

SWANTON PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY

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ON TRACK with your Director

Ed Carnegie:

You know that summer has arrived at Swanton; when you have two work weekends a month, the days are a lot warmer, and we have more sunlight to work by. For the Father's Day weekend we had over twenty members plus family and friends to partake in a fun filled day. The weather was gorgeous, the BBQ with the variety of side dishes was superb, and the experiences gained in operating the trains and engines were priceless. While the Dad's operated the trains, their better halves under Fitz's supervision prepared all the food. Alternate instructional runs covering all aspects, i.e. conductor, brakeman, station-master, fireman, engineer, public relations, etc. etc. were conducted all day long with the 1915 and the 502. Marty Campbell served as the steam locomotive "in-house" instructor for the 1914, and yours truly served the same for the 502. The event went so well, was enjoyed so much by all and is such a bolster to our instructional program that we will definitely arrange to have more of these "fun run days" throughout the year—keep your eyes peeled to the newsletter for future announcements of such events. One is possibly being discussed for August.

The second work weekend, June 28/29, concentrated on form building to finish out the concrete pad in and around the turn-table. Caterer Bob Wilkinson and crew provided some wonderful meals. Seemed like we were on a cruise of sorts—we were either enjoying great tours of different work tasks, or eating wonderful meals. The culmination of the form work paid off on Monday morning when 7 Swantooneers chipped in to pour and finish the 13 yards of ready mix concrete.

Many thanks go to Andy, Pete, Fitz, Geoff, Richard, and Randy for helping me with this project, as it has been in the works for a long time. This has always been a safety concern, for fear of having someone fall or drive into the turntable pit. Having it all concreted now allows us to put a safety chain around the entire turntable; it will also allow more time for a crew to get back to work on the 1913.

In addition to the form building we had two other crews working on different projects. Ed Ski and Mac Gaddis continued with the renovation of the Keystone Car. Geoff, Randy, and Mark Cooper worked on the 1500.

Down Behind the Railway

With your president, air monkey, and carbarnist;
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My Fellow Swantoons:

Hello summer! And did you wonder what happened to spring? Well, it's here - high 70's instead of 80's and 90's and Iris' still blooming in June. Micro-climates seem pretty macro when you are in them; the trick is to enjoy what you receive.

Andy notes the weeds are gaining on him, he could use some help. Over in the Car-barn we have the continuing saga of the ballast car, which needs about four hours of work to get it ready for blasting (sand, not dynamite) and painting, until then it's operational, should it be needed.

Ed Ski, with help from Matt, Mac, and others, has reduced the Keystone car to a skeleton. Another eight hours and a little structural repair, and then it's off with the ballast car for blasting and painting.

Here too is another opportunity to get some dirt on your hands.

The 1500 and 1913 parts are still in the cleaning and paint stage with some reassembly in progress. If you are interested in how a locomotive is built, come on over to the Machine shop or the Round house and find out.

In the 'behind -the -railway' department we have a couple of boom trucks, a loader/back-hoe, a forklift, lawn tractor, DR mower (a.k.a. Dr. Orange), and other small pieces of powered equipment. What we don't have is someone to routinely maintain them. Maintenance is done on an as-used or when-broken basis. So, you star mechanics, come shine your light on some of the railroad background.

It's not too soon to compare your calendar with the events coming up in the next four months. Golden Spikes run on the 26/27 July weekend, BAGRS on the 23/24 August weekend, Santa Cruz County Land Trust run on Sept. 21st, Cal Poly Day Sept. 28th, and RMC Lone Star on Oct. 4th. In addition to the train crews we always need folks to set-up, knock-down, direct parking, and all those other housekeeping duties that make our events a success.

Finally, congratulations to Dennis Johnson for promotion to Conductor. He's on his way to becoming an Engineer. And how about you?

Hope to see you next workday.

