



FIG. 36. SECTIONAL VIEW OF BOILER



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Hello to the Crew and Supporters,

It's been a while since the last newsletter and interesting things have been happening.

As you can see above, our mailing address and phone number has changed. Also we have a website! This newsletter will also be in the News & Events section of the website. Pictures of events will be an ongoing feature of the website.

We applied for and was awarded a matching grant for \$3,000 this spring from the Amador Community Foundation of Jackson, Ca. To receive the grant amount, we must raise funds or in kind services. Matching contributions from businesses and individuals are welcome. Please show this newsletter to friends and businesses who might be interested in helping. We are launching a fund drive to raise \$25,000 for the restoration of the Corliss Engine, boiler and installation of both at the Amador Sawmill. All contributions are tax deductible as defined under the Internal Revenue Code for 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations.

With our restoration fund growing we hope to accelerate the Corliss Engine & boiler restorations. For this to happen, dedicated help from more of the volunteers

will be necessary. We all enjoy seeing and hearing the sawmill in operation, recreating history. Join in the effort, help that happen! Call the ASMA phone number @ (209) 245-3448 or send an e-mail to info@amadorsawmill.org to lend a helping hand.

Projects

The recovery of the donated Washington Iron Works boiler in Marysville was completed on May 24th after repeated delays due to rain in March and April. The crew consisted of Jerry Virtue (tools), John Tower (forklift), Kevin & Jim Jarrett (torch & compressor), Mike Gould (Cat D-4), and Bill Braun (equipment trailers & torch). It was an adventure in “what now” engineering. Pictures of the operation are in the website at www.amadorsawmill.org under News & Events along with a description. Several pictures are attached with this newsletter.

Jerry Virtue has been machining new parts for the Corliss governor which is an interesting project of reverse engineering.

The sawmill carriage was removed and brought to Bill’s shop in April. The set works and decking were removed. After finding a fair amount of dry rot, new Douglas Fir planking was pulled from the storage trailer for redecking. One cross member in the frame work was replaced due to cracking. The rest of the framework is in good shape. Due to excessive wear, the axles and wheels are also being replaced. The wheels are being machined from castings done at the Knight Foundry in 1993. Ed Arata, Robin Peters, & Russ Johnson were the foundry men who did the casting back then.

Fundraising

The educational display at the fair will be set up the same as last year. Cathy and Dorothy will again anchor the display between shows (and collect donations), but they need help. The display needs to be open 10am – 6pm (or later), Thursday thru Sunday to answer questions and collect donations. If several people (and/or spouses) could manage a few 2 hr. shifts it would be a big help. Call Bill or Cathy at (209) 245-5097 or 245-3448 to sign up.

Dorothy who hand carves carousel horses has donated a hand carved wood dolphin for a fundraiser at the fair. We can hold a silent auction (with a minimum bid) or a raffle. Can anyone else donate something that would attract contributions? Volunteers are needed to organize and run this fundraiser. Please call and help.

Work parties

June 14 and June 28 are about the last available Saturdays before the Fair. These days will be dedicated to reassembling the carriage in the Sawmill and making minor repairs.



John on top of boiler removing skirting with the careful supervision of Bill and Jim



Watch out! Men at work (play?)



Over she goes



John watching Mike dig the loading trench



Jim torching off cylinder mounting bolts



Rolling the boiler onto the equipment trailer



Almost there



Jerry's inspection of Bill's tie-down job for the trip to Plymouth



Surprise! We made the trip in one piece!



Under the sandblasting helmet is another volunteer, Alan Hiatt. 2,800 lbs of sand and 11 hours later and a boiler appears.

The Sawmill steam power project continues. Anyone out there who wants to get down and dirty? We got the perfect solutions, rust, general crud, barked knuckles, and other fun things available. Call soon, before the supply runs out!

Remember, the Amador Fair runs from July 24th thru the 27th this year. We will be setting up the traction engine and getting the sawmill ready on the Wednesday the 23rd. Those active volunteers who want to crew on the Sawmill this year please contact Bill Braun @ (209) 245-3448 so Fairgrounds I. D. tags can be arranged for. July 1st is the deadline. See you at the Fair!