

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY General Superintendent's Report Kerry Cochran Date: March 8, 2020

While the museum is closed for the winter, there are still some of our volunteers coming in to the museum to keep up with the mail, the museum store, (limited to checking phones and email) and several other small items that need attention while we are closed.

During the last few months, several volunteers have been working on several projects while the museum is closed.

One such project is the work the Mechanical Department is performing. Several members are keeping busy working to make sure our fleet is ready when we open the museum for the season. Thanks to their work, we have been able to have the Santa Train running and be in a position should we have a snowstorm, be able to run the Rotary Snow Train again.

Without them, we would not be ready for these events. THANK YOU.

Last month at the Board of Directors meeting, information was shared about the flu and corona virus and preventing the spread at the museum. I am sure by now all of us are very aware of these viruses and the need to keep this in mind while working and visiting the museum.

Several other issues have been heard by the FRRS Board of Directors and while too early to make public statements, please look for further announcements in the next few months.

Please keep in mind that we need volunteers throughout the year to keep the museum in shape in order to meet our visitors' expectations. Several of our members work through the winter to keep the museum safe and in good shape for the following season.

Check the museum calendar for important dates, opening of the museum is getting close and the operating season will be upon up before long. In addition, there are other events you do not want to miss.

2020 WPRM Convention: Please look on the website for the latest information. The convention registration is now open. This year we will be holding the convention in Oroville at the Gold Country Casino Resort, April 16th thru 18th.

Updates have been made to the web pages along with posting of the tentative convention schedule, layout schedule and other information.

There are going to be several model-train layouts open to visit on Sunday April 19th, so keep an eye on the convention pages for more information.

The convention staff can always use help to make the convention a success. Please contact Eugene Vicknair or Kerry Cochran and let him know that you can give us a hand.

Registration for the convention is now open; please visit the website to register for the convention at: <u>https://www.wplives.org/news_items/2020_Convention_News.html</u> There is also a link for a mail in registration form on this page.

In addition, we have 2020 Convention cars on order. Accurail are building custom HO outside braced Pullman 40' wood boxcars from the 26001 series. Look for them on the convention pages also.

"As always, there are so many volunteers that help around the museum all the time and I would be remised if I did not say thank you to all of you. I may have missed some specifically by name; however all of your help is greatly appreciated".

At any time should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, I may not have an answer right away, however I will get one for you.

Kerry Cochran Director/General Superintendent