



Caboosing With Hap Manitt

News from around the museum...

- October 21, 1990 Ed Warren took pictures of various engines for use on postcards. These will be for rental customers and also for sale in the gift shop.
- October 22, 1990 Gordon Wollesen started extensive electrical work in the shop and outside. He has replaced the service panel in the engine house. He has installed wiring to the SAC guard car that will be soon be used as an office. His work on this and locomotive batteries was ongoing from this date.
- October 23, 1990 Wayne Monger met Norm Holmes and Brian Challender at Portola to head for Oregon to check on the condition of engines that were being considered for purchase by FRRS. They left Portola at about 5PM, and arrived late that night. The UP train that had our new equipment on it arrived here at about midnight from Oroville.
- October 25, 1990 The cars from Oroville were switched into our yard.
- October 27, 1990 Norm Holmes, Wayne Monger and Brian Challender arrived back in Portola with FULL pickup truck loads of extra locomotive parts that they picked up on their trip to Oregon. SP employees who are members of CSRM in Sacramento arrived and gave engines UP 849 and WP 501 a thorough going-over. They were: Dick Hulbert, electrician; Pete Willbest, machinist; Dave Spohr; Gene Black. They were friends and guests of Dave Anderson. Steve Habeck, Bruce Cooper, and Brian Challender worked with them. Julie Anderson spent the day cleaning rest rooms and straightening up the shower car as well.
- October 30, 1990 Bruce Cooper worked on dump truck and loader.
- October 31, 1990 The tank car and flat car arrived from Herlong. Norm Holmes and Dean Hill went to Herlong to check out the 4x4 pickup truck that we were considering buying.
- November 1, 1990 A TV spot on KGO in San Francisco aired about our museum and about our locomotive rental program. Ed Warren took pictures of all of the newly arrived equipment for use in the Train Sheet. Bruce Cooper had the air brakes working well on the dump truck.
- November 3, 1990 Larry Hanlon and Dave McClain worked on engine 805A. John "Ski" Ryczkowski painted lettering on engine 512. Dan Ogle worked on the electrical systems on engines 805A and 921D.
- November 4, 1990 The Board of directors meeting was held at Bruce Cooper's house.
- November 6, 1990 Norm Holmes and Dean Hill drove to Rough and Ready Island military installation to check on a truck we were considering for purchase.
- November 7, 1990 Merle Turpin and Skip Englert worked on cutting and mounting glass on locomotives 501 and 707, the loader, and the SAC guard car.
- November 8, 1990 Transportation Services, Inc. hauled the loader from Rough and Ready Island in Stockton to Portola. Hap attended the first Railroad Days Parade Committee.
- November 9, 1990 Gordon Wollesen, with his sons Ian and Will, worked 2 days on removing the 6" high pressure water system that was originally used for high pressure washing of the California Zephyr. Norm Holmes, Barbara Holmes and Dean Hill spent 5 hours in folding the Train Sheet and preparing it for mailing. Chairs and tables in the engine house were stacked out of the way for the winter.
- November 11, 1990 Ken Barnard, our CPA, met with Janeene Mathew, our bookkeeper, in Quincy.
- November 13, 1990 6 wheelchair patients from the local hospital in Portola visited the museum. Some of them were old railroaders. One was Martinez who used to be a track inspector who used our 3-wheel velocipede. Bruce Cooper serviced the new loader and prepared it for winter use. Gordon Wollesen weatherized the walls in the women's room and checked out electrical systems so as to install heaters.
- November 15, 1990 Bruce Cooper and Gordon Wollesen worked on the dump truck.
- November 16, 1990 Ken Roller worked on the balloon track replacing some of the old ties. 12 ties were hauled to track 7 (the old weed-burner spur).
- November 17, 1990 Norm Holmes, Skip Englert, Dean Hill and Hap Manitt unloaded 16 lengths of 75 lb. rail for the extension of track 7.
- November 18, 1990 Ken Roller, Hank Stiles, Mardi Vincent and Hap Manitt lined up 6 pieces of rail on the ties on 7 rail.
- November 19, 1990 Ken Roller worked on spiking down the rails on 7 rail.
- November 24, 1990 Norm Holmes and Barbara Holmes went to Fairfield Railroad show. Larry and Linda Hanlon worked on 805A.
- November 28, 1990 The FRSL's box car and caboose were switched to the east end of the yard to prepare for removal.
- November 29, 1990 The 2 cars were hauled away. Ronald Mathew and brother Jim worked on installing more ice melters on our track 4 switch.
- December 2, 1990 The Board of Directors meeting was held at Bruce Cooper's.
- December 3, 1990 Skip Englert's daughter informed us about a National Diabetic fund raiser show in Portland, Oregon. The package from this area included one of our locomotive rentals, golf packages, and hotel rooms. The winning bid was for \$6,000. Hap Manitt worked on Christmas decorations and lights.
- December 4, 1990 The track tamper arrived by truck.
- December 6, 1990 Ken Roller started work on expanding the model railroad in the snack bar area. In doing so, he found a model locomotive that had been buried inside the scenery by the original builder.
- December 8, 1990 The Santa Claus train was held along with a bake sale. Norm Holmes set up engines UP 849, WP 707 and WP 921D for a photograph for new T-shirts.
- December 9, 1990 Norm Holmes and Bob Lindley cleaned out loose materials from the E9B unit to prepare it for donation to UP.
- December 11, 1990 Bill Evans arrived to pick up his welder and supplies.
- December 12, 1990 Bruce and Sue Cooper bought a case of cat food as a Christmas present for Bill and Bandit, our "museum guard cats."