August 26, 1992

Dear fellow train enthusiast:

This is a reminder that the SPRHS will be having a general meeting at Swanton Ranch on September 12, 1992. Please note that this is a one day event. The red house is available if you would still like to stay over Sat. night.

Some areas that we plan to work on this weekend are:
- Preparing to lay track on the bridge across Little Creek
- Track maintenance
- Maintenance on the train cars
- Milepost markers made & placed
- Re-laying the culvert at the first switch by the round house
- Sorting, organizing, & inventorying all extra parts

A business meeting will be held Saturday during lunch (approx 12:30).

Two exciting activities have happened recently. First, thanks to Al Smith, the flat car has been placed across Little Creek. As soon as a little tractor work is done we should start laying track across the bridge. Second, the car that was brought to Cal Poly to be refurbished has been completed and returned to Swanton. It went on its maiden trip Sat., Aug 23. A lot of time and effort went into this car and it shows. Thanks to Ed Carnegie for overseeing this project. The only thing it is lacking is for the logo to be painted on its side. Any great sign painters out there who can help?

As long as we are asking for help, we also need someone who has a computer and can type up the Steam Engineers Operators Handbook. We have copies from other railroads but need to compile ours and to have it stored in the computer. This should be done within the next few months so that we can get a training and check off procedure for any new engineers or firemen.

Dues are still being collected ($25 for members and $15 for students). If your mailing label has a red mark, it indicates that you have not paid your dues. The October meeting reminder will be the last one sent to non-members. Also don't forget to bring any tools that you can donate to the railroad. We have located a small tool box and also a roll-a-way for the machine shop. We hope we can get a supply of tools to put in these boxes. An arc welder and 16" radial arm saw have also been brought up.

Don't forget to bring your lunch and any snacks that you might want for Sat. This looks like it will be a busy, but rewarding, weekend for all that attend. We hope to see you Saturday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. at the round house.

For the members who are in the San Luis Obispo area, we will meet Wednesday night Sept. 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Shop 7. Come and see what our next project is going to be. It should be fun! If you can't make the Wed. meeting and need a ride Sat. morning, give Jim a call @ 756-2432.

The reason that this has turned into a single day event, is because the 2472 is planning on being in San Luis Obispo Sat. night, September 12, and laying over until the next morning. So, a lot of members plan on being in San Luis Sunday morning. Hope you can make it also.