



Waiting at the busy California Highway 126 grade crossing, railroad escort Jared Bissen chats with Doug Gentles while excursion coordinator Bill Schertle anticipates the arrival of the remaining motorcars to continue the trip to Piru, California. (Wayne Parson Photo)

BELT IDLER OVERHAUL

Belt idlers are easily overhauled if you take care to think ahead to re-assembly. Take photos as you work. Remove the center shaft by unscrewing the nut that does not have the shaft protruding through the nut. Keep the protruding shaft and nut (see photo) as one piece during cleaning. This is important for spacing when re-assembling. The bearings and main idler assembly are very sturdy. A good cleaning in a parts washer is about all you need. The only new parts required are the felt washers used to seal the shaft ends. These felt washers 1" OD - 3/8" ID - 1/4" thick are part number 95571A482 available from mcmaster.com.

(photos by W. Parsons)

