

taken sitting in a backyard fish pond taking a bath (no doubt after eating all the fish in the pond)! John Walker made contact with Plumas County asking for some help in cleaning up the grounds and Don Hammack brought in a County work crew, which picked up the trash along our entry road and parking lot. The crew also cleaned up the engine house, wiped down barriers, tables, chairs and repainted a switch stand. We want to thank Don and Plumas County for their help in this area and look forward to working with them again in the future. John Walker and Linda Knudson spent most of the day restocking the gift shop while Ken Iverson ran RAL's.

08.19.04 Linda and Brittany K. ran the museum while John ran errands in Carson City and Reno. Ken Iverson ran RAL's and after unloading supplies, later that day, John painted the hallway to the women's room that evening.

08.20.04 Norman Holmes ran RAL's while John Walker ran errands, recycled aluminum cans and did touch up painting.

08.21/22.04 Eddie Chase, Ed Powell, Bill Parker and Matt Parker crewed an abbreviated "push-pull" passenger train while Norman Holmes did double duty as both passenger and RAL engineer. While Norm was running RAL's, the crew pitched in and helped get the museum set up for Railroad Days.

08.24/25/26.04 Ken Iverson ran RAL's, Matt Parker, John Walker, Hank Stiles and Charlie Spikes cleaned out one of the box cars and moved some construction supplies. Steve Habeck and Jason Krois checked batteries and brought in UP6936 which the UP loaned to us for the Railroad Days weekend. There was a flurry of last minute activity of cleaning, reorganizing and setting up the engine house for the big weekend. Norman Holmes and Hank Stiles washed the engine house floor while Rick Edwards did a lot of shop area cleanup. Rod McClure and Sara "Bubbles" Eidman moved stairs with the forklift and helped get the last of the garbage and scrap metal cleaned up for the weekend.

8.27/29.04 Railroad Days. Please see special report on the event.

## WP Equipment Still Active!

By David Epling

### WP LIVES

And we know it does. Back in the old days of railroad related newsletters such as (and particularly) Flimsies when it was run by Steve Sloan, always had a column dedicated to sightings. I remember this was before the days where we all had internet access, instead we had a 2400 baud modem and we dialed into BBS's for our information. I remember when my buddy and fellow FRRS member Russ Johnson got a 14.4 modem in his 486DX machine, how envious I was. But I digress and should get back to the subject.

How often are we driving past a yard, or out purposely railfanning, and we see a piece of WP rolling stock? All the time. Currently there are still a lot of WP locomotives still in service wearing the UP shield and who knows how many cars are still running around. I propose that we start a similar column in the trainsheet ala' Flimsies. If you are out and about, and you see anything with WP in it (Or if you know the car is a WP car but car-

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rying a different roadname such as the Centerbeam flats) then drop me a line at: [frsweb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frsweb@sbcglobal.net) let me know the date, time, location, Loco/car type, number, and what direction you saw the train going (or parked). I will compile this info and then submit it every month at the end of the month to Frank Brehm for inclusion in the trainsheet. WP Lives, let's prove it by keeping track of what we see.

As an example here is what was collected from our readers in the past month;

08-07-04 Ryan Wilkerson reported via private E-mail, WP Boxcar 38538 and another WP boxcar # N/A SB on the UP on the Black Butte Sub at Black Butte MP 345.2.

10-06-04 Terry Poole reported via private e-mail, WP Boxcar 3154 on a NB CSX Train at the junction of the CSX and the NS just south of the Tennessee River Bridge in Decatur AL on the CSX's S&NA North Subdivision.

10-14-04 1735. Bulletbob reported via the UP list at Yahoogroups, WP Boxcar #38126 in a NB UP Freight on the Palestine sub just south of Conroe Texas at MP 197.6.

10-18-04 Gobl3gook reported via the Headsupnorcal list at Yahoogroups, WP Boxcar (no numbers reported), Big letters, no feather on the SB MRVSJ on the Martinez Sub in Davis CA at MP 75.4.

10-21-04 0900. Kevin Caldwell reported via the Calrailfans list at Yahoogroups, several WP box cars (no numbers) EB on the BNSF Seligman Sub in Kingman AZ at BNSF MP 512.3.

10-25-04 Terry Poole reported via private e-mail, WP Boxcar 66302 on a SB CSX Train at the junction of the CSX and the NS just south of the Tennessee River Bridge in Decatur AL on the CSX's S&NA North Subdivision. This is one of the boxcars carrying a UP shield with WP Marks.

10-29-04 G.G. James reported via private e-mail, WP Boxcar #38035 sitting in a cut of cars in Eugene Yard, Eugene Oregon.

