



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. The WP LIVES in Portola for the benefit of the friends of the late great FEATHER RIVER ROUTE.

Single membership dues are \$15.00 per Calendar Year. Our mailing address is FRRS, POST OFFICE BOX #8, PORTOLA, CALIF. 96122

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FROM the PRESIDENT'S DESK

The response to our member survey has been gratifying. Nearly all respondents agreed with our direction. Many of you took the time to enclose remarks and suggestions for improvements, equipment acquisitions, and to express your appreciation for the job we are doing to preserve the Western Pacific. Your kind words help make us feel our work is worthwhile.

The most requested item was for California Zephyr cars. We too would like to have a few cars to represent the Zephyr that ran through Portola for 21 years. But alas, any available CZ equipment is scarce and well beyond our financial ability at this time. If we learn of any CZ cars or similar type that are affordable, we will try to acquire them. The CZ Silver Horizon was recently offered for sale for \$42,000. We bought the Santa Fe diner for \$5280. It's not CZ, it's not even Budd built, but it is stainless steel, looks good and it was affordable. The next most requested item was WP FP7A 805A. This unit is owned by L&NW and is out of service on that line. We would very much like to acquire it, but our finances are not able to even consider it at this time. (\$40,000+) A request for pledges toward its purchase netted less than \$2,000, way short of need. If we could raise \$10,000 we might be able to talk to L&NW.

We will continue to be on the lookout for WP and other western railroad equipment suitable for preservation in our museum and will continue to make improvements in our property and equipment. Your continued support is appreciated.....

NEXT MEETING, FEB 15th

The next social meeting will be held on Sat. Feb 15th, at 7:30 PM. at the Portola City Hall. After a short business meeting a program will follow. This is the third anniversary of our formation.....

LAST MEETING

A good crowd showed up for our annual membership meeting. Chris Skow showed some great action movies of 4-8-4's in South Africa called "Raceway of the Northerns". Refreshments were furnished by Barbara Holmes.....

WESTERN PACIFIC FAN DAY

July 12th will be a day in Portola for everyone that has an interest in the Wobbly to share that interest with others. Special trains set up for photos, slide shows, WP movies, and other activities..... Set this day aside with the over flow going on into Sunday.....

CALENDAR 1986

- Feb 15-16th Meeting and work weekend
- Feb 22nd Winterails, Stockton, FRRS booth
- March 15-16th work weekend
- April 19-20th Meeting and work weekend
- April 26-27 Special operating weekend
- May 17-18th work weekend
- May 23 Steam spectacular-Vancouver, BC
- May 24-25-26 Operating weekend
- June 21-22nd Meeting and work weekend
- June 28-29th Operating weekend
- July 12th Western Pacific Fan day