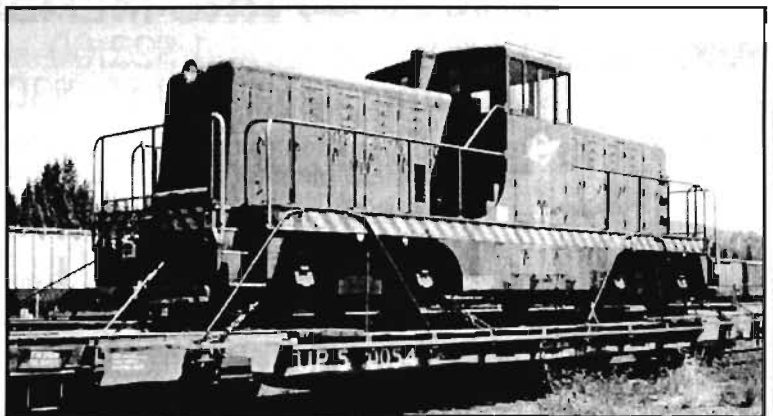


The Train Sheet

Issue No. 91 Preserving "The Feather River Route"

May/June 1998

News from The Feather River Rail Society and The Portola Railroad Museum



TOP: Our new FRRS—Board of Directors, installed Jul04, 1998. Back row L to R: Gordon Wollesen, Marty Anderson, Hank Stiles, Norm Holmes, Skip Englert, Doug Morgan. Front row L to R: Tom Mueller, Vic Neves, Tom Graham. Not pictured: Wayne Monger. LEFT: Lionel Corporation visited our museum on Jun16-17 to make sound recordings of WP 2001 and other locomotives for digital sound units for their trains. RIGHT: Loaded on Union Pacific flat car 50054, our former Military GE 80 tonner is ready to be picked up by UP for transportation to a new owner in Alturas, California.

—THE FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY—

—THE PORTOLA RAILROAD MUSEUM—

PRESERVING THE MEMORY OF...

“The Feather River Route”

Portola RR Museum P.O. Box 608 Portola, CA 96122

Museum: (530) 832-4131 Office: (530) 832-1657 Fax: (530) 832-1854

The museum is open daily year round from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, except for 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 Union Pacific Railroad.

FRRS Tax ID number is 68-0002774

Member of Tourist Railway Association, Inc.

The Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society (WPRRHS) is a division of The Feather River Rail Society. *The Train Sheet* is the newsletter of the FRRS. *The Headlight* is the Western Pacific Railroad historical and model magazine of the WPRRHS and FRRS.

—FRRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS—

—Norman Holmes—

Founder and Museum Executive Director ☎(530) 832-4737 ✉76043.741@compuserve.com

Skip Englert—*President* ☎(530) 832-5348 ✉skipe@psln.com

Hank Stiles—*Second Vice President/Chief Mechanical Officer* ☎(916) 363-8572 ✉flatiron@calweb.com

Tom Mueller—*Secretary* ☎(707) 425-1143 ✉muellfam@aol.com

Doug Morgan—*Contracts Officer* ☎(530) 832-4131 ✉dbmorgan@jps.net

Vic Neves—*Director* ☎(510) 352-4373 ✉Winterail@compuserve.com

Tom Graham—*Director* ☎(707) 539-3722 ✉tomghm@ap.net

Martin "Marty" Anderson—*Director* ☎(530) 283-4353 ✉mca5@jps.net

Wayne Monger—*Director* ☎(707) 426-5510 ✉73563.2652@compuserve.com

Gordon Wollesen—*Treasurer* ☎(530) 832-5311

—FRRS MEMBERSHIP—

Associate \$15.00—Historical \$22.00—Active \$30.00—Family \$35.00
Sustaining \$75.00—Life \$300—Family Life \$450

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with **Life** and **Family Life** being a one-time payment.

Historical membership dues are for 4 issues of *The Headlight*.

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

HISTORICAL memberships receive only *The Headlight*, do not have voting rights, and are for one person only.

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

FAMILY memberships receive both *The Train Sheet* & *The Headlight* and may include all members of one's immediate family, but there is only one vote.

SUSTAINING memberships receive both *The Train Sheet* & *The Headlight*, and are for a maximum of two people and two votes.

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

FAMILY LIFE memberships receive both *The Train Sheet* & *The Headlight*, and are for a maximum of two people and two votes for life.

