

RIDING RAILWAYS

NEWSLETTER



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Hello! So sorry for the delay in newsletters. We are working furiously on the new magazines, which will be available on-line in the future. We ran into a bit of web site trouble. Neither of us is familiar with PHP scripts, which are needed for this endeavor. While we have a web guru working on it, progress has been much slower than anticipated. So please, don't give up! We're still here!

Next month is the Rail Fest in Reedley. We're planning on attending so please come and say hello! We miss you all!

Warm Regards,

UNUSUAL SHOP GUESTS

I keep my portable generator on the flat car during the summer construction months. Rather than lifting it on and off every time I use it, I just leave it there all the time. And rather than leaving the car outside, I keep it in the shop out of the weather. Well, I only have enough room to get

half the car in the shop. Consequently, the shop door will only close down to the deck of the flat car.

It has rained here almost every day for the past two to three weeks. I went to the shop this morning, and lo and behold, there in the middle of the shop floor were four frogs. Big ones.

Must have come in to get out of the weather. I will be gently moving them out back to the yard area where they will be free to do whatever frogs do. Enclosed is a picture I took before they could hop away.

Walter Whiting



RAIL FEST 2008



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Work is progressing on Doc Hemp's newest locomotive "the Big Brute". Modeled after the Forney locomotives, the engine was built by Harris Locomotive Works. Doc Hemp and Dave Moeller will be finishing up the details. For more information, check out Hemp's website: <http://www.dochemp.com/forney.html>

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In the **Grand Scales University, Vol 1**, Mike Deeble (retired) outlines some things to consider when owning, operating and insuring a hobby and professional railroad. If you have any questions about insurance, I highly recommend that you view this video. To purchase the DVD see last page of this newsletter or visit www.grandscales.com.

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