President's Report Greg Elems August 14, 2021

July ended hot and smoky. We had some good days for attendance but for each good day we seemed to have a real dead day. We have done pretty good with having enough crewmen to run the caboose trains on the weekend. With that in mind, I want to thank all the people volunteering and working through this bad fire season. Also I want to thank all the visitors who have made the trek to the museum.

Work progresses on the 165. Even with the smoke and heat, they are getting closer to the end of the restoration. Roger's smile says it all, steam is coming to Portola.

I finally got through to D&D Roofing. Seems product and materials have been in short supply and slowed down the schedule of work. We're still in line for the coating of the roof over the north side, we just have jobs a head of us. So now it looks like mid September.

ABC Fire made an inspection of the fire suppression system in the archive car on Friday the 13th. We are good to go for another year.

Last item, track work. We're still planning on doing some ballast tamping but this hot weather will have to break before we get out to take care of that chore.