



FRRS

Feather River Rail Society

Preserving
"The Feather River
Route"

PO Box 8
Portola, California 96122

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, California. The FRRS is not associated with or supported by the *Western Pacific Railroad*.

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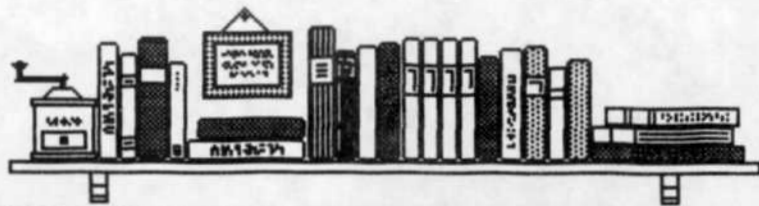
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Membership

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| Associate | \$ 15.00 |
| Active | \$ 25.00 |
| Family | \$ 30.00 |
| Life | \$300.00 |

Dues are paid for 12 months from time of receipt. All memberships have one vote, except Associate.



From the Desk of the President

Are we having fun yet? Sometimes I wonder why I became so involved with the establishment and maintenance of the museum. Then as I open the mail and some members note on their membership renewal, "You're doing a great job," and "Keep up the good work," my spirits soar and it's on to another day.

The administration of the museum takes about half of my time, maintaining the gift shop stock and other miscellaneous duties take care of the rest of my time. Last year, I logged 2731 hours, this comes out to 52+ hours a week. If it wasn't for the dedicated people also volunteering their time and the sense of accomplishment in having one of the largest collection of preserved diesel locomotives in the world, I might think again about my commitment. However, as long as our members support the museum, I'll do my best to keep on track, so to speak.

UPDATE

Update on our WP depot/visitor center: Don Clark, a Chico land planner, is working on a master land plan for our museum property. This will help us to decide the best location for the depot and other structures we may add in the future. Roger Hepkima is drawing plans for our new entrance road and Kent Stephens is making inquiries for grants to find that all-important financing needed to carry out our capitol improvements.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

We have opened a savings account at Placer Savings for our depot/visitor center funding. It was opened with \$5,000 with a goal of \$100,000. All donations from members or business firms will be deposited directly into this account.

CORRECTION

The Keddie water tanks reported as being demolished in November are still in place according to Vickie Krois. The demolition will take place when Union Pacific forces find time. Contrary to a published report in FLIMSIES, we are NOT going to get one of the tanks.

DONATION

Bay Area Electric Railroad Association has donated a large lathe to our museum use. Thanks to Dave Johnston of BAREA, who is also a member of FRRS, arrangements were made to have us have a truck at the Western Railway Museum in Rio Vista Jct. on February 9th so the lathe could be loaded at the same time as a newer lathe was installed in their shop.

Our lathe is a Lodge & Shipley, has a fourteen foot bed and will take a 36 inch diameter part. Patent dates are from 1891 to 1900! With it installed in our shop area, the shop area will begin to look like a shop. We appreciate BAREA's generosity and consideration. Cooperation between groups of like goals is essential for all our survival and betterment.

