

Report

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MEMBERING NOTICE

BOX CAR DONATED

The next regular business meeting of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum will be held at the Santa Fe Station, upstairs in the Safety Room, Sunday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.

LOCOMOTIVE OPERATIONS CLASS

General Superintendent Robert DiGiorgio has announced that a class on the running gear and principles of steam locomotive operation will be held in the safety room of the Santa Fe station. The time is 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 16, 1969.

PROGRESS REPORT ON NUMBER 11

Our museum has begun to make the needed repairs to the firebox of Coos Bay #11. At a work party on Saturday, February 22, Richard Pullis, Bob DiGiorgio, Terry Durkin, John Hathaway, Dave Hobson, Gary Illig, and Dick Pennick, labored at the job of jacking the engine up and removing the firebrick.

Some welded cracks were found behind the fire brick in the firebox. A state boiler inspector has looked at the firebox and does not consider the cracks to be bad news. He thinks that the welds are in order.

Number 11 is beginning to look very sleek in her new coat of paint. Welding paint brushes were Terry Durkin and John Hathaway.

The shay is to be taken out of service until several stay bolts can be replaced. It is expected that no more steam ups will be held until July 4.

Number 11 is now sporting new cab doors and a new roof hatch. Many thanks to Charles Benbow for a fine bit of handy work.

GET WELL WISHES

We heartily wish a speedy recovery to Stanton W. Kerr, who is convelescening at home after a couple of bouts with surgery. Hurry back, Stan, we miss you.

REMEMBER! IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN.....

President Richard Pennick has announced that the museum has been donated an outside braced, single sheathed boxcar. The car was donated by the North American Car Corporation of Chicago.

The North American Corp. is mainly a leasing company which leases cars to railroads and other large shippers. No date of shipment has been made as of yet.

DEPOT YARD OFFICE

PSRMA, according to board chairman Eric Sanders, is purchasing the Ash St. yard office from the Santa Fe. The cost of acquisition is \$5,000. Sanders said the museum will save the original portion of the structure, which does not include the section cars shed.

GOLD SPIKE CENTENNIAL

A colorful, vintage poster, advertising the opening of the first transcontinental railroad has been reproduced for the centennial year, 1969.

The 15 x 36 inch, six-color reproduction is printed on heavy paper, suitable for framing. The posters are available through the Golden Spike Centennial Celebration Commission, Federal Building, Room 2419, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah.

Also on sale by the commission are special Golden Spike medallions, struck by the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, which are available in two sizes—1 5/16 and 2 1/2 inches. (Railway Employees Jour.)

LAST TRANSCONTINENTAL STEAM TRAIN

A steam powered "Golden Spike Centennial" excursion train will turn back the pages of history to the glamor days of rail travel when it pulls out of New York May 3, for a 15 day trip to Utah and back. The train—to be run by High Iron Company of Lebanon, N.J., will be one of the highlights of the year long centennial celebration. Each night during its circuitous cross-country journey, the train will stop at a major city and (Turn to page 2)