

been seeing an increase from the Reno Area. The KOLO Staycations continues to be the main source of info for us from the Reno/Carson area.

- We were inspected by the Health Department and passed with no issues. A copy of the report is in the gift shop if anyone wants to see it.
- We received a visit from the Fire Chief for the City of Portola regarding a firebreak around the hospital. We were told that we had 2 weeks to clear a fire break 30-100' around the hospital within 2 weeks. The work will be done by a CCC crew on Thursday July 30th.
- Norm Holmes has begun an inventory program to update the items in our boxcars. The date of the last inventory was July 10, 2006.
- Bil Jackson continues to work on the Unimog and the Fire Engine. Bil has also helped on other projects.
- Terry Decottignies, Bil Jackson, Steven Welch and DeMario Smith-Baker (both new members of the organization) and 3 of Terry's personal staff from his business began work on the deck extension.
- Local fire crews will be doing clearing and abatement work around museum.

### Director's Reports

*Holmes* - Last Tuesday, Norm was invited to ride first non-ballast train on restored Virginia & Truckee.

### Department Reports

*Steam* – Written report submitted. Roger Stabler donated a new refrigerator from his family's appliance company. It is now in the Shower Car. Notice of death of Dana Greely. Spring rigging removed during steam week and Roger is getting quotes on replacement springs. Ultrasonic testing on first two boiler courses is done and looks good. Lower part of front tube sheet will be replaced and donation for new metal is being made. Tender disassembly can commence with Charlie Spikes having pumped out oil tank.

*Advertising* – Written report submitted. Billboard is up along Hwy 395. Everyone is hearing Hot August Nights radio spots advertising us. We will be talking to Reno Air Races about booth at the races. Matt Parker will be talking to resorts and casinos in Reno about more contacts with us. San Francisco Chronicle listed us as #1 railroad destination in their weekend travel section.

*Publications* – Written report submitted. Special issue 147 is in the mail.

### Committee Reports

*Member Appreciation Day* – Written report submitted.

*Portola Railroad Days* – Written report submitted. We need more volunteers for event. We have 4 speeders available this year, Dave McClain, Matt Shuman, Ron Huey, and Slim Lieby. We have 4, possibly 5, model Railroads involved this year, they are the Sacramento G

Scalers, BAZBoys (Z Scale) Reno N Trackers, and a pair of portable home layouts owned by FRRS Member Paul Martinovich. The 5th possible one is the outdoor live steam G scale. Sinbad's Hot Dogs out of Sparks, NV wants to come in and set up at the museum. In the process of finalizing that now.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:10 PM and reconvened to open session at 5:22 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

That Board heard a report on a business issue, a proprietary car storage issue. Concensus direction given, no action taken."

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## September 2009 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Moment of Silence for Reed Jackson

### Correspondence

On RR Days, Timber Heritage Museum inspected the ex-SP Subs. Purchased the subs from the V&T. Looking to move them by November.

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - removed by motion 09-09-01.

. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end of August 2009.

2. Business Motions

### Motion 09-09-02

Purchase of Air Gauge Tester

Motion to remove item from agenda.

Brehm / Spikes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carried.

### Actions and Notices

*Santa Train 2009* - Concensus direction given to attempt fundraising from local merchants and charge gate fee.

### Manager's Report

- Written report submitted
- August gross revenue \$30,825.74.
- Had about a 2-week stretch of \$1000.00 plus days revenue in the early part of August. Foot traffic

## - FRRS Membership -

### **Yearly Dues**

Associate \$25.00  
 Active \$50.00  
 Family \$80.00  
 Sustaining \$150.00

**Single Life Membership** - \$1800.00

**Family Life Membership** - \$3000.00

**Institutional** - \$60.00 (annual membership for 501c(3) groups)

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.  
 Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

**Associate** memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.

**Active** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

**Family** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have two votes and include all members of ones immediate family.

**Sustaining** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

**Life** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only for life.

**Family Life** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, are for a maximum of two people and have two votes (one per member) for life.

Send all applications, renewals and address changes to:

Feather River Rail Society - Membership Dept. - P.O. Box 608 - Portola, CA 96122-0608

Address changes may also be sent to [membership@wplives.org](mailto:membership@wplives.org)

### **Mission Statement**

"The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public, as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad."

### **Mission Goals**

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the "Willing People" as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.

quadrupled during that same period. Three reasons were identified: an article that ran in early July in the San Francisco Chronicle, our billboard on US 395 just south of Stead Blvd in Reno NV, and Hot August Nights 2008 and 2009. HAN Visitors in 2008 told us they planned this year's visits to the museum based on last year's information.

- Woods Fire once again sent a crew over and they abated the weeds along Dodgepole siding, 7 and 6 rail, and the Inside Balloon.

- Bill Jackson and Matt Parker were the driving forces behind getting the Fire Engine up and running for HAN. It is now insured and available for parades. Matt Parker and John Morehouse took it to the RR Days Parade as entry #37. We have a blue ribbon for it.

- Railroad Days: Craig Simmons, Bart Hanson, Kevin

Errcart, Cody Wilson, Seth Adams, Tim Carter, Ethan Doty, Steve Habeck, Vicki Epling, Charlie Spikes and myself all kicked in and got things going.

- Railroad Days was vastly slower than last year. Two day total of \$4,436.77 in revenue including the donation box, about 55-60% of what we did last year. 3-day total of the entire RR days event was \$6,365.36.
- International Railfair Nov 7-8 dates are incorrect, the correct date is Nov 14-15.

*September 2009 Minutes continue in next issue.*

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