

The Streamliner

SECOND SECTION

For members of the Union Pacific Historical Society

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FROM THE BUSINESS CAR

Fellow UPHS Members, the summer has come and gone and it was good to see many old friends along with new members at the Topeka convention this past July. Everyone I talked with was having a good time, and I hope you will be able to join us next summer in Ogden for the 30th Annual UPHS Convention.

As you may know, the UPHS held an election this spring in order to fill vacancies on the board of directors. Longtime board members Andy Kirol and Steve Watrous decided to retire from the board, but I'm glad to say that both have agreed to continue to serve on committees.

Cate Kratville and Rob Leachman, author of several articles in *The Streamliner*, were elected to fill the vacancies, while Greg Gardner retained his position. Thank you to all who voted for the board elections, the turnout was outstanding and we all look forward to working with Cate and Rob.

Your financial support is critical to the success of the Union Pacific Historical Society. The treasurer's reports that Hilding Larson presented last year showed we were losing money, and while we explored every option available, we reluctantly raised the dues. We thank you for understanding and continuing to support the UPHS.

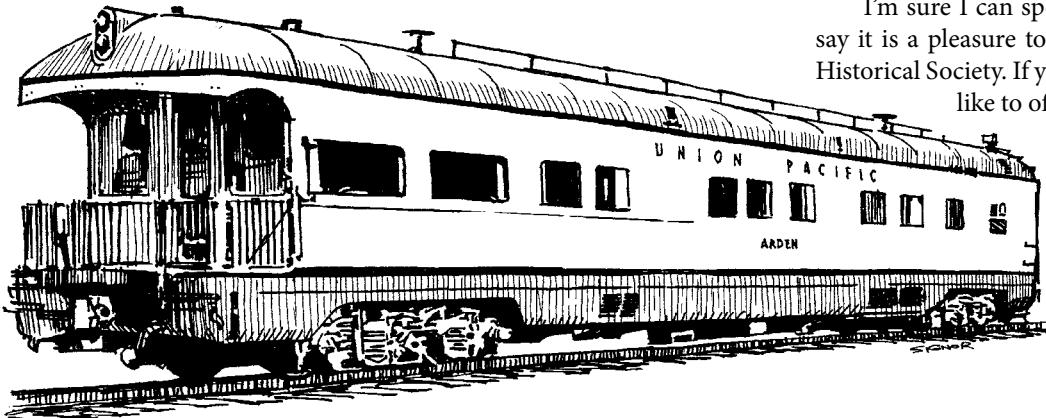
In addition to increasing the dues we started our Preservation Series memberships: Portland Rose (\$100), Los Angeles Limited (\$250), Overland Limited (\$500), and Gold Spike (\$1000). For those who have renewed your membership at the Preservation level, we appreciate your support. I hope that more of you will consider the Preservation levels when you renew your membership. This is an excellent way to contribute to the society, and we will provide you with a tax deduction for your contribution to the UPHS, a non-profit organization.

Our website continues to see more and more traffic. We currently have numerous items for sale on the company store, and we have the ability to renew your memberships online. At the Topeka convention, the board of directors voted to pursue another book publication and we hope to have information available this winter. Please check the website at www.uphs.org for updates.

By the time you read this we'll be enjoying the crisp fall days. I hope that the cooler weather will inspire some of you to go out and photograph the vast Union Pacific system. As you explore your corner of the UP, think about possible article ideas *The Streamliner*. Your editor, Marc Entze, is always looking for new material and articles for publication.

I'm sure I can speak for all of the board members when I say it is a pleasure to serve as a director of the Union Pacific Historical Society. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to offer a suggestion please feel free to contact us via e-mail at officers@uphs.org.

*Larry Tiffany, President,
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FROM THE CHEYENNE OFFICE

This has been a busy year in the Cheyenne office. The addition of PayPal as a payment method has been a success. Online sales have increased and many members have chosen to renew their memberships with PayPal.