TS/Headlight Publisher/Membership Manager	Restoration Specialist	WPRRHS Administrator
Bill Shippen—Shasta Rail Group	David Dewey	John S. Walker
PO Box 7261 Chico, California 95927-7261	☎(530) 534-3676	c/o WPRRHS PO Box 608
☎(530) 892-9609 ✉(530) 894-7359 24-Hour FAX	✉djedewey@cncnet.com	Portola, California 96122-0608
✉wphlight@aol.com or flim4449@aol.com		✉76362.167@compuserve.com



—THE TRAIN SHEET—
PUBLISHER: BILL SHIPPEN
MANAGING EDITOR: DON BORDEN



☎(530) 357-4563

Contents Copyright ©1998 Shasta Rail Group & Feather River Rail Society
All Rights Reserved.

Contribution Deadlines: Second Friday of February, April, June, August, October and December.
Editors Emeritus: Norm Holmes, Steve Habeck, Ed Warren



Web Pages of Interest...

- Frank Brehm' WP Page <http://wpr.railfan.net/>
- WPRRHS / Mike Mucklin <http://members.aol.com/wprrhs/>
- PRRM / Samuel Herschbein <http://www.oz.net/~samh/frrs/>
- SN Page / Garth Groff <http://poe.acc.virginia.edu/~ggg9y/home.html>
- CZ Virtual Museum / Alan Radecki <http://calzephyr.railfan.net/>
- WP Virtual Museum / Alan Radecki <http://members.aol.com/wpwobbly/wpstuff/wpmuseum.htm>
- CZ Home Page / John Wilson <http://www.mindspring.com/~calzephyr/czhome.htm>



**Prez'
Notes...**

Well, here it is the middle of July, the annual meeting is passed, the new Board of Directors has been put into office and Corporation Officers have been chosen. They are as follows:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| President | Skip Englert |
| First Vice President | Hank Stiles |
| Secretary | Tom Mueller |
| Treasurer | Gordon Wollesen |
| The rest of the board members are: | |
| Executive Director | Norman Holmes |
| Contracts Officer | Doug Morgan |
| Director | Tom Graham |
| Director | Marty Anderson |
| Director | Vic Neves |
| Director | Wayne Monger |

See the inside front page of *The Train Sheet* for their specific duties and assignments. All of the board members are wearing more than one hat, so to speak. We need people that have expertise in various fields to step forward and volunteer to share the load. You do not have to live in the museum area. One committee head lives in the southern California area, others live in the bay

area, SOME members of different committees live out of state and keep in touch by e-mail. If you would like to help, contact any one on the board and we will be more than glad to add you to our list of helpers.

The year ahead is going to be very exciting for the museum and its members. We have some good plans which we hope to enact that will improve the grounds, the facilities for the members coming to the museum to work, and for the visitors so they can enjoy what we have to offer. It will take a lot of work and soooo—we need all the help we can get. Come spend a weekend with us and I will assure you that we will have something for you to do, we all have to pitch in and help make these improvements, or we will have to hire to have it done. Where will the money come from? The few of us that live in the area cannot do it all, we need your help to accomplish what we have in mind. It is five weeks until Railroad Days (Aug22-23), the biggest and busiest day on our calendar, and we need to get busy and prepare for it. Lots of things will be happening both here at the museum and up town, and at the City Park, so come on up and join the fun and help us get ready.

Your Board of Directors would like your input as to what you would like this Museum to become. A place where you can bring your family and friends and be proud of what we have to offer them. We are looking forward to seeing you and working with you in the year ahead.

— Skip Englert



CMO REPORT

HANK STILES
CHIEF MECHANICAL OFFICER

This time of year there is a lot going on with train rides, locomotive rentals and lots of visitors to the museum. In the Mechanical Department much is happening as well. At this point we have seven locomotives in service and this gives the Rent a Locomotive people a good selection from which to choose from.

For the May Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, the people helping out were: Chuck Barker, Ed Powell, Jim Gidley, John Reese, Gordon Wollesen, Steve Habeck, Dave Stares and myself.

For the June clinic the people helping were Dwight Wolfinger, Eddie Chase and myself.

The shop continues to be improved thanks to Tom Graham and the many people he has received help from, this helps out by making our time more productive. Because of this our locomotive fleet continues to improve, as one hand washes the other.

The WP 64004 boxcar which is used to store EMD locomotive parts has had the end without the shelves cleaned out in anticipation of building more shelves. After this is finished we can start the task of inventorying our parts so we know what we have and where it is. Dave Stares has agreed to set up an inventory system on the computer. This was on my wish list and I now have proof positive that wishes do come true.

