

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, July 8, 1995**. For those members who are in the San Luis Obispo area, we will also meet **Wednesday, July 5** at 6:00 p. m. in Lab #7 at Cal Poly. A lot of work is planned for the next few months. The track crew will be busy working the track especially around the bridge over Scott Creek. Forms are also being built for some concrete work. Soon we'll be pouring concrete for a new fuel tank storage area, new barbecue pit area, and ballast storage area.

At Cal Poly the 1913 is continued to be worked on. At our workday in June the chassis was rolled out and steam cleaned. At least it was started to be steam cleaned. In some places the oil and grime was too thick to be removed so we will work on cleaning each individual part as they are worked on.

Finally, nice weather at the June workday! After all of those cold and wet weekends we finally had a warm and clear day. This meant it was time to get out and do some spring cleaning and get some major track work done. A section of track near "Cosgrove" was rebuilt and maintained with over 70 ties replaced. A full truck load of trash was hauled to the dump, with probably another load waiting. Also a group worked on clearing brush on the station side of Scott Creek bridge. Plans call for straightening out this section of the "S" curve, so brush has to be cleared and fill dirt put in place. One end of the bridge will then be slid over to align with the new run of track. During this time a new revetment will be built for the bridge to be slid onto. So, a lot of work around the bridge area is planned for the next few months.

While all of this track work was going on, a couple of members were busy doing some preventative maintenance on the 1914 in the roundhouse. It will have to be ready for the runs planned for July and August.

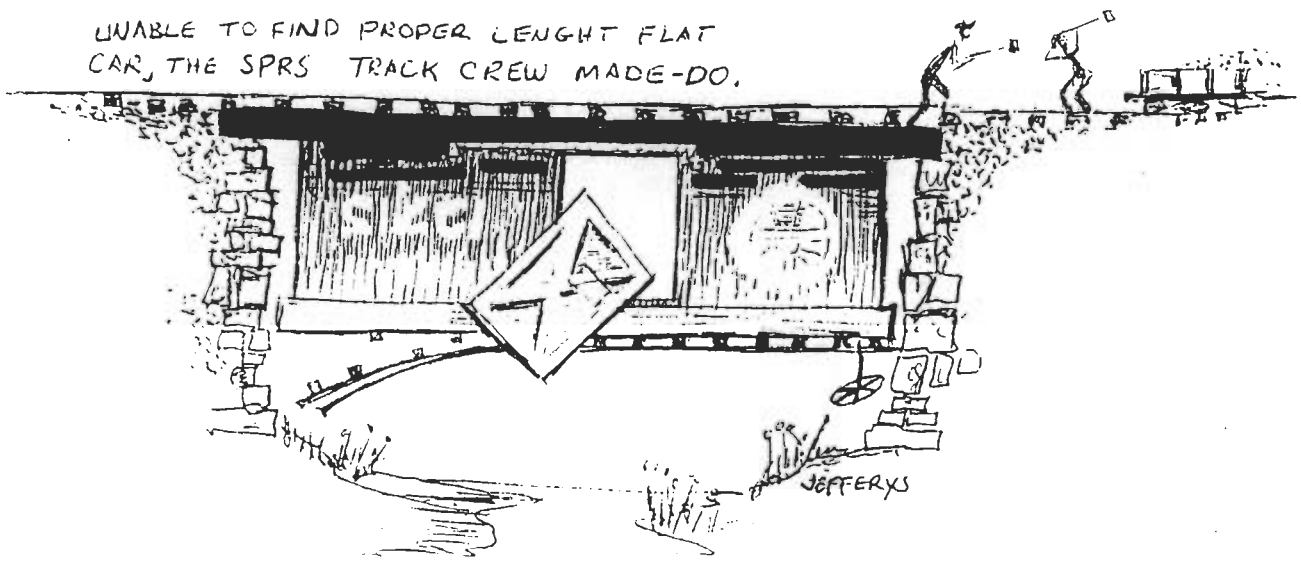
President, Dave Stupi, wanted to mention that elections for the Executive Board for the up coming year will be held in November and that the ballots will go out in October (only four months away). Are you interested in being a board member? There is always room for good help and it makes a better election if more than one person runs for each office. More details in the months to follow.

