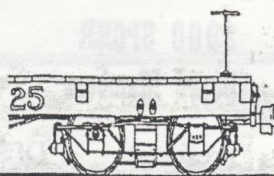


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Feb/Mar 2000

General Meeting

**** CHANGE OF DATE ****

March 25, 2000

We have had to change the date of both the **general meeting** and the **March work day** to March 25. Several conflicts have forced us to reschedule this month's meeting and work day. We're still trying to stick to the schedule that was announced in the January newsletter, but watch your newsletter for changes.

The agenda for the General Meeting currently includes:

- Budget presentation for discussion

- Meeting with EBRPD

- Status of Eastern Field

- Schedule of work days

- Presentation of status of boxcar 472

- Open Discussion

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First Work Day A Success

Our first work day of the new millennium is already being heralded by critics as an unqualified success. (Well, okay ... it rained, and some of us ended up with poison oak, and I've had a cold for the last 3 weeks) but other than that, all work parties reported successes on their tasks. The majority of "stuff" has

been cleared out of **boxcar 472** in preparation of opening the car for public display. The store inventory was moved in to sheltered storage. In addition, much of the debris and material in the front yard area was cleaned up and we have already heard thanks from the park staff for clearing our yard and making it more attractive and safer for the public. A third work party, headed by **Mary Jane Gendreau**, has continued to make great progress on putting up new fence around the pasture. Construction of the parks new office meant that our pasture had to be modified, requiring changes to the fence line. Mary Jane has kept work parties going on a weekly schedule to repair the fence lines. Unfortunately, I did not get to see who was helping Mary Jane. (and in rain gear, everybody starts looking the same) But thanks to Mary Jane and her entire crew.

Additional thanks go out to:
Roland Howard
Della Chiesa Family
John Stutz
Trudy Frank
Pat Norhnberg
Barbara Culp

Apologies if we missed anybody.

Curator's Corner

By Rich Hill

SPCRR currently has three boxcars on the front

siding. These are SPC 472, SPC 444, and SP 10.

All three were built on same order by the Carter Brothers for the Oregonian Railroad in 1880. The cars were built as 28-foot, 10-ton boxcars.

During their service lives, each of the cars was rebuilt several times and during one of those rebuilds the ventilated doors were removed from SPC 472 and SPC 444 (these cars were built as combination boxcars and had two sets of doors – a solid set as we see them today and a ventilated set that was used during shipments of fruit and other perishables). In addition, SP 10 was heavily rebuilt during the 1940's and is now very different from the other two (compare them next time you visit the park). SPC 472 and SPC 444

were retired from service in the 1920's while SP 10 continued in service until 1960.

Here's a short history of SPC 472:

- **Built 1880 by Carter Brothers as Oregonian 230.**
- **Transferred to the South Pacific Coast, 2-11-1899, renumbered SPC 472.**
- **Transferred (leased) to the Nevada & California, 1904.**
- **Sold to the Nevada & California, 10-27-1907, renumbered SP 443.**
- **Set aside 1928**
- **Acquired by SPCRR and moved to Ardenwood, 1984.**

Until about 4 years ago (1996), the SPCRR had two concurrent restoration projects, SP combine 1010 and SPC boxcar 472. Over the past few years, we have concentrated all of our efforts on SP 1010 in order to complete it and display it at Railfair '99.

Throughout that period, SP 472 was used as museum display space, catch-all storage space, and generally ignored. We are now once again using SPC 472 as our museum store as well as display area and are therefore spending some time to clean and fix it up. At the last workday, the interior was completely cleaned out. The displays which were created in conjunction with the Centerville depot are now being hung inside and the store space is being arranged. In addition, there are a few unfinished areas of the restoration that will be addressed.

When we left SPC 472, it was largely restored, complete with repairs to the framing, new siding, new roof, new couplers, and rehung doors. The remaining aspects of the restoration that are required include correct trucks (a biggie to come

later on down the line), grab irons, facia boards, brake system (hand), paint and lettering. With the notable exception of the trucks, these are all within our means right now. As a first step, we would like to get a good solid coat of the correct color paint on the car. This will serve to better present the car for use as a museum and store as well as to further protect it from the weather.

The remaining aspects of the restoration can be taken on slowly over time and should not take priority over tasks such as covered storage for this and the other cars in the collection. We have tentatively planned the painting party to take place at the next workday, March 25. Bring your painting clothes and come lend a hand.

SPC LOGO MERCHANDISE FOR SALE:

We have more SPC logo items for sale. We have hats, coffee mugs, t-shirts, all with the emblem of everybody's favorite railroad and car builders.

"Baseball" Hats	\$10
Wine Glasses	\$8 or 2/\$15
Beer Steins	\$9 or 2/\$17
Coffee mugs	\$5 or 2/\$9
Coasters	\$7
T-shirts	\$12

Contact Trudy Frank for more information and to purchase items, at:

Trudy 408-738-3566 or e-mail her at FrankFlex@mindspring.com

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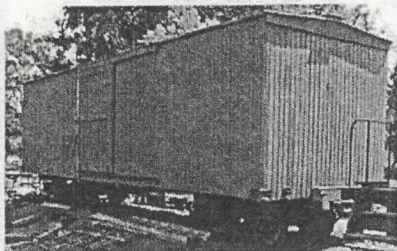
Park staff has requested a copy of our mailing list, so that our members can be included in park mailings. These mailings include announcement of park activities, volunteer recognition events, and other information that may be of interest to our members. If you do not want your name and address provided to the park district please call 650 564 4282 and leave a message or contact us via email at

janne.wissel@alza.com. Respond by **March 25th** to have your name excluded from park mailings.

NEXT WORK DAY

SATURDAY - MARCH 25.

We will continue to focus on preparing 472 for public display, possibly mounting display panels inside, and continuing clean up of the front yard area.



We also still need to work on the switch throw at Shirley's Siding. If there is time and an interest, we may try to replace some of the switch ties and re-mount the switch stand.

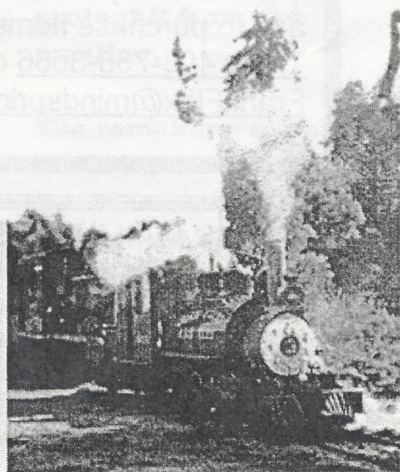
If weather permits, we may try to put another coat of paint on the exterior siding to seal and protect the car from weather.

Workdays begin around 9 am and continue as long as we are having fun. Bring protection from the weather (hats, sunscreen, jackets, etc), gloves, lunch, and a willingness to have fun. We'll provide beverages.

Kahuku Steams

The Hawaiian plantation 0-4-2 saddle tank steam engine "Kahuku", which is owned and operated by Roaring Camp and Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad, recently steamed!

Roaring Camp did a running steam test on the Kahuku from the engine house to the depot, where she took on water, and then ran back to the engine house.



"Kahuku" sounded good and looked good with 4-5 cars in tow. Several SPCRR members worked on the restoration.

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