

*Cal Poly  
Swanton-Pacific  
Railroad Society*

May 2, 1994

April 1994 was a busy and active month for the Society. Probably one of the most productive months that we have had all year.

The first news that we have to report is about the roundhouse. It's Painted !! And it looks great!! It is the first thing that you notice as you enter the drive way. It is a brick red with black trim. We understand that all of the credit goes to fellow member Bill McNab. He spent many hour of his own time painting. Bill even supplied all of the paint and materials. Thanks Bill for all of your support. It is greatly appreciated. The round house was completed just in time for the next big activity, the dedication and memorial to Al Smith. This was on Saturday April 9th. A lot of work went into completing the signboard to be finished on time. At our March meeting the sign board was installed and painted. That left about one more full day to finish up the details. Friday, prior to the workday, Ed & Mary Ann Carnegie, Hart & Betty Fairclough, Greg Duff, and Marty Campbell spent the day in the rain, putting in the walkway, making the benches, pulling weeds, and installing the brass plaque which would be unveiled the next day. It all looked great next to the newly painted roundhouse.

The memorial service for our friend, Al Smith, was real nice. About 200 people attended the dedication which was held at the signboard next to the roundhouse. After representatives from Cal Poly, friends and family spoke, the brass plaque was unveiled. The activities ended with train rides and a great barbecue of chicken or tri-tip. We want to say THANK YOU, to all of the people that helped in preparing the food ahead of time, cooking, and serving. It truly could not have happened without your help.

A few members stayed over the next day to help load the 1913 on a low boy to take it to Cal Poly which is where it's currently located. It was shown off at the Cal Poly "Open House" in which about 45,000 people attended. A lot of those people stopped by to admire the work of Louis McDermott. It was a steady stream of people all day. The first weekend of May is another busy activity for the 1913. May 5, 1894 was the date that the first train arrived in San Luis Obispo. So the town is having a 100 year celebration of it's arrival. It will be in a parade and then set up downtown for all to see. The next evening it will be used as a focal point for a big "Jubilee Ball" celebration. Then on Saturday May 7th, **it will be taken to the San Luis Obispo train depot** where it will be displayed, **waiting for the 2472 to arrive from San Jose.** There will be a lot of publicity from the local media plus a major TV station will be doing a special on the towns celebration. I'll bet when they see the 1913 they will want to do a part about the Swanton Pacific Railroad. We'll keep you posted. The biggest reason that the locomotive was brought to Cal Poly is so that it can have a major overhaul. After all of the hoop-la, it will start to be taken apart to retube the boiler and to do some other badly needed repairs. When it returns to Swanton it will be a beautiful restored engine that we can all be proud of.

You will find two enclosures along with this letter. The first one is a list of work that need to be done. Some of you have asked for a list like this so you can decide what areas you would like to help on. Some of these are short term and some are very long term. We can discuss them at greater detail during our May work day. The second is a ballot for officers for the remainder of this year. A lot of decisions need to be made and we felt it was necessary to have a board of officers to help get things started & organized. Please circle the name who you think is most qualified and return it to us as soon as possible. Or bring it to the May meeting. Which by the way is May 14, 1994. Hope to see you there.

Nominations for the Swanton Pacific Railroad Society Executive Board for 1994 are listed below. Would you please mark your ballot and return it as soon as possible or bring it to the May meeting so we can count the ballots on Sat. May 14.

President:	<b>Mark Cooper</b>	<b>Dave Stupi</b>
First-Vice-President:	<b>Randy Jones</b>	<b>Andrew McLean</b>
Second Vice-President:	<b>Andy McMeans</b>	<b>Bill McNab</b>
Secretary:	<b>Jim Matheny</b>	
Treasurer:	<b>Ed Carnegie</b>	

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#### Duties of President -

1. Preside at all Executive Board, and Society general business meetings, or notify a substitute.
2. Perform all such duties as are incidental to the office of President
3. Appoint chairpersons for all committees with approval of the Executive Board.

#### Duties of the First Vice President -

1. Assist the President and act in their absence
2. Be responsible for the scheduling, organization, and proper conduct of all Swanton Pacific work days and "steam-up" events.

#### Duties of the Second Vice President -

1. Assist the President and First Vice President, and act in their absences.
2. Be responsible for the scheduling, organization, and proper conduct of Society meetings, conferences, and events.
3. Arrange for all publicity for Society functions.

#### Duties of the Secretary -

1. Shall keep the minutes of all Executive Board and Society general business meetings.
2. Shall handle Society correspondence.
3. Shall be responsible for publication of a Society newsletter.
4. Shall be responsible for keeping the address file of permanent and local addresses up-to-date, and maintain a current roster.

#### Duties of the Treasurer -

1. Shall give a brief breakdown of receipts, expenses and financial conditions at the Society general business meetings.
2. Shall give a detailed breakdown of receipts, expenses and financial conditions at the Executive Board meetings.
3. Shall handle all Society funds in accordance with Foundation requirements.
4. Shall be responsible for the proper collection and dissemination of all Society money.

## Work Orders

- done* 1. Open passenger car maintenance. Place one passenger car on the turn table and rebuild brakes and brake linkage. Check condition of wheel bearings and lube. Develop a service log for each car after maintained.
- done* 2. 1914. Remove leading truck, turn down wheels to correct diameter and check proper travel and alignment.
3. Pipe fitting. Inventory, sort and arrange the pipe fitting in the machine shop and butler building into one area.
4. Finish dining car. (Cal Poly)
5. Ballast storage. Build forms, place rebar, pour slab, build wall for back and sides.
- ✓ 6. Storage building. Clean and organize parts and install light fixtures.
- complete* 7. Light stands. Form and pour concrete bases, run conduits, pull wires and finish electrical.
8. Engine rack. Build forms, place rebar, pour slab, build wall
- ✓ 9. Round house. Inventory, sort and arrange the engine parts and store in the east end of the round house.
- ongoing* 10. Track maintenance. Routine monthly track maintenance
11. Develop an engine operational procedure and compile into book form.
- ✓ 12. Road way. Build a retaining wall along the road between the round house and caboose.
- ✓ 13. **Round house. Design and construct an engineers office on the west end of the round house.**
- ongoing* 14. Railroad ties. Mill ties and other timber needs.
15. Train station. Design a station masters office for the west end of the train station.
16. Scott Creek Bridge 1. Design and construct hand rails.
- ongoing* 17. Rebuild 1913 (Cal Poly)
18. Scott Creek Bridge 2. Obtain permission to cross creek. Design and build revetments. Place bridge

19. Machine shop. Connect 3rd track from machine shop to turn table.
20. Machine shop. Build tool board in machine shop.
21. Storage building. Install 3rd track behind storage building and cover.
22. Storage building. Install 3 way switch for tracks running into and behind storage building.
23. Master Plan. Develop a master plan for entire facilities to include: landscaping, electrical, water & irrigation, buildings and future building sites.
24. **Fuel storage tank. Build base and cover.**
25. Water tank. Improve and maintain water tank.
26. BBQ pit. Improve area and build larger BBQ pit.
27. Machine shop. Develop a plan to upgrade the machine shop to improve: roof, walls, insulation, working conditions, . . .
28. Diesel Locomotive. Repair, improve and finish.
29. Motor Car. Clean, repair and improve.
30. Semi-trailer. Clean and organize.
31. Round house. Landscape area around the round house.

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