Fitz



1914 ready for the days run

NEW SOCIETY SUPPORTERS received over the last month were as follows:

John Nellany	Santa Cruz
Dean DeVolder	Pacifica
Ward Cochran	Arroyo Grande
Fred Knauss	Redwood City

On behalf of the entire organization, we welcome each of you into our "train family" & we certainly look forward to seeing you at some of our next events. Many of our supporters may not recognize you right away so please introduce yourselves so that we can get to better know you & vice versa.



Fathers day food prep crew

Observation Car

From our members

When you are filling out the time sheet in the Machine shop, please check the Membership Roster that is there to verify that your information is correct. If there is an error please let the secretary know so that it can be corrected.

REMINDER: BEFORE LEAVING SWANTON'S PREMISES, PLEASE, BE SURE TO FILL OUT & **SIGN** THE WORK LOG FOR HOURS YOU WORKED. THE WORK LOG IS IN THE MACHINE SHOP NEXT TO THE PHONE.

IMPORTANT news re: Redhouse Reservations: I need to know at least one week in advance whether room reservations are needed. This way I can better coordinate with Wally Mark to make sure things move smoothly. If you do not call to reserve a room, you may not have a place to stay, as this summer rooms will be scarce. If you are so

inclined, I would encourage you to consider a tent to campout for the weekend.

making the Father's Day event so successful. Without your assistance—setup, bringing a dish, clean up, cooking, etc. etc. etc. it would never happen so thank you, thank you, thank you.



Ready to eat on Father's Day



Happy fathers and others



Fathers working while the lunch is being fixed



Concrete finishing crew at the end of the day

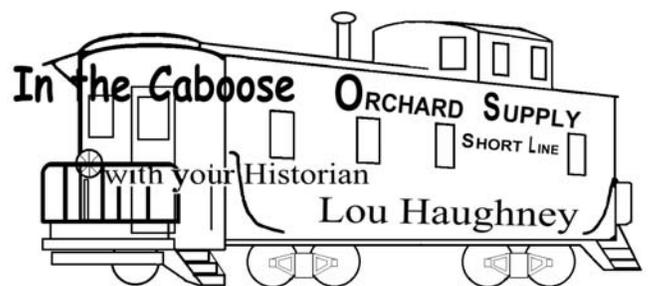
UPCOMING EVENTS/PUBLICITY

Mary Ann Carnegie

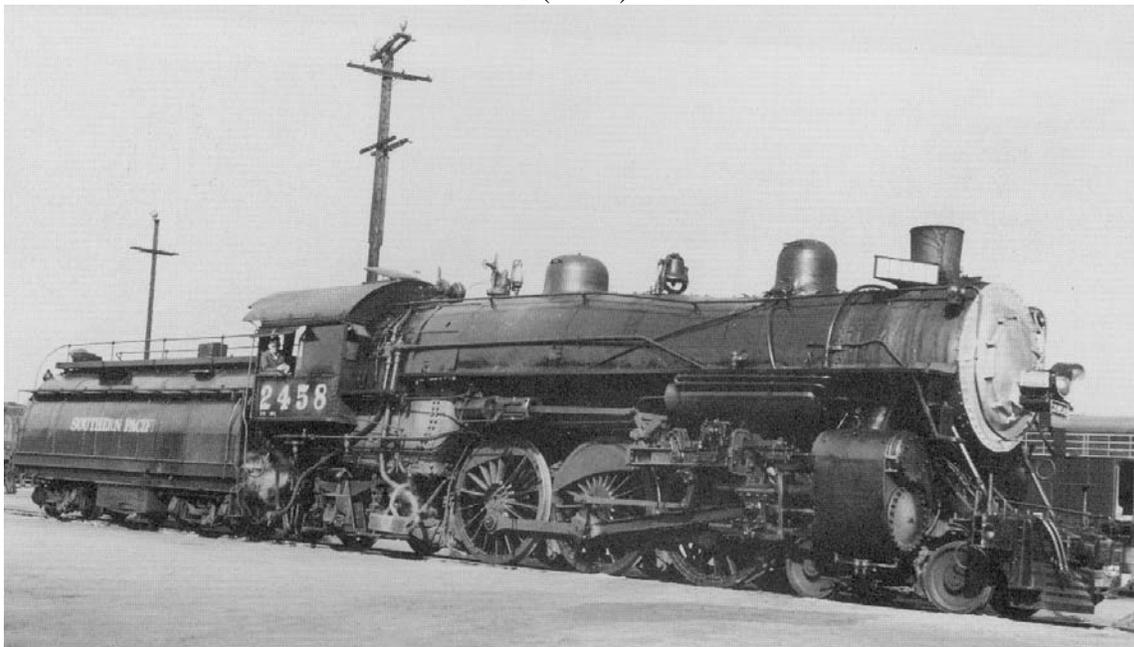
- July 12/13 Work Day Weekend
- July 26 Possible Golden Spikes Run Day
- July 27 Work Day
- Aug. 9/10 Work Day Weekend