Now for my second wish, I would like to ask for volunteers to help Dave with this task. It would help if several people would step forward making the work go faster and it would be more fun with a group of people. This is an important thing to do; it is one more step towards a professional shop facility that we can be proud of.

Please consider coming up to the museum and volunteering your time, not only will you have the

chance to help make our museum a success, you will have the chance to work with some fine people. There is a multitude of things to do, so you can always find something that strikes your fancy. We always have fun and your expenses are tax deductible, what more could you ask for.

See you at the museum...

—Hank “Flat Iron” Stiles

—GENERAL FUND DONATIONS—

Bruce Lyons, Erik Frodsham, Michael Blum, Richard Rowe, Rick Schonfelder, John O'Malley, Robert Verity, Bruce Lyons, Thomas Lewis, Scott Thompson, David Jacobs, Tim Diaz, Roger Verity, Robert Blanch, Kent McDougall, Kurt Combe, and Ed Benjamin. We thank them all for their generosity in helping our museum.

NORM NOTES...

DONATIONS

Thanks to United Testing Group of Reno for donating the results of our annual testing of crankcase oil in our operating locomotives. To Steven Holmes for donating a copy machine for the Operating Office. To Mountain Glass of Portola for donating replacement glass for locomotive air gauges broken due to vandalism and to Red Caboose for the donation of a large number of HO model car kits. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

EVENT

On the weekend of October 3 and 4, the Feather River Highway (SR-70) between Oroville and Hallelujah Junction (Hwy-70 & Hwy-95 east of Portola) will be dedicated as a "Scenic Byway". Dedication ceremonies will be held near Oroville, at selected sites through the Canyon, at Quincy, Portola and at Hallelujah Junction. It is expected the Portola dedication event will be held at our museum. The Scenic Byway designation will appear on signs on the route and on highway maps. This has the potential of attracting more visitors to our museum. Lolli Bryan and Norm Holmes have attended several of the committee meetings held in Belden Town.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tim Ellis wants to correspond about WP and/or

Australian Railways. tim ellis@rnv.gld.gov.au

CORRECTION

In the last issue of *The Train Sheet* we stated a change in the law where contributions of stock at their appreciated value as a tax deduction would end on June 30, 1998. We have since learned that this change applied only to certain private foundations and did not apply to donations to non-profit organizations such as ours. We still welcome any stock (or cash) donations to our endowment fund. Your gift will be acknowledged with interest and/or dividends earned will be used to fund a paid Director for the museum.

SURVEY

We have recently participated in a survey of our museum. The survey, called Museum Assessment Program (MAP), helps the museum reach its full potential. MAP 1, which is the program we selected, reviews the museum's entire management and operations. The program is funded from a federal grant through the American Association of Museums. We are eagerly awaiting the results.

Another survey conducted through a grant from the United States Forest Service through the Plumas Corporation (a business promotion arm of Plumas County) will commence shortly and focus on a business and site plan for the museum.

RECORDING SESSION

On June 17 and 18, employees of the Lionel Corporation made sound recordings of some of our diesel locomotives. They particularly wanted to record the start up, rev up, shut down, horn and bell sounds from our WP GP20, #2001. Lionel will introduce a new model of this locomotive in the near future and wanted authentic sounds to go with it.

Other units recorded were Alco FPA-4 #6776 and GP7 #707. Several different diesel horns were also recorded including a rare Hancock air chime that was placed on SP 2873 for the occasion. If you buy Lionel digital sounds, chances are they were recorded at Portola.

WANTED ITEMS

Among things we could use for our museum are: a wire welder, powered pipe threader, file cabinets, steel shelving and a 20' overseas container. We can

always use tools of various kinds. Contact the museum if you have any of these items to donate.

MEMORIAL

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of a very active member, David Cox. He died in his sleep June 4, after a day of railfanning. David was active in the WPRRHS and had an extensive collection of WP MoW equipment information and photographs. He certainly will be missed.

COMING EVENTS

In conjunction with California's Sesquicentennial celebration, the California State Railroad Museum will hold "Railfair 99" in Old Sacramento June 18-27. The NRHS and R&LHS will be holding conventions at the same time and this is expected to be the big event of the year. A Railfair Hot Line has been established at (916) 445-6645. We will probably have one of our diesel locomotives at the event.

