EOUIPMENT ARRIVALS

Two months ago Norm Holmes received a phone call from Mr Jerry Davis, Executive Vice-President Operations, Union Pacific, asking if we were interested in a Business car. There was no hesitation on Norm's part of course we were interested. It seemed Union Pacific was going to retire car #105, assigned to their Chief Engineer. The car was built in 1917 for the railroad's president and moved through several number changes and a rebuilding until finally reaching the end of its useful career on the UP.

The car arrived in Portola late Sunday, April 27th with new SD-60 6008, on the point and was moved onto museum trackage April 29th. The switch engine delivering the car consisted of 10 units (2925, 3595, 3331, 3610, 3175, 6011, 6010, 3085, 2940 and 3202). The car is complete with all furniture even including a built in TV set. We are indeed fortunate UP thinks so much of the Society to donate this beautiful car to our collection. On May 24th the keys to the car were formally presented to Rail Society President Norm Holmes by UP Roadforeman of Engines Mark Chenchar.

Not nearly so glamorous, but none-the-less a welcome addition to our collection is WPMW 1577 which arrived May 7th. This tank car is in better condition than our other tank car (1583) and will be equipped with a pump for fire service. This was the last WP tank car in railroad service being used as a waste (gray) water car in a track

gang outfit.



PHOTO OF 105 COMING TO TOWN BY MATT PARKER

David Seidel of the CAMERAIL CLUB, sent us this info on the Union Pacific Business Car 105.....

Built Pullman 1917

Number 100, Presidents Car

Re-numbered to 101 in 1952

Re-numbered to 102 in 1957

Re-numbered to 105 in 1965

Retired in 1985

Donated to the Feather River Rail Society in 1986 Note, replacing #105 is ex WP FEATHER RIVER now numbered 105.....

UP 105 on the balloon, Doug Jenson has been giving the sides a work over with rubbing compound and the finish really shines



