

**Cal Poly
Swanton-Pacific
Railroad Society**

November 28, 1994

Happy Holidays

The last workday of 1994 is upon us. We wanted to remind you that the SPRS will be having it's monthly workday at Swanton Ranch on **Saturday, December 10, 1994**. We have some tri-tip left over from past activities so we will serve that for lunch on Saturday. For those members who are in the San Luis Obispo area, we will also meet **Wednesday, December 7** at 6:00 p. m. in Lab #7 at Cal Poly.

Our workday in November turned out to be a train run for a group of Cal Poly Retirees. So most of the day was spent getting ready for that. There was a barbecue for them as well as all of our members. As usual, the track crew continued to do maintenance on the track. Sunday the Executive and the Advisory boards met to discuss the Master plan for the next year. Each committee came up with their 5 main goals that they hope to accomplish during the next year. I have summarized them on a separate page which is enclosed.

The workday at Cal Poly was also eventful. The 1913 has been started to be worked on. The cab along with most of the external parts have been removed. Pictures were taken to document and identify these parts. The goal is to have the boiler removed and then have it "retubed". Stop by the Lab and see what the inside of a smoke box looks like.

The year has gone by fast and a lot has happened these past months. At the last work weekend members were reminiscing about this past year. We were all amazed at what has been accomplished. We were also commenting on how many dedicated members that we had that gave up their weekend to help us to have a first rate train operation. That's what makes this the great organization that it is. THANKS TO ALL.

As I think back over the past I am reminded of many good times and I wish that I had pictures to help relive these times. So we want to set up a photo album about the Swanton Railroad. If you have any pictures and would like to place them in our album please bring them to our meetings or mail them to us. They will become part of our history.

As Christmas approaches I'm sure you are thinking of gifts. How about a membership in the Swanton Pacific Railroad Society. Membership will be starting in January so why not tell that special friend to make a contribution in your name. Membership will be just \$25.00 for one year.

Some good news. The caboos that is at Los Gatos is coming to Swanton! We hope to have it moved in December. Thanks to Steve Spafford and the relatives of Al Smith for making this all possible. It will be coupled to the other caboos that is currently at Swanton. The plan is to move it during a week day. If you can help out, let Ed Carnegie know on Saturday or give him a call @ (805) 756-2378.

The annual New Years Eve Midnight run will be happening again. Remember that this is for the entire family and the train will be running, so no alcohol will be served but there will be some fantastic hot apple cider and a big warm fire. Hope to see you there.

We also want you to remember Al Smith. It was a year ago this month that he passed away. If it were not for his visions, this whole railroad would not be where it is today. It is great that this piece of history can be enjoyed by so many people from all over the world. For the generous donations, and to all of the hard work he has put into this railroad, we say "THANK-YOU", AL!

Since this is the last letter of 1994, we would all like to wish you HAPPY HOLIDAYS, and hope 1995 will be a prosperous new year.

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Goals of SPRS committees for 1995

TRACK:

1. Repair Scott Creek bridge
2. Surface & spot in ties. (track maintenance)
3. Start North Loop extension
4. Wig-Wag crossing at the Car Barn
5. Up grade the track at the west end of the car barn

FACILITIES:

1. Remodel inside of roundhouse
2. Add more track along side of car barn for car storage
3. Re-do the barbecue pit area
Construct new fuel storage area
Finish lights in the meadow area.
4. Construct a new ballast storage area
5. Install a retaining wall along road between roundhouse & meadow.

HISTORY:

1. Collect all historical material
2. Publication of information leaflet
3. Publication of SPRS history
4. Set up an exhibit and display
5. Restoration of section of roundhouse as museum

SOCIAL:

1. Inform friends of SPRS that the 2nd Saturday of month is not available
2. Combine Al Smith day and Cal Poly Railroad days into one activity
3. Continue past annual activities
4. Gather & purchase needed supplies for future SPRS barbecues
5. Organize some club activities to places other than Swanton

ROLLING STOCK:

1. Diesel #502 (repair & maintain)
2. Motor Car (repair & maintain)
3. Tool purchase
4. Throttling valve in locomotives upgraded
5. Preventative maintenance program developed

OPERATION:

1. Develop a Training Program for all train personnel
2. Develop a Certification Program for all train personnel
to include: Engineer
Brakeman
Conductor
Fireman