10-29-04 1350. G.G. James scored again with WP Boxcars #38311 & #38070 in a NB train in Eugene, OR.

Remember to send your WP Equipment sightings to either myself at [crrails@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crrails@sbcglobal.net) or to your favorite Railfan list with a note to me as well to get the information there.

## CMO Report

By Hank Stiles

It has been a while since my last report and for that I apologize. It seems that I have too much going on in my life.

This past summer we have accomplished not only all the running repairs and routine maintenance but also some needed repairs.

The WP 512 has had its angle drive on the radiator fan rebuilt. This gear case had been worked on at some time in its life and who ever worked on it did not bother to put lock washers on the output shaft bolts. Needless to say this allowed the cover to work loose and ruin the bearings. New bearings some machine

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work and it is almost new.

My new assistant Rick Edwards and I have made several trips to Rio Vista jct. in the last few weeks to inspect and service the equipment that we acquired in our historic trade with The Western Railway Museum (Rio Vista). All is well with the flat car, both cabooses, the WP 712 and the WP 917-A. We were not so lucky with the Amtrak F3-B, as the brakes will set but not release. When Amtrak made the F3-B into a power car they put all the brake equipment in one of the battery boxes using a #6-K distributing valve and that valve has been identified as the problem. So we are now looking for a replacement valve. When we find and install a replacement valve it should be good to go.

Things at the museum are pretty well bedded down for the winter but as you all know the list never ends. Having John Walker there full time has been one of the best things that we have done for the museum. Having someone there all the time gives us a continuity that we have never had. It makes everyone's time more productive while they are at the museum and while we are not there to oversee jobs when someone comes up to work.

Next year we will be truing the wheels on the WP 512, a job that has already started, we will also be working on the WP 501 ( SW-1) with the goal of putting it back in service. I hope to have the WP 731 (GP-9) in service in 2005.

Please come up to Portola and see all the improvements that we have made lately, we are getting a lot of positive feedback from our members and visitors.

See you in Portola.

## Winter Hours

The Portola Railroad Museum is open 10-5 daily March thru October. As we are coming up to the end of the tourist season, and winter has come early to the Sierra's, we will soon begin our winter schedule. Before traveling a long distance to the museum, please be aware of our winter hours.

Between November and December 15th, the museum will be open between 11 and 4 daily, weather permitting. On days when it is raining or snowing, we will probably be closed. The museum may be closed temporarily while our staff runs errands in town or attends to other museum business. Please call 530-832-4131 between 11 and 4 to find out if the museum will be open during this time.

The museum will be closed from Dec 16th to January 30th.

The museum will be open again in February, 11-4 daily, weather permitting.

The museum will resume normal 10-5 hours daily in March, as soon as the snow melts.

## Summary of Recent Board Meetings

*Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs. Full minutes are posted on the FRRSlist hosted by Yahoo Groups.*

### July 10, 2004

**Installation of New FRRS Board:** Wayne Monger, newly elected FRRS Board Member, was welcomed to the Board of Directors.

**Correspondence:** None at this time

### Consent Calendar:

Motion # 04-07-01 – Removal of financial reports from consent calendar. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-02 — Approval of consent calendar as amended. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director McClure. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Motions and Actions:

Motion # 04-07-03 – Authorization to proceed with printing services for the purposes of sale in the gift shop and fundraising. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-04 – Motion to approve Internet fundraiser to raise loading/transportation costs for donated Tidewater Southern Bunk Car. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Monger who voted against. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-05 – Agreement to participate in Truckee Railroad Days 2004 with authority given to President McClure to complete negotiations with the representatives of Truckee Railroad Days 2004. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Monger. Vote was taken by a show of hands at the request of Director Stiles. Directors Brehm, Holmes, McClure, Monger and Vicknair voted in favor. Director Stiles voted against. Director Cochran abstained. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-06 – Support to send one or two FRRS representatives to the FRA Conference, scheduled August 10-12, 2004 and with particular attention to gathering information for the possibility of sponsoring the Seminar in 2005, with a budget of no more than \$1,500 to be funded from budget line item 67310 – Administrative Support, Travel & Meals. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Monger. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-07 – Acceptance of offer to purchase SP 4004 RS-32 Locomotive from the Feather River Rail Society by the Southwest Railroad Museum for the amount of \$10,000, FOB Portola, pending inspection and acceptance of condition of said locomotive, and final contract review by legal counsel and Board of Directors. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Cochran. A hand vote was taken at the request of President McClure. Directors Brehm, Cochran, McClure, Stiles, and Vicknair voted in favor. Directors Holmes and Monger voted against. Motion carried.

**Closed Session:**