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**Swanton-Pacific
Railroad Society**

All Aboard!!

The Swanton Pacific Railroad Society wants to remind you that they will be having it's monthly workday at Swanton Ranch on **Saturday, February 11, 1995**. For those members who are in the San Luis Obispo area, we will also meet **Wednesday, Feb. 8** at 6:00 p. m. in Lab #7 at Cal Poly.

As you are aware, January turned out to be a wet month. Luckily, the railroad faired really well. We hear that the entire ranch was without electricity for about 3-4 days, but it was all back in order when we arrived for our workday. That day started out with the intentions of digging up the redwood that is in front of the car barn. Ed Carnegie operated the back hoe. The only problem is, he forgot to call that important telephone number before you dig. That's right, with the first bucket full, the line that connects the light posts was pulled up. So that crew spent the next few hours repairing that line and eventually taking out the tree. In the mean time another crew spent the morning cleaning out the creeks of excess debris so there wouldn't be any chance of flooding and causing the bridges to be damaged. Another crew was busy working in the round house starting to pull the trucks out from under the Diesel. Larger air lines are going to be installed and roller chains will be installed from the drive axle to the other axle of each truck. This will give the locomotive, power to all of it's axles. By the end of the day both trucks were out and are ready to be worked on at this upcoming work day. The railroad has recently purchased 4 hand held radios that will be used by the crew when they are out working on the track or at some remote area away from the roundhouse. They require an antenna to work, so a couple of members installed the antenna on the roof of the red house. After lunch a few members hiked down near the wye and planted the redwood tree along with a bunch of redwood seedlings. Hopefully the ground will stay moist for a few months but during the summer they will have to hand watered. While all of this was going on, the rose bushes in front of the car barn were pruned. Some of the cuttings have been brought down to the Cal Poly Environmental Horticulture Department for propagating. These were Als' favorite roses so later we will be able to plant more roses around the area.

At Cal Poly, students and members are still busy. The axles for the motor car are being worked on and should be ready to re-install at the Feb. workday. The original bearing boxes are being converted to hold ball bearings instead of the babbitt bearings used on all of the other cars. Also at Cal Poly, Ed Carnegies' class is working on a few projects. One group is building a car that will grade & level all of the ballast on the tracks each time new ballast is applied. Another group is designing and building a suspension system for a 5th wheel trailer that will be used to transport the locomotives when needed. This is a major project so it will take some time to complete. At our last meeting no major progress was made on the 1913. More work has to be done before the boiler can be taken and have new tubes installed.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a summary report of the financial operations of the railroad, supplied by the Treasurer. This is for one year of operation. Please look it over and if there is any questions I'm sure it will be discussed at our February workday.

When you arrive Saturday you should notice two new purchases for the railroad. One is a new pressure washer. The first thing it will be used on is the trucks for the Diesel Locomotive. The other purchase is a brand new roll-a-way tool box along with a 300 piece mechanics tool set. A student of the Ag. Engr. Dept. works at Sears and she got us about 30% off of the sale price. A great deal. These tools will be kept in the round house all of the time for the locomotives.

Don't forget your dues. We thank all of you that have sent in your money so far. Anyone who has not paid by March will be "uncoupled" from our mailing list.

Stay dry and we will see you Saturday @ 9:00 A. M.

Jim Matheny

Summary Report
1/1/94 Through 12/31/94

Category	1/1/94- 12/31/94
Inflows	
6080 Sales	5,409.75
6090 Gifts	6,680.97
9600 Endowment	20,000.00
Total Inflows	32,090.72
Outflows	
2200 Sale Tax	132.03
8091 Overhead:	
Workers Comp	192.28
Total 8091 Overhead	192.28
8200 Utilities	392.26
8240 Office	414.16
8247 Supl.:	
Opr. Supl.	1,325.84
Resale	4,578.08
Total 8247 Supl.	5,903.92
8258 Maint.:	
Buildings	474.97
Rolling Stock	2,209.77
Track	4,767.18
Total 8258 Maint.	7,451.92
8260 Travel	177.30
8335 New :	
Buildings	3,261.67
Rolling	4,221.09
Track	101.87
Total 8335 New	7,584.63
9000 Fee	744.85
Total Outflows	22,993.35
Overall Total	9,097.37