

Feather River Rail Society

Preserving "The Feather River Route"



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Norman Holmes

Another year is nearly over. Our Rail Society and museum continues to grow. While our volunteers did a great job in operating our passenger trains and working on equipment, we really need more help, particularly in restoring equipment. We need people who will take on a project and see it though to completion. In a future issue of the *Train Sheet*, we will list ongoing projects and who is in charge of those projects and also list other priority projects that are in need of someone to take on.

I'm sure we are all tired of hearing about politicians. Organizations such as ours sometimes have political problems also. We are fortunate that we now have a relatively coherent, close knit Board of Directors. Sure, we have some differences, but if we can be sensible we can work out and agreement. We all volunteer our time because we believe in what we are doing to preserve railroad history and equipment. That's why we are sending you this newsletter and that is why, I presume, you joined the Feather River Rail Society.

Merry Christmas to all and Best Wishes for a great New Year.



Dave Waters

I hope you'll find this issue of the *Train Sheet* to be a bit better than the last. I've been able to improve the turnaround time, now that the format for it is established. Also, I've selected a different font for better readability. This is not the end of visual changes though! *Please* send me your comments! I produce it on an Apple Macintosh and print the master on an Apple LaserWriter Plus. The reason I'm letting you know this is that I'd like to ask that anyone out there that has the capability of scanning documents for a Macintosh please contact me. I'd like to get some of the FRRS and WP graphics put into a format I can use though the Mac. Thanks! You can contact me through the museum mailing address.

I'd also appreciate any suggestions or impressions you might have on the format and appearance of the Train Sheet. This is <u>your</u> newsletter, to coin a well-used phrase. Your input is valued.

We regret to announce the death of member Paul Isham who lived in Manteca. We also regret to announce the passing of member John R. Daly who lived in Hayward. Mr. Daly will be remembered for his most interesting recollections as a roundhouse clerk, published in the Jan-Feb and Mar-Apr issues of the *Train Sheet*.