There has been some concern that the zip code on the renewal notices does not include the +4 zip code numbers. The label program linked to our database files does not add the +4 numbers, but rest assured they are on *The Streamliner* envelope addresses when they are shipped from the printer.

For those of you with e-mail addresses, I now send out advance e-mails to remind you that your membership renewal will soon be due. If you can renew at the time of the e-mail notice, it will save the society the printing cost and postage of mailing hard copies.

Here's the process I use for sending out renewals: the first e-mail renewal notice is sent out one issue before the last issue remaining on your membership. A second e-mail notice is sent before the last issue on your membership is mailed. Following the two e-mails, I will mail out a hard copy of the renewal form.

I would recommend that you renew as early as possible to avoid receiving a late issue. By the time the hard copy of the

renewal notices are mailed, it is very near the publishing date of the next issue and late renewals result in delayed deliveries of *The Streamliner*. I cannot send the issues out from the Cheyenne office until I receive the overruns from Ag Press.

Occasionally I receive questions asking if a membership can be purchased for more than one year at a time. The answer is yes, that is certainly possible. Each membership is based upon four issues of *The Streamliner*. When you renew just select the number of years you wish to renew for and the cost will be adjusted automatically.

Your membership is important to the UPHS and I thank you all for your continued support. This fall we received ten new members and I would like to personally thank each of you for joining the Union Pacific Historical Society.

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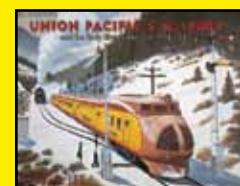
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Big Boy 4004 on display at Holliday Park in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1973. Cheyenne Mayor Rick Kaysen (left), UPHS Business Manager Bob Krieger (center), and former Mayor Bill Nation (right) were among those who celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the 4004 being placed on display at Cheyenne in 1963. Above Seth "Corky" Thompson, right, James L. Ehernberger.



Big Boy 4004 Commemoration

By Bob Krieger

With the recent attention to the Big Boy locomotives, accelerated by Union Pacific's plan to restore the 4014 back to service, I decided to look up information about the 4004 displayed in Cheyenne at Holliday Park – located across the street from our UPHS office. During my research two dates stood out: on June 28, 1963, the 4004 was rolled into position on the display pad in the park, and later that summer, on August 25, 1963, the City of Cheyenne dedicated the 4004 display.

On June 28, 2013, a small group from the UPHS and the Sherman Hill Model Railroad Club met at the 4004 to recall the date of its placement in the park. The local newspaper was on hand and took some photos.

In an effort to make the anniversary of the dedication more significant I contacted the office of Cheyenne's Mayor Rick Kaysen and explained that this August would be mark the fiftieth anniversary of the 4004's dedication. Was he interested in joining us to commemorate the event? He quickly replied yes, and several others were also interested, including Bill Nation, former Mayor of Cheyenne who was present at the 1963 ceremony. The date was set for August 26, 2013; a gathering was held to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the

display in Holliday Park. The City Parks and Recreation department assisted with the sound system, chairs, and some refreshments along with the treats that the members of the local groups brought. An assembly of around 100 persons attended the event.

I emceed and Mayor Rick Kaysen represented the City of Cheyenne. Former Mayor Nation gave us an account of the ceremony he hosted in 1963, and Reverend Delbert Hansen, a UPHS member, performed the invocation and benediction. Senior Manager of the Union Pacific Heritage Fleet operations in Cheyenne, Ed Dickens, represented the railroad and gave a short talk about the importance of the 4004 in Cheyenne and the 4014, which they are in the process of returning to Cheyenne for restoration.

The 4004 is not only a display in our city park, drawing visitors from all around the world, but it is also featured in the advertisements and brochures of many of the City of Cheyenne's promotional groups and businesses. We have worked with a local sign company to replace the numbers in the train indicators and create a replica number plate for the 4004. There are plans to spruce up the 4004 and reactivate its lights for night display. ■

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