

Swanton-Pacific Railroad Society

All Aboard!!

We want to remind you that the Swanton Pacific Railroad Society will be having it's monthly workday at Swanton Ranch on **Saturday, June 10, 1995**. For those members who are in the San Luis Obispo area, we will also meet **Wednesday, June 7** at 6:00 p. m. in Lab #7 at Cal Poly.

May was another banner month for the railroad. At our meeting in San Luis the boiler of #1913 was finally removed. While it is being re-tubed we will continue to make all of the necessary repairs on the rest of the engine. The following weekend was our work day with a lot of work accomplished in spite of the on & off rain all day. In the round house a crew worked on the #502 (diesel), repairing the electrical system and completing some long over due preventative maintenance. The #1912 was also being worked on by replacing some steam dome stud bolts and getting it ready for the June 3 run. Since it was wet outside this allowed another crew to organize and to continue to clean up the car barn. Right now a lot of the items are still on the floor so we started to look for some warehouse racks. We knew of someone who wanted to donate about 100 feet of racks, so two members went up to Napa to pick these up. When the rain did let up some crews got some work done outside. The track crew continued it's routine maintenance especially around the Scott Creek bridge. Another crew worked on making concrete forms for the fuel storage and the ballast storage areas. Plans also call for making forms for two new barbecue pits. We hope to make all of these pours at one time, so for those of you who like concrete work, the next few workdays are for you. We can always use your help. Right after lunch the Executive Board met for their bi-annual meeting. Future activity dates were planned. Also discussed were some basic board policies and who would be in charge of various projects and committees.

The following weekend a crew met and went down to the Billy Jones Railroad in Los Gatos to pick up the #1500 Switcher Engine that the SPRS just purchased. A picture was enclosed in the last news letter of what it looked like in it's working days. Right now there are a lot of parts. If you want to see what the inside of a locomotive steam valve looks like now is you chance. In fact if you want to build a locomotive from the ground up you might want to get involved in this project. It is going to be a challenge.

Don't forget that the Cal Poly Railroad Day is this Saturday, June 3rd. This will be a day that we will have steam along with another great barbecue. We hope you and all of your friends can attend.

Thanks to Paul Morton for his donation of historical books and photos when he attended the "Al Smith Day" in April. The books are: (1) ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS CODES OF RULES GOVERNING THE CONDITION OF, AND REPAIRS TO FREIGHT AND PASSENGER CARS, revised 1936; (2) ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS WHEEL AND AXLE MANUAL, ninth edition, Jan. 1 1968; (3) and a good old classic, Matthias N Forneys's CATECHISM OF THE LOCOMOTIVE, second edition, 1897. The photos include two of the "SP 2477, Last Saturday Train, engine 168, at the Los Gatos Station, April 1953" and one scene of "SP 2781 at the Vasona Jct. , May 1955" Any SPRS member wishing to see the material should contact Lou Haughney.

We are looking forward to seeing you this Saturday and also the following Saturday for our normal workday. Don't forget your name tags. If you haven't picked yours up yet they will be at the roundhouse this Saturday.

Dates to remember:

July 8	Sat.	Workday
July 8	Sat.	Santa Cruz Railroad Group
July 29	Sat.	Golden Spike Retires of San Jose

