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## COVER

**GAZETTE COVER:** Pacific Lumber Company Climax #38 rests, out of service, at Yager Creek Camp, August 16, 1953. She was the last 60 tonner built by Climax and is still in existence near Willets, California.

C. H. Givens Photo

# ROBERT'S RAMBLINGS

This issue marks the beginning of our second year of publication. Things are beginning to sort themselves out and we feel the magazine is starting to take on its own character. We feel we have shown you what kind of a publication we have in mind and we feel very proud of our effort. We know there is room for improvement and we are working to make the changes necessary to produce the best possible magazine.

Your responsibility is to see that you continue to support us by maintaining your subscription and by seeing that your friends subscribe. Be nasty, don't let them read your issue! If you buy THE GAZETTE at your local hobby shop drag your friends in to buy their copies with you. Be assertive!!

Also get going and submit that photo of your latest model or that description of your layout. Don't forget those musty photos Uncle Ned had in his attic. Root it out and send it in. We will try and publish your material.

Some of you have submitted material and it has not been used. This is because we have a limited amount of editorial space and the magazine fills up at an alarming rate. Don't let this statement put you off to sending in material because we do need it to maintain a balanced publication. We especially need HO material and eastern information and photos. We also need drawings.

The GAZETTE maintains a very limited office staff. As a result of this limited staff Gordon wants me to mention that not all of your letters will be answered. If you write in with a problem the problem will be taken care of but you will not be notified by letter unless the problem is one that needs a reply. Please understand our position and do not think we are being "up-pity," we just can't spend the time answering every letter.

Another thing you can do to help us and yourself is to give us at least two months notice on changes of address. Our lead time on each issue demands that we know of your new address as soon as possible so you do not miss an issue.

Our biggest problem is the U.S. Post Office. Last September we applied for our second class permit. The post office informed us it may be another six months before they would get to our permit. This means that the magazine is sent by bulk mail rate which means it is the last mail to be sorted at each division point. This may explain why the guy down the street gets his two weeks before you do. It all depends on which post office it goes through. The post office also lost the entire middle east coast on us once so no one in that area got their magazines. This is a very serious problem and one which is out of our control so please be patient and realize that all magazines are mailed at the same time from our service.

Please, please, also print or type your name and address when you write. It is amazing how many names and addresses we can't read and doubly amazing how many of you do not put your address on your letters or envelopes.

One last plea. Please support our advertisers. Without them we cannot survive since they pay the bills and so deserve your support.

Well so much for the practical problems. The magazine is going well and is building with each issue. I want to thank all of you for your continued support. With your help we intend to work toward a bigger and better GAZETTE.

*Bob Brown*

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