

HOT NEWS ITEM

Sue Cooper who heads up the kitchen committee has some great news for all of you hard-working chow hounds.

During operating season, Memorial Day to Labor Day, when the kitchen is open, anyone who is actively working at the museum, such as operating crews, restoration workers, members of organized clean-up parties, etc., will have their lunch provided free of charge by the museum.

Jim & Janene Mathew

Jim & Janene Mathew from Portola took things into their own hands literally on Monday, April 22, 1991 and beautifully painted every square inch of the floors in the kitchen, the Flannery meeting room and the gift shop. They look so good you'd think you could eat off of them. Janene is the kind person who does the bookkeeping work for the museum. Thanks Jim & Janene!

Spring Clean Up

Our earlier than usual spring clean up really accomplished something this year. Our first priority was to clean out the shop area. This place had become a collection area for everything and anything. We now have space to use the woodworking tools and have a clear space in the metal working area. The battery area was also cleaned and batteries rearranged. Someday we hope to have a "real" shop. The next priority was the wheel track and storage area where more "things" were located. The old Airstream trailer was moved down into the balloon track area near the pump houses and the area was rearranged in a more orderly fashion. Several loads of scrap tin and garbage were hauled to the dump. The shop and wheel track area now looks much better. Sue Cooper, Corine Wollesen and Pat Cousin provided meals for the workers. Those helping included: Brian Challenger, Bruce Cooper, Gary Cousin, Jim Gidley, Sr., Steve Habeck, Dean Hill, Barbara and Norman Holmes, Dan Ogle and his wife, Ken Roller, Mardi Vincent, Hap Manitt, Gordon Wollesen, Skip Englert, Kent Stephens, Mark French, Hank Stiles, Ed Warren, Gordon Wollesen and Corine Wollesen. Thanks so much for the help and if I've left anyone out, thanks too.

New in the Gift Shop

- 1991 Steam Passenger Directory for \$8.95.
 - Eureka Southern video tape for \$34.95.
 - Oroville to Portola - WP & UP video for \$34.95.
 - Rock Island video for \$39.95.
- All new Visitor's Guide to the museum and the Feather River Canyon for \$1.00.

Packages of small magnets in the form of railroad heralds of 19 different railroads. These are great to put on your refrigerator; only \$5.95.

We also have new T-Shirts in off white color which have the scene of the UP 3985 steam locomotive crossing Keddie Wye with the yellow UP passenger train behind it. The picture was drawn by our own Ken Roller, and the T-Shirt was manufactured locally by Aardvark Art. They are available in sizes Small, Medium, Large, XLarge for \$10.00, or in XXL for \$12.00.

You can buy any of these items in person in the museum gift shop or you can order them by mail. Your purchases help the museum.

New Life Members

We welcome four new life members. They are: Mr. Terry Sharp from England, Frank Robertson from Clarksburg CA, Raymond E. Graham from Stockton CA, and David E. Sieber who serves with the US Army overseas. Welcome guys.

Donations

Our urgent request for donations to help us with transportation costs to move our two Baldwin AS616's from Oregon has been encouraging, but still falls short of the required funds needed to bring these historically significant locomotives to Portola. Twelve individuals have donated a total of \$540 to this worthy cause. Depending on how they are transported, the move could cost as much as \$12,000. If you can help, mark your donation BLW moving fund. Those donating so far are:

Gordon Bennett
John Bradley
Ron Chamberlin
Jim Duncan
Erik Frodsham
Josiah Jenkins
Renee McComb
Thomas Norman
John Miller
Leo Prescott
Peter Watkins
John Williams

Other Donations

Other donations to our general fund received recently were from:

Tom Abbott
Martin Anderson (Service donation from PG&E)
Charles Bach
George Bakalar
John Borden
Ray Bruington
Steve Habeck
Richard Hall
Gordon Ingle
Alan Jacobson
Brian Johnson
Peter Langdon
Richard Leonard
Ken Meeker
Dale Meyers
Dave Nelson
Albert Novak (via United Way)
Larry Richards
Leonard Rimmicci
Stanley Thompson
Phil Torgeson
Dave Unger
Steven Wolfe