

information on all 6 surviving WP freight F-units.

Yesteryear Depot WP Database..

[www.yesteryeardepot.com/westpac.htm](http://www.yesteryeardepot.com/westpac.htm)

A collection of WP related photos, mostly from the Fred Stoes collection. A wealth of steam engine shots, along with CZ and diesel views.

There are, of course, many more websites that touch on the Western Pacific family of roads. This has been just a small sample of some of the major ones. New sites are appearing all the time and several e-mail groups can be found that deal with WP related subjects, including the FRRSList, WPList, SacNorthern, BayAreaRailHistory and DomecarList on the Yahoo system.

WP Lives in Cyberspace.

## Zephyr Project Progress

By Eugene Vicknair

With winter slowly releasing the High Country, the Silver Hostel is again showing signs of progress. Eric McClure has been the prime mover of work in recent months, almost single handedly completing the dome and bar area removals and evaluating the reusable materials and undersurfaces of the car. I can't thank him enough for his dedication and energy.

We have had the first dome window purchased! Wayne and Linda Monger are now the proud "owners" of a side dome window. They will be enjoying a dinner trip on the McCloud Railway and, some day, a trip in the Hostel next to their window.

The "Buy A Window" program has undergone some revision. Donors will still receive a dinner train trip and their name(s) on a plaque in the car. Now they will also receive their name and dedication on a CZ/Silver Hostel seat back cover. Each cover will have three lines of text, allowing for names, dedications, nicknames, etc. These covers will remain in the car for 3 years after the completion of primary restoration. At that time, they will be given to the donors as a gift for their donation. The plaque will remain permanently.

Also, there have been requests for group donations to a single window. This is possible and can be arranged by contacting me at [eugene@zephyrproject.com](mailto:eugene@zephyrproject.com) and setting it up. A dinner train trip is not given for a group donation (group being defined as more than two unrelated people or more than a single family) and the seat cover will be given to a recipient designated by the group. This has been requested so far as a way to dedicate windows in memory of someone. For more details, drop me an e-mail.

Down in the Bay Area, I've been working with Robert McNeal of Studio Red on the tooling needed to reshape the damaged trim pieces on the carbody. We have acquired more lights for the car, including the lights needed for the Zephyrette's and Porter's bedrooms and most of the remaining hallway.

During the Domes Down the Valley excursion, I had the pleasure of meeting Silver Lariat owner Burt Hermey and speaking again with Silver Solarium owner Roy Wullich. Both men have graciously agreed to share information with us concerning details of their cars and any information that will aid the Hostel restoration. Thanks to my conversations with Mr. Hermey, we are

working with the window supplier on ways to lower the cost of the windows and create more visually accurate reproductions.

The grand Parts Scavenging Trip is now planned for early June. Some of us will be traveling to the Midwest to evaluate a trove of CZ dome-lounge-dormitory parts that are available for the Hostel. Hopefully, we'll have some good news on that next issue.

### Recent donors;

Clyde W. Brehm, Jr., Malcolm Church, Lloyd Cornell, Frank Hendricks, Wayne & Lynda Monger, David F. Myrick, John Whitehurst, Harold Wardley.

## Fire Safety

The following safety tip is brought to you as a service of your society.

### Gas Grills & Propane Tanks

Propane is heavier than air, if a leak occurs the gas vapors will follow the contour of the area and seek its lowest level eventually finding an ignition source flashing back to the tank. If a fire or leak occurs, leave the area and immediately notify the Fire Department.

Storage of tanks are to be away from residence (not in garage or basement). Storage of tanks, even in single family residence is not legal. Store tanks in an upright position and never assume that a tank is empty. Store tanks in cool areas, avoiding direct sunlight.

All connections of the tank should be tested for leaks using a soapy water solution. Tiny bubbles will indicate a leak. This should be done when first connected and periodically thereafter.

All connections must be tightened with a proper size wrench. NOTE: flammable gas cylinders have a left-handed thread, a reverse of the normal threading. It must be tightened by turning counter clockwise.

Cylinder valve plugs (CPV) are required to be installed on all full and empty cylinders when they are not connected or being transported.

Also close the cylinder valve when not in use.

Cylinders must be painted and in good repair. They must be tested at an LPG plant after 12 years of service and every five years thereafter.

A gas-fired barbecue must NEVER be used inside any structure.

Gas-fired barbecues are to be utilized by adults only and NEVER by children.

It is advisable to keep a flame retardant padded mitt nearby so that it is possible to shut the cylinder valve off at any time.

When disposing of empty propane gas tanks, it is recommended that they be returned to the facility that refills the tanks. Propane filling stations are capable of removing the valve. They will store the tank outdoors in an upright position for several months, allowing any residual gas to dissipate.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, SHOULD THE CONSUMER TRY TO REMOVE THE VALVE AND/OR TRY TO DISPOSE OF THE TANK.**