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# Feather River Rail Society

### Portola Railroad Museum

Preserving

### "The Feather River Route"

P.O. Box 608

Portola, California 96122 (916) 832-4131

The museum is open daily year round from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM except Christmas Day. Entrance to the museum is free, however, we have a suggested donation of \$2.00.

The Feather River Rail Society, a tax exempt public benefit California corporation, is the historical society for the Western Pacific Railroad and operator of the Portola Railroad Museum in Portola, California. The FRRS is not associated with and is not supported by the Union Pacific Railroad.

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These are the dues for one year. Life membership is a one-time payment. Associate members do NOT have a vote and do NOT receive the Headlight, all other members do. All memberships except Family are for ONE person only.

# From the Desk of the President



As we prepare to draw the curtain on another operating season and prepare for winter, I'd like to pause for a moment and look back at the high points of 1994.

This past year was notable for the progress made on several points, among them: steps to improve relations with the City of Portola, The Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce, and our neighbors; real progress toward the de-acquisitioning of equipment not essential to our collection or our mission; visible progress on equipment restoration; and a sharper focus on things that can be accomplished within our resources.

We intend to continue progress made in the above areas in 1995 and beyond; the benchmarks that will identify 1994, as I see them, are:

- 1. Our 10th Anniversary Celebration, "Circle the Wagons."
- 2. The Board of Directors' transition for the future.
- 3. The debut of our signature piece, WP FP7 805A.

However unlikely these events appeared to be even 2 or 3 years ago, they are now historical fact. With a commitment from more of the membership to get involved in some way, no matter how insignificant it may seem, more "unlikely" events will become "historical facts." I extend my thanks to the entire membership, and especially to those who gave their time, money and expertise beyond the annual dues, for making 1994 a very memorable year for the FRRS.

-- Steve Habeck

### Title Change

At the October FRRS Board of Directors Meeting, the directors voted to change Norm Holmes' title from Museum General Manager to Museum Executive Director, with no change in duties.

## Backissues of the Headlight

Issue 1 (Out of print) California Zephyr Anniversary Issue.

Issue 2 Joint issue with the Freight Car Journal; WP freight car roster; color. 28 pages, \$5.00.

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Issue 4 A tale of 2 engines; PC-WP box cars; GP40s....a guide to types; circus specials. 36 pages, \$4.00.

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