WINNER ANNOUNCED

Trains Unlimited, Tours and the Feather River Rail Society are pleased to announce the winner of the 10th Annual drawing for a free trip on any Trains Unlimited, Tours North American tour. The winning ticket was drawn on May 2. FRRS member Joseph Harper of Monterey, California is the lucky railfan this year. It did not take Joe very long to decide to go on the White Pass and Yukon Spectacular Tour, which will operate September 17-20, and includes four charter trains in Alaska, British Columbia and the Yukon. Joe will also receive free roundtrip airfare on Canadian Airlines between Vancouver, BC, and Whitehorse, Yukon, courtesy of Trains Unlimited, Tours.

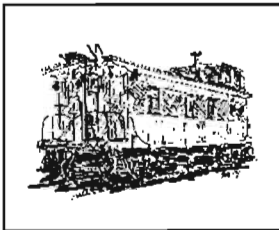
We want to thank everyone who has purchased fund raising tickets over the years. All ticket sales go into the Portola Railroad Museum Building Fund. This fund raising drive has been so successful that we are pleased to announce another drive and drawing which will be held for 1999 and the winning ticket will be drawn on March 6, 1999. Five tickets will be mailed to all members late this summer.

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Dave and Linda Dewey rode the *Mt. Shasta Daylight* train on June 20 and did a brisk business selling

museum merchandise. Norm and Barbara Holmes worked the *Great Pacific Railroadiana* show in Sacramento on June 28 and while sales were slow several contacts were made for future activities for the museum. We still have *Western Pacific Cars and Locomotives* in stock, the book sells for \$24.95. *Trains' Magazine* video tape on the Feather River and the Bay Area are also available — \$29.95 plus tax and shipping.

—Norm Holmes



CABOOSING BY HAP MANIT

May02 — Doug Morgan, Hank Stiles, Jim Gidley, Chuck Parker, and John Reese loaded Whiting jacks for transportation to Quincy.

May03 — Doug Morgan, Steve Habeck, Norm Holmes, and John Reese loaded GE 44-ton Quincy Railroad #3 on our flat car.

May05/6 — John Reese and Ken Iverson prep & paint battery racks.

May06 — Doug Morgan worked on office car.

May07 — John Reese replaced lock on old Pullman car.

May08 — School group ride, Bruce & Sue Cooper, Gordon Wollesen, Skip Englert, and Ken Iverson helped. Ken Roller conducted tour.

May09 — Ken Iverson and Meg Evans painted battery stands.

May11 — School group ride, Bruce & Sue Cooper, Gordon Wollesen, and Ken Iverson. Doug Morgan worked on office car.

May14 — Elder Hostle tour. Skip Englert and Ken Roller conducted tour with Lolli Bryan showing UP Business car.

May16/17 — Boy Scouts from Sacramento stayed overnight in Troop Sleeper.

May17 — Old car club from Sacramento visited.

May23/ 24/ 25 — Season Opening. Working on shower car was Tom Graham, Art Young, and Judy McGrath. Office car computer was repaired by computer expert Peter “Doc” Lyman. Bill Shippen assisted by asking questions and learning how not to reload Windows 95.

May26-29 — Steve Orman prepared and painted the cab of VIA 6776.

Jun01 — Ken Iverson worked on the Krane Kar and the UP caboose.

Jun02 — Back Hoe arrives.

Jun04 — School group ride, Norm Holmes, Ken Iverson, and Lolli Bryan helped. Ken Roller did a tour.

Jun09 — Norm Holmes painted cab floor of VIA 6776.

Jun12/13 — MAP-1 survey. Working lunch with City Manager, District Superintendent, Chamber of Commerce director, Plumas Corp representative, Board Members etc.

Jun13 — Board of Directors and General Membership meeting.

Jun22 — Norm Holmes attended Portola business community meeting.

Jun27 — Bob Lindley and Dave Anderson placed new windows in Santa Fe caboose.

