

## NORM NOTES...

### THE STEAM GAUGE



California Fruit Exchange 2-6-2ST #1 had her nose smashed in on an unknown date while working for the company out of Graeagle. This locomotive is now heading for operational restoration in Fort Bragg, California. —Greg Munster Collection

While no news is sometimes good news, we have no news to report on the proposed restoration of our SP 0-6-0 No. 1215. We have not progressed any further than the desire to having it running someday. Our resident volunteers have so much work just to keep the facility open and taking care of all the details associated with our museum we cannot take on a major restoration project. We are looking for someone or a group that would like to see the engine operate, to take on the task.

From the Mendocino County Railway Society newsletter comes the information that the California Western Railroad 2-6-2ST No. 14 moved from Willits to Fort Bragg on December 18 to the CWR's depot for an eighteen month restoration to operating condition. This engine was built for the California Fruit Exchange in 1924 and operated at Graeagle (near Portola) until 1938 when it was sold to California Western. After retirement in 1956 it was sold to Bert Rudolph in Willits and donated to Roots

of Motive Power (museum) in Willits after the death of Mr. Rudolph. We had hoped at one time the engine would return to Plumas County, but are happy to learn of its probable return to active service.

## TICKETS

Don't forget to send in your opportunity drawing tickets for a free trip on any of Chris Skow's Trains Unlimited, Tours USA tours. Drawing will be held on May 2, 1998. Additional tickets are available at the museum or by mail to our Portola address.

## EXCURSION ANNOUNCED

Last year we contracted with Amtrak to operate an excursion train from Sacramento to Dunsmuir for that city's Railroad Days. A side trip from Dunsmuir to Black Butte was also offered. This excursion was very successful and we are planning a repeat this year. The date will be Saturday, June 21, the day before Father's Day. Details will be mailed to all members ASAP. We will be in need of car hosts and a few people to supply the train in advance. Contact the museum if you are interested in helping.

—*Norm Holmes*

## CABOOSING

### BY HAP MANIT

**Haps' column will return in issue #91.**

### —1998 RULE EXAM AND CREW TRAINING—

Please remember to come up to the upcoming crew training weekends. See you there!

—*Jim Gidley, Sr.*

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