



DECEMBER 2012

DUES ARE DUE -Depot Society & Museum dues are \$10 each.

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society continues to open its Railroad Display Room and the work-in-progress Dunsmuir Museum from 10am-2pm the third Saturday monthly (except for Nov-Mar) and for town events. We are in the process of installing a drinking fountain in the Depot waiting room and have installed another long bench for the waiting public. In August Union Pacific Railroad honored Dunsmuir with a TRAIN TOWN USA designation. About 40 years after leaving Dunsmuir High, Gail McCune Goff and David Cattani (Depot members) were married in the Dunsmuir Depot. We think it's a first for our Depot! A plaque naming the first 24 volunteers who rescued our Depot 10 years ago was dedicated. (See 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet)

#### 2012 EVENTS

May 12<sup>th</sup> National Train Day in the Railroad Display Room featured historic advertising of the California Zephyr showing how train travel was and still is a family event. Free Amtrak conductor hats and guidebooks were available for visiting children.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pie Social of Dogwood Daze sold a record 161 donated pies! 71 Pie makers made 44 different pies. The Pie Social, Dogwood Daze and the Soapbox Derby were great town events!

June 9-10<sup>th</sup> RAILROAD DAYS. The Railroad Display Room and the work-in-progress Dunsmuir Museum were open for the town event.

July 21<sup>st</sup> Depot Ticket Drawings. Amtrak generously donated two Coast Starlight tickets which were won by Dan Witherell. Darlene Duncan won the "Bed of Roses and Ohio Star" quilt, and Peggy Rathbun won "The Train" quilt. Thanks to all who participated. Our Depot fund-raisers provide the continued maintenance of the Amtrak Depot, the Railroad Display Room, and the re-establishment of the Dunsmuir Museum.

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Art Walk. The Railroad Display Room and the Museum were open from 2pm-6pm and featured 3 artists during the event. Refreshments were served.

2013 EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDERS - YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN!

National Train Day - Sat. May 11, 2013

Pie Social - Sat. May 25, 2013

Railroad Days - Fri, Sat & Sun June 7, 8 & 9, 2013

Raffle Drawing - Sat. July 20, 2013

DUNSMUIR MUSEUM – Our work-in-progress continues with the Dunsmuir railroad facilities panels completed. Dick Murdock's wax figure has been moved into the Museum room. Depot member Griff Bloodhart refurbished the roundhouse diorama by detailing buildings, new ballast and scenic materials.

Working with the Shasta Division Archives curators, we are pleased to announce that the Archives have become part of the Dunsmuir Museum. Thanks to five Dunsmuir High School seniors for their help. The Archives were moved into two small Museum rooms, and work will begin on this valuable asset. (For more Info see below)

#### SHASTA DIVISION ARCHIVES AT THE DUNSMUIR MUSEUM

Southern Pacific's Shasta Division Archives were saved and protected by Dunsmuir residents John Signor, Jerry Harmon and Bruce Petty for the last 20 some years. These three men along with the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society recently struck an agreement to make the archives a part of the Dunsmuir Museum.

In the late 1980's Southern Pacific Transportation Company was absorbed into Rio Grande Industries (Denver & Rio Grande Railroad). The Dunsmuir engineering office was closed and many of the files, drawings, negatives, and maps began to go into dumpsters. Because of their historic value, appeals were made to the San Francisco chief engineer and to the Sacramento division superintendent. Fortunately this stopped the "dumping" of the files and the eventual gifting of all the files located in the Dunsmuir vault along with selected files from the Dunsmuir engineering office prior to 1957.

These files dealt with the historic development of the Shasta Division and its Dunsmuir headquarters, the communities and lands along the tracks of the Shasta Division and as such were to be handled and maintained as a collection rather than in pieces. Many of these files give valuable insight of the "what, why and how" of Dunsmuir's being what it was.

Now that the archives are in the Dunsmuir Museum, they will be accessible to the public when the Museum is open and by appointment. These archives will continue to be a valuable asset to those who do railroad history, those who model railroads and those interested in Dunsmuir and Siskiyou County history. For additional information, contact Jerry Harmon at 530-926-2257 or Phyllis Skalko at 530-235-0839.

MEMBERSHIP – REMEMBER - Dues are due. Your \$10 Depot membership check and your \$10 Museum membership check may be sent to the Depot Society, P O Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025. All donations are welcome. Your continued support is most appreciated.

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