



# Feather River Rail Society

Preserving "The Feather River Route"

The FRRS, a tax exempt public benefit California Corporation, is the HISTORICAL SOCIETY for the WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD and operates the PORTOLA RAILROAD MUSEUM in Portola, Calif.

Formed in February, 1983 with the purpose of preserving railroad history in general and Western Pacific Railroad history in particular. With 22 locomotives, 7 cabooses and over 45 different types of equipment at the Portola Museum the FRRS is a outstanding society. Steam service is provided by the Feather River Short Line Railroad.

The WP LIVES in Portola.....

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Single membership dues are \$15.00 per calendar year, and Life memberships are \$300.00

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Norm Holmes

1987 has been a very good year for the Portola Railroad Museum and our Rail Society. We have acquired four cars and a caboose and have two more cabooses (caboose?) on lease. The Silver Lady 805A has returned, Alco FA 604, and Milwaukee GE U25B arrived and WP's first diesel was donated. We bought a 20 ton mobile crane and lots of smaller items to repair and restore our collection. Feather River Short Line brought the former Clover Valley steamer back to life after 25 years of inactivity. A considerable amount of track construction was completed and several diesel locomotives were made operational. Most importantly, all work and operations were done safely.

Next year we will proceed with our painting program, hopefully start construction on our WP depot and complete the rip track storage yard. There are many exciting things happening in Portola, hope you will stick with us and help in any way you can.

May you all have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

## MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again for all members to renew. We would like to have all of you with us this time next year.....

Some changes in membership are starting in 1988 the first is types of memberships.....

- Associate @ \$15
- Active @ \$25
- Family @ \$30
- Life @ \$300



member



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And the second is we are dropping the calendar-year system.

**PLEASE RENEW TODAY  
SEE YOU IN PORTOLA**

From the Membership Officer-

The Board of Directors has decided to install a periodic membership renewal system in place of the calendar-year system now in use. Implementation of the new system may raise some questions, and I'll try to anticipate and answer them in this description of the new arrangement, which was effective beginning with renewals due in October of 1987.

We've set up a bi-monthly renewal schedule which will coincide roughly with issues of The Train Sheet. Members who originally joined the Society in January and February will be assigned a renewal month

of February. Members who joined in March and April will renew in April of succeeding years, and so on. In a few cases, the membership card file does not indicate the month of original membership, and these members will renew in December. Renewal notices will be sent at the beginning of the two-month period in which they're due, and memberships will lapse if renewals are not paid within four months after the renewal month. People who originally joined in July and August, then, will have a renewal month of August, will get a renewal notice in July, and will be dropped at the end of December.

Some people will be a little surprised. One person, for instance, originally joined in November of 1984, and was carried as a member starting in 1985. Due to a mixup in renewal notices and maybe a little procrastination, this person paid his 1987 dues in September of '87. In accordance with the way we've set up the renewal system, he will be assigned a renewal month of December, is paid through 1987, and was sent a renewal notice in November, only 2 months after he paid last time. The net result, however, will be that he will have gotten a full year's membership for a year's dues over the long run.

Your mailing label will show the month and year your membership expires, except for dual memberships where both the husband and the wife belong. For economy, we do not send a separate Train Sheet to the second member.

I'll be happy to respond to anyone who still has questions about the new system. I'd also like to ask everyone to check the mailing label on this Train Sheet for errors or omissions. Thank you.

Joe Way

## AT THE MUSEUM

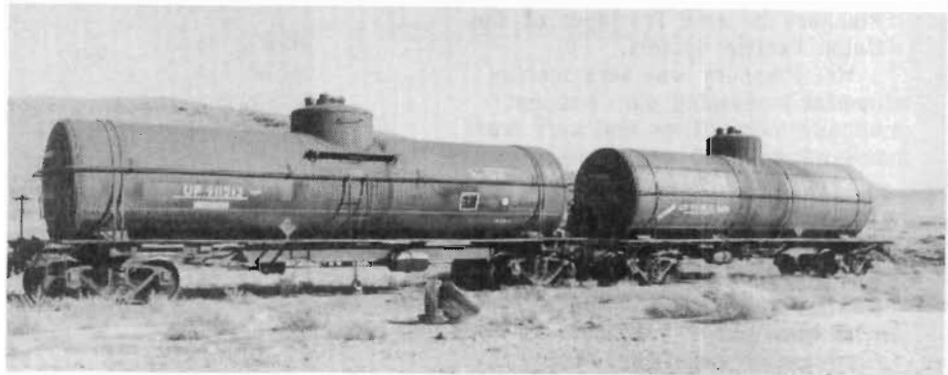
A belated thanks is due Gordon Beatie and Tenco Tractor Co. in Grass Valley for the generous donation of the use of his truck to haul a set of batteries from Richmond and to transport our fork lift truck from Sacramento to our museum. Doug Jensen, who drove the truck, reminded us of the oversight.

Every once in awhile someone will show up at the museum looking for something to work on around the museum. Frank Beavers was interested in helping sort through our accumulation of paper items stored in a box car. He sorted and boxed books and assort-

ed items for two days. Dan Roberts made several visits to the museum recently helping with various projects. Bruce Cooper installed spacers on the restroom dividers to allow more space in the stalls. Other "regulars" participated in many other small projects of which there is no shortage. Thanks to everyone.

For a last minute Christmas gift idea, a membership in the FRRS for one of your friends who likes trains would be nice.

On December 19, we will operate our second annual Santa Train. Santa will be on the train from 12 to 2 pm with free rides for everyone.



## EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS

Union Pacific donated two 12,000 gal. tank cars to the Chilcoot Volunteer Fire Dept. for water storage. The Fire Dept. had no need for the trucks or the frames so we made a deal: We would lift the tanks from the frames with our Little Giant crane in exchange for the frames and trucks. When they prepare a permanent location for them, we will lift them in place. This arrangement helps them and we gain some useable items.

On Nov. 10 Jim Ley drove the crane the 20 miles to Chilcoot and Norm Holmes brought the rigging in his pick up. Dean Hill, Hap Manitt, and Hank Stiles helped in the work. The tanks were set on the ground, one end at a time because of their weight and bulk.

This was the first real test of our mobile crane and it performed admirably. The tank cars are UP 909600 and 911513, both built in 1937.

## SALES DEPARTMENT

by Chris Skow

Our new 1988 catalog of merchandise was sent out to all museum members in November. If you have not received it by now, or would like an extra one to pass along to someone else please let us know.

Members will receive a 5% discount upon request when ordering from the catalog. As you can see from our catalog, most all the merchandise is already marked at discount. You can really save by buying from us.

I want to thank everyone that has helped out in 1987 at the gift shop, the many railroad trade shows, catalog work, and any projects within the sales department. Without your help this year many of these things would not have been accomplished.

1987 has been the best year yet for sales. Let's make 1988 another banner year.

A new item in the Gift Shop....  
 FRRS Museum post cards in color.  
 6946 and Business 105  
 6946 and 921 side by side  
 608, SN caboose and train on balloon.  
 They are 20¢ each or 6 for a \$1.00