Mark your calendars, & remember, if you are planning to stay overnight you need to make reservations. Space is very limited. Also if you want to try different meal plans, etc. call or email your suggestions, offerings. We're always willing to try something different . . . themed, Dutch oven, certain letter only, reservations where?

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped out so much with



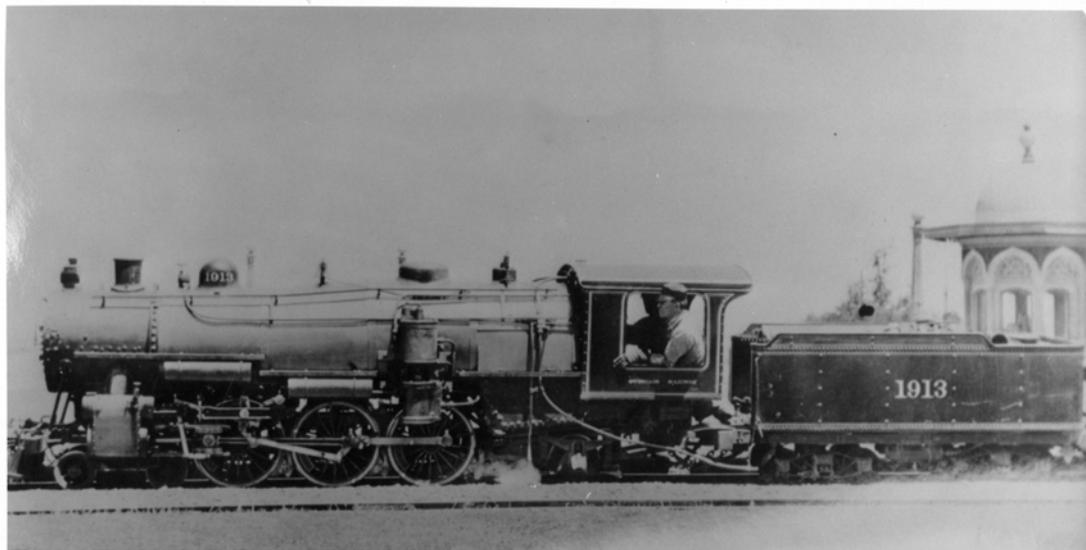
SOUTHERN PACIFIC P-6 (4-6-2) LOCOMOTIVE No. 2458



This photo, taken in 1955, shows the 2458 with a whale-back tender.

Norman W. Holmes states in his book *Prune Country Railroads/Steel Trails to San Jose*, p. 176, "The other four [Overfair] locomotives were one-third scale models of SP steam engine No. 2458."

From the SPRS files (PeteMcFall)



View of left side of Overfair Pacific locomotive No. 1913 at the Panama Pacific International Exposition in 1915. Note that there appears to be two persons in the cab. Most photos of the train crews show only one person in overalls; all the other members of the crew are dressed in uniforms of conductor and ticket takers.

IMAGE 6.BMP from the SPRS Archives.