

President's Report
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Work continues, with help from Phil Schmierer the last 3 weeks in the fire abatement department. Phil removed three dozen trees or so and probably pruned another two dozen to reduce the laddering effect should a fire come through. I was able to help somewhat but Phil did a yeomen's amount of work. Ethan Doty did a equal amount of clean up following Phil. Thank you both for your effort to keep the museum safe and it opened up some areas that have been neglected.

Work on the SN 1462 all but stopped with my leaving for Modesto on family matters and when I was back, it behooved us to help Phil. The last quarter of the side and the east end still need paint removed and caulking done. I'm hoping to get some more primer on it soon.

My next target of work will be the WP 705. I would like to start cleaning, scraping and sanding on it and make a concerted effort to get a coat of fresh green and orange paint on it. It won't be operable but it will show progress on it and hopefully spur some donations for the mechanical work. Why paint an engine we can't run? We need to arrest the deterioration on it. WP was famous for painting units then working on them. I for one will be glad to see the pink go away.

In closing, I again want to thank Steve Habeck for filling in while I was in Modesto. Thanks go out to Ethan, David, Eugene, Phil, Charlie and Dwayne also. If I've forgotten anyone else I apologize.