presents itself, we will again ask our membership to participate in its purchase.

Accommodation Guide

As a service to the many members and visitors who travel great distances to visit our museum, we are providing this list of accommodations that are near to Portola. The FRRS is not in a position to specifically endorse any of these accommodations. All telephone numbers are in the 916 area code.

Portola 96122

Feather River Cgnd & MH Park, 71326 Hwy 70, 836-2183
Pullman House B&B, 256 Commercial (Box 117) 832-0107
Sierra Motel, 380 E. Sierra (P.O. Box 1748) 832-4223
Silver Lady B&B, 100 Escondido Way (Delleker) 832-1641
Sleepy Hollow RV Park 3810 Grizzly Rd. 832-5914
Sleepy Pines, Hwy 70 West (P.O. Box 1540) 832-4291
Trails West MH Park, 73561 Hwy 70 832-5074

Beckwourth 96129

Beckwourth Travel Trailer Park, 81247 Hwy 70, 832-0391

Blairsdan/Graeagle 96103

Little Bear RV Park, 102 Little Bear Road, 836-2774
Movin' West Trailer Ranch, P.O. Box 20005, 836-2614
River Pines Resort, Hwy 89 (P.O. Box 117), 836-2552

Clio 96106

Clio's River Edge Trailer Resort, 3754 Hwy 89, 836 2375
White Sulphur Springs Ranch B&B, Hwy 89 (P.O. Box 136), 836-2387

WP Car Photos For Sale

Dave Haskins, from White Rock, B.C. Canada, photographs every Western Pacific car that comes into the Vancouver, B.C. area. He shoots color prints and has extras made at the time of processing. He has photos taken back to 1980. Each of his photos have the location, month and year marked on the back. Some are 3 1/2 x 5 and some are 4 x 6. They are for sale as follows: 10 for \$6.00 plus \$1.00 postage in U.S. funds.

Dave Haskins
15181 Columbia Ave.
White Rock, B.C. Canada V4B-1J2

In the FRRS Gift Shop

We still have:

- A few of the WP Merchandise box cars, road Nos. 220089, 108, 146 and 194 @ \$15.00.
- Athearn bay window caboose, special red paint with large WP and herald No. 452, \$15.00.
- KATO NW-2, special paint for Dimi Trains, orange, WP608, \$99.95.
- Overland Models WP F7A brass and WP F7B chromed brass passenger units for \$225.00.
- We have on hand a large supply of WP herald embroidered patches 3x3 \$3.00 each.
- 1996 calendars will be here soon, UP, SP and Passing Trains by Steams scenes - \$9.95.

Send your order to the FRRS Gift Shop, P. O. Box 608, Portola, CA 96122. Don't forget tax if you live in the Golden State!

Train Shows

Successful sales were made at the GATS show in San Francisco despite being held on Super Bowl weekend. Norm and Barbara Holmes also had a sales table at the Thunder Mountain Model Railroad Show in Roseville. Dottie and Roger Aten with help from Melony Evans represented our Society at the GATS show in Bakersfield and the Atens worked a GATS show at the LA County Fairgrounds Feb. 4 & 5. Linda and Dave Dewey handled a show in Dunsmuir Feb. 18-19.

Other upcoming shows:

March 11, 1995 Winterail - Stockton
March 11-12, 1995 Woodland Mall
March 18, 1995 Anderson
March 25-26, 1995 GATS - San Mateo

If you are in the area, stop by and say "hello." Sales and information at these shows help our organization grow.



Shown at the Museum is our new diesel powered scoop loader/backhoe. The Board of Directors decided we needed to replace our old Payloader that we had acquired through government surplus several years ago which was well used when we got it. Hank Stiles found this newer diesel powered scoop loader with a backhoe that was available at a price we could afford and the Board authorized its purchase. The old Payloader will be sold. Photo by Norm Holmes.