



SWANTON PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY

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A New Look

The Swanton Pacific Railroad newsletter has taken on a new format. Along with the visual change we hope to get more people involved in it's content. We will have a section for the Director, the President, any Board Members and **YOU**, the membership. In addition with your comments we hope to feature a member each month along with more pictures and drawings. We hope you enjoy the change and look forward to your involvement in the future newsletters.

On Track

with your Director,
Ed. Carnegie

As director of Swanton Pacific Railroad I would like to report that the 1995-96 budget has been approved. The projected budget is \$97,000. The income will be derived from sales and gifts of \$12,000, endowment earnings of \$65,000 and \$20,000 from our capital reserve if construction can be started on the north loop. At this time we are looking at a Spring, 1996, time-frame for a permit for a timber harvest on the north loop. A bridge will be needed in order to remove the timber from that area. Most likely we will not start construction until the late summer, 1996, so we will not use any of the capital reserve this year. This is not all that bad for SPRR, as the funds will be earning income for us. This year has been very good on earnings as we have received \$197,161.06. \$65,000 will be transferred into our operating account over the year to

maximize the earnings. The balance of the earnings will be added to the endowment.

The Swanton Pacific Railroad budgeted expenses are divided into five categories: Personnel, Operating, Maintenance, New Construction, and Fiscal Fee. Personnel is budgeted at \$13,075 to cover staff support and worker's compensation insurance for the volunteers. Operating expenses are budgeted at \$15,435, which is more than was used last year. Maintenance costs will increase to \$19,200 because the locomotive # 1913 boiler will be rebuilt and the new locomotive # 1500 boiler will need to be worked on. New Construction cost is contingent on starting construction on the north loop which is about half of the \$42,944 budget. The first of three \$5,412 payments was made to purchase the #1500 locomotive. A trailer is being constructed to move the locomotives and rolling stock which will make that operation much safer and easier. Continual upgrading of the buildings and facilities are planned.

Construction projects have been progressing very well this summer. Armin Krueger, one of Elmer's Golden Spikes buddies has volunteered to build the BBQ Pits. Under Armin's supervision Elmer, the hod carrier, Ed, and Bill McNab the helpers, all the block work is complete on both units and one BBQ pit is ready to use. Jim Matheny, Greg Duff and Ed built the steel parts of the BBQ pits at Cal Poly and transported them up to Swanton in time for the Golden Spikes to see what they will look like. When this project is complete it will add a little class to our outings. The fuel storage container is complete, the ballast storage container is

now in use, and the fill to realign the "S" curve before the Scott Creek Bridge is in. We will never be out of projects. Every-time we get one completed we find two more to do.

We are in the planning stage of what we are going to do with the #1500. At this point in time we have three ideas: 1. Make a pilot truck, tender, new cab and fit it out as a working 2-6-0 locomotive. 2. Put a pilot truck on and rebuild the saddle tanks, keep the cab and use it as a switcher. 3. Rebuild the 1500 as it was originally built for the Over Fair Railroad. I would like to encourage you to make your feelings known and use our newsletter as the primary communication link to express your ideas. We should not rush into any of the alternatives until we have answered all of your questions and have a good consensus. Let us know your feelings.

Since Last Month

The month of July was active at the railroad. The very first weekend Ed Carnegie & Marty Campbell poured over 12 yards of concrete. When they were done they had poured the bases for the new barbecue pits, the containment pit for the fuel storage tanks, and the main slab for the ballest storage pit. The following workday weekend saw alot of activity. Elmer and his track crew was busy leveling and replacing over 100' of track. Understand we went through alot of ballest that weekend. Work continued on the #502 diesel and the #1912 locomotive. The roofs for the fuel storage area and the barbecue pit was started with a large work crew helping. The following weekends Ed returned to finish the roof on the barbecue pit. Marty also was up doing some detail work on the #502 with the railings and ladder.

The last weekend of the month was the run for the Golden Spikes Retirees of San Jose. It was real successful with alot of stories being told. Vince Cipolla was up checking out some of the new locomotive crews from the class that he is teaching. Everything

went real smooth and it looks like we will have some new Firemen and Engineers in the near future. We heard that a set of keys were found during this weekend so if you know of someone missing them let us know.

"Crossin' over the tracks"

Our Director has made a major decision in his life. Retirement!! After 36 years here in the Agricultural Engineering Department at Cal Poly, Ed has decided to cross over the tracks and retire from the department. To mark this event everyone is invited to help blow off a little steam. The day is Sept. 9, our normal workday. We'll have train rides and a BBQ lunch. By now you should have received a flyer and we are asking that you fill it out and return is as soon as you can. If you need additional information or another flyer give us a call @ (805) 756-2378.

Projects

As was mentioned before, the barbecue area is being totally refurbished. New concrete slabs were poured and two new block pits were put up. Ed Carnegie, Elmer Stone and a friend of Elmers from the 2472 group put the block pits up. Meanwhile back at Cal Poly, Ed, Jim Matheny and Greg Duff spent a few days building one of the barbecue grills. When Ed went up for the Golden Spike weekend he took the grill up and had it set in place.

Another project being built for the SPRS is a 2-ton bridge crane for the car barn. This is a senior project for Agricultural Engineering major Greg Duff. Greg has done the major design work, completed the calculations and has ordered the steel. Now between his class work he is spending his time in Lab 7 fabricating all of the parts. We'll keep you informed on his progress.

Elections

President, Dave Stupi, wants to remind you 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 two 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. Let your Director know.

Where are they ?

Does anyone know the where abouts of the pictures that hung above the fireplace mantle in the redhouse? They were photos of the logging operations of Little Creek around the turn of the century.

Wanted

You ! We are interested in running a biography of a SPRS member in each issue of the newsletter. We need someone to contact this person and get them to reveal their past, and find out why they spend their weekends at Swanton. Then they will need to compile a short bio and forward it to the secretary. Is anyone interested in being an investigative reporter for the SPRS ? If you are interested in working on this project give Jim a call @ (805) 756-2432

Calender

Aug. 9..... Cal Poly work evening
Aug. 12..... SPRS workday
Sept. 6..... Cal Poly work evening
Sept. 9 Carnegie retirement
Sept. 17Campbell teachers
Sept. 30 CP Student Ambassadors
Oct. 1Land Trust
Oct. 82472 Group
Oct. 11 Cal Poly work evening
Oct. 14SPRS workday

Workdays

Workdays are held at the Swanton Pacific Ranch near Davenport, CA., the second Saturday of the month and the Wednesday evening, prior to that Saturday at the Agricultural Engineering Department, Cal Poly State University. Anyone and everyone is welcome at these workdays.

Membership

Annual dues to the society is \$25.00 per person. Dues are collected during the first of each year. Any change of address and/or phone number should be sent to:

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