—SPECIAL FUND STATUS—

Item	Additions	Balance	Notes
Building	\$210.00	\$19,224.25	(1)
WP GP9	\$200.00	\$13,244.75	(2)
SP 1215	\$148.37	\$23,748.87	(3)
UP 737	-	-	
IR 110-1	-	-	
UP 105	-	\$1,585.00	
CTC Board	-	\$260.00	
Library	-	\$278.00	
Endowment	-	\$35,013.08	(4)

—OUR NEW LIFE MEMBER—

Stephen Quimby



(1) Trains Unlimited Raffle proceeds (2) Jack Palmer, John Stein (3) Interest on account (4) Changes in Stock Value

—FRRS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 1998—

Aug01 18:30, Sep05, Oct10, Nov14, Dec12 All Saturday Dates

**—A Final Note From Don Borden—
—Outgoing FRRS Board Member—**

Because of my work schedule I feel it wouldn't be in the best interest of FRRS for me to run for reelection to the board. I feel to be an effective board member, I should attend at least 10 board meetings a year, which at this time I can't do. My only complaint is not hearing from you, the members, on issues important to you. The board can't represent your best interests if they don't know what they are. Your board members are very dedicated people who are making sacrifices both financially and in personal time to make FRRS the best it can be. If you are not familiar with your board members, their names and phone numbers are always listed in *The Train Sheet*, give them a call, I know they want to hear from you. The FRRS Family is just like any other family, it can't survive without good communication from its members.

—Don Borden

—Board Meeting Highlights—

—May 23, 1998—

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Miller hired as FRRS Recording Secretary. **Executive Director:** Attended Feather River Scenic Byways Planning Group. Report on availability on Alaska RR Budd Rail Diesel Cars. **Train Unlimited Tour Raffle Winner:** Joe Harper of Monterey, CA. **Map-1:** Grant Investigator to be at museum Jun15-16. **PR:** Renewed ad in *Trains Magazine*. **Membership:** Motion to move membership renewals back to Portola address. Failed. **Gift Shop:** Approximately \$1000 gross made at WPRRHS Convention. Purchased 200 WP Ice Refrigerator Cars from Red Caboose. **Train Sheet:** Discussion on costs of mailing TS. **Mobile Equipment:** Van has been offered for sale for \$1,500. Backhoe has been paid for. **Restoration:** David Dewey reported #805-A needs glass. Motion to spend up to \$1,400 to paint inside of cab on VIA #6776. Passed. **Budget Comm:** May hire a CPA in Washington state to do budget. **Election Comm:** 300 ballots received as of this date. **Safety Officer:** FRRS will adopt "Safety Comes First" procedures. **Mt. Shasta Daylight:** Ticket sales down from last year. **Visitors Center:** Two bids received—\$60,000 and \$86,000. No action taken. **Web Page:** Designated Sam Heschbein and Frank Brehm's web pages as official FRRS web pages. **Light Installations:** Approved motion to spend \$125 for 5 night-lights for museum. **Electrical Upgrades:** Motion to start phase 3 of electrical upgrade to museum. Passed. **Drug and Alcohol Policy:** Motion to have policy not acted upon until board establishes proper procedures. Passed. —Don Borden

—June 13, 1998 Board Meeting and Annual Meeting—

Financial Report: May—\$264,934.36. June—\$264,277.22. **Executive Director:** Good year financially, we sold 3 pieces of RR equipment. **PR:** Advertising in AAA and *Seasons* magazines. **Membership:** Still having problems with membership renewals. **Facilities:** Roof on museum and entrance road still need to be taken care of. Still lots of work to be done on shower car. **RAL:** Year to Date; 87 rentals, 22 gift certificates, donated 7 rentals. **CMO:** Problems with EMD water pumps. Windows on locomotive 805-A being worked on. Dump truck repaired with proper permits. **WPRRHS:** \$1750 profit made at recent convention, 95 people attended. **Safety:** Problems with material too close to tracks taken care of. **Mt. Shasta Daylight:** Just at break even point on ticket sales. **Acquisition Comm:** Board must establish mission statement before committee can make recommendations. **Election Results:** 395 ballots received, 31 rejected. Tom Graham-288 (2 year), Vic Neves-285 (3 year), Marty Anderson-271 (3 year), Wayne Monger-270 (2 year), Doug Morgan-255 (3 year), Tom Mueller-248 (1 year), Lolli Bryan-207, Dave Anderson-83. —Don Borden, Outgoing FRRS Secretary

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE 1998

NAMES	1998						
MONTH	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	
Anderson, Marty	P	A	P				
Borden, Don	A	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Englert, Skip	P	A	P				
Graham, Tom	P	P	P				
Holmes, Norm	P	P	P				
Monger, Wayne	P	A	A				
Morgan, Doug	P	P	P				
Neves, Vic	A	P	P				
Stiles, Hank	P	P	P				
Wollesen, Gordon	I	P	P				
Mueller, Tom	N/A	N/A	P				

**Starting March 28, 1998,
attendance is recorded as
follows:**

P—Present A—Absent
I—Illness W—Work
S—Society business
T—Transportation