

insure the continuation of our museum.
Thank You.

—*Norman W. Holmes*

STEAM GAUGE

Work is expected to start soon on the removal of piping, appliances and non-complying boiler insulation from SP 1215. David Dewey will be in charge of the project and we have a contractor who will remove and dispose of the non-complying insulation. After this work is completed the boiler can then be inspected to evaluate the feasibility of returning the locomotive to operation. Anyone interested in helping with this work is welcome. Contact David Dewey at (530) 534-3676 or at the museum number.

DONATION

Sierra Pacific Power Company has donated a 1990 Dodge pickup truck to the museum. This truck will replace the 1985 Ford that was also donated by SPP eight years ago. The truck was used by Executive Director Norm Holmes who put over 90,000 miles on the truck taking care of museum business. We are very appreciate of SPP's generosity in donating this vehicle.

CLEAN UP

A major clean up, sorting and general rearranging has been going on at the museum the past few months. Headed by Doug Morgan and Ken Iverson, the machine shop and electric room have been cleaned out and replaced with items that were appropriate to that area. Now it is easier to find what you are looking for. Several box cars are next. Hank Stiles has been working on a box car to house our large collection of EMD parts. A major upgrading of our electrical system is in progress — a full report will be in the next *Train Sheet*.

RAILROAD DAYS

The 16th annual Feather River Railroad Days is history. This celebration is our largest event of the year. The event was started by Skip Englert to draw attention to Portola's

railroad heritage and has become a citywide celebration. Our museum has participated in the event every year since its inception. This year the city had its annual parade, with sales, food and entertainment in the City Park. A canoe and decoy race was held in the Feather River.

At the museum we had four model railroad layouts: The Donner Pass Gandy Dancers from Carson City, Sacramento Modular Club from Sacramento, John Huckaby from Ferndale and Jim Druckmiller with his N gauge Buffalo Pass, Scalplock and Defiance layout from Sacramento. Musical entertainment was supplied by Dakota Sid Clifford and Traves Clifford. A western dance demo was presented by Greg and Ev Holmes. We had a french toast breakfast at the museum Sunday morning, spearheaded by Lolli Bryan with Edna Ede, Lorna Miner, Linda Lippincott, David and Linda Dewey helping. A free breakfast was served to the train crew and model railroaders in appreciation for their coming to Portola for the event. With the paid customers, we broke even.

Barbara Holmes and Ken Hitch worked the Gift Shop, Jack Hathaway opened the Annex in the UP baggage car. Linda Dewey and Norm Holmes sold train tickets. Ken Roller operated the museum's model railroad layout, Hap Manitt provided answers to the many visitor questions. Lolli Bryan conducted tours of UP business car 105. This year we ran only one train due to fewer crewmembers and the anticipation of a smaller visitor turnout. We were correct in this assumption as the number of visitors were down this year, possibly because of the adverse publicity about poisoning the water in Lake Davis. Helping on the train crew was Jack Palmer, Vic Neves, Judy, Melissa and Will McGrath, Andy Anderson, Dave Bergman, Jim Gidley, Don Borden, Don Nelson, Kerry Cochran, Tom Miller, Jack Sanford and John Hittner. Kerry Cochran received our annual "Glad Hand" award at the end of the operations Sunday.