During the past few newsletters I have tried to include some artwork submitted by member, Kent Jefferys. Kent was a staff artist for the National Model Railroad Association's monthly Bulletin. I appreciate his input as well as anyone else. If anyone has any information that they would like included please pass the information to me. I'm sure that there is some good stories or valuable information to pass on.

Enclosed are the minutes from the May, Advisory Committee meeting. There is information that pertains to every member so we thought everyone should get a copy.

We're looking forward to seeing you, Saturday, July 8.

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MINUTES
Meeting No. 3

Swanton Pacific Railroad Society
May 13, 1995

The third meeting of the Swanton Pacific Railroad Society Advisory committee was called to order by President, Dave Stupi on May 13, 1995, 1:05 P.M., at the Red House. The following items were discussed.

Train Runs, BBQ Schedule - Martha Neilson

- June 3 Cal Poly Day, Train Run and BBQ.
- July 7 Swanton Group ??? no details
- July 8 Santa Cruz Historical Society
- July 29 Golden Spike Retirees of San Jose. BBQ and Train Run.
- Sept. 17 Campbell retires teachers - contact Dean Chamberlain
BBQ facilities, no Train Run
- Sept. 30 Cal Poly student ambassadors. Plans to be developed
- Oct. 1 Land Trust. Train Run.
- Mid-October, Engine 2472 - tentative BBQ and Train Run.

HISTORY - Lou Haughney

Lou has collected material on the Overfair RR and Engine building of Louis MacDermott from the Oakland Tribune and Oakland Museum Archives. Lou plans to look at information available from Sacramento RR Museum, Billy Jones RR and also to see if he can obtain information on the engines and cars when they were in Calistoga and Los Angeles. Sometime in the future Lou plans to publish the history. Dave Stupi mentioned that Lou wanted to take on restoration of the caboose.

TRACK MAINTENANCE ETC. - Elmer Stone

- We must concentrate on the bridge repair this year!
- Elmer needs to appoint and train a couple of back-up supervisors of track maintenance. Andy McLean, Cosmo Di Francesco, and Greg Ackerman as time allows. The track group needs additional manpower. A lot of maintenance needs to be accomplished.

ENGINES / EQUIPMENT - Randy Jones

- Randy stated that Marty Campbell is heading up the work on the diesel 502, updating the electrical system and mechanical work. Engine trucks have been worked on and are back under the diesel. The 502 needs an extended down-time for gearbox repair.

ENGINES / EQUIPMENT cont.

- Tool purchases - about 50% of planned tool acquisitions have been purchased. A steam cleaner has been purchased and delivered.
- The Motor Car is now working - Geoff Tobin, Andrew Martin, Andy McLean and others all worked on it.
- Preventive maintenance is being worked on by Randy and Ed.
- The 1913 Steam Engine reconditioning/repair at Cal Poly is about 15% completed with a lot of work to go.
- RR car bearings - Ed is working on them.
- 1914 Engine status - updating throttling valve and air brake valve.

FACILITIES - Bob Nichols

- The ditch put in last fall at the south end of the rail performed well with no flooding. It needs to have the ditch rip/rapped put in, to keep control of erosion along the ditch.
- Round House - remodel on hold.
- Car Barn - Looking at how to handle car storage under cover with more storage capacity and lowering the track grade into the storage area - in process.
- Fuel storage containment - in process.
- Ballast storage area - in process.
- BBQ area - pour concrete slab probably sometime in June or July. A few of the Golden Spikes group from San Jose have volunteered to help set-up the BBQ facility after the slab is poured. Manpower to accomplish the task is sorely needed.

EXPENDITURES / MONEY ETC. - Ed Carnegie

- Low expenditures last year have enabled the treasury to not be empty. There was some discussion on how expenditures are pre-determined, what is a routine expense, what size or type of expense should be discussed by the group. Nothing was concluded.

ADDITIONAL - Dave Stupi

- Round House remodel - wants to try to start in August.
- Elections - need to plan for nominations/voting in the Aug./Sept./Oct. time slot. Need to work on details.