

8th Annual National Track Motorcar Championship Races

August 3, 1991 at 1:00 PM
Portola Railroad Museum
Portola, California

Continuing the tradition of the National Track Motorcar Championships (N.T.M.C.), this year's races will once again be held on the grounds of the Portola Railroad Museum. As before, the N.T.M.C. will consist of each participating motorcar owner/operator having three (3) opportunities to cover a 300 METER (976 feet) section of museum trackage from a standing start for best times. The change this year in the N.T.M.C. is that there will be four (4) categories of participants to compete for trophies. The four categories will be as follows:

1. One-cylinder, steel wheel motorcars.
2. Two-cylinder, two-cycle motor, steel wheel motorcars.
3. Two-cylinder, four-cycle motor, steel wheel motorcars.
4. Two-cylinder, rubber-tired motorcars.

For safety reasons, all motorcars that are powered by motors larger than two-cylinders will be allowed to be used only in exhibition and display and will NOT be allowed to compete for best times against other similar cars.

Motorcars will be allowed on the museum trackage all morning for "warm-up" runs prior to the start of the N.T.M.C. Members of the public will be allowed to ride on the various operating motorcars at this time plus in the late afternoon following the conclusion of the races. Admission to the railroad museum grounds for the visiting public is free.

For those motorcar owners/operators wishing to participate in the 8th Annual N.T.M.C., the entry fee is \$10.00 per motorcar, plus a completed entry form. The entry fee includes participation in the annual post-race Bar-B-Q held in the museum picnic area. (Bring your own meat!) and evening entertainment dealing with motorcars in the museum's meeting room that night.

Details are now being worked out that will allow participating motorcar owners/operators to make our annual post-N.T.M.C. motorcar run over the 13-mile long Almanor Railroad the next day on Sunday, August 4, 1991. As usual, the necessary release forms will be available from Wayne Monger for not only the N.T.M.C. at Portola on Saturday, but also for the Almanor Railroad run on Sunday.

To sign up for this year's N.T.M.C. or for more information, contact:

Wayne Monger - N.T.M.C. Chairman
1300 Southampton Rd., #214
Benicia, CA 94510
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A New Super Hollywood-Style Production...

FRRS member Bob Ackerman has written, produced and directed a real masterpiece of a video production that you can own from our gift shop. It features Railfan Day 1990 with trains that were made up specially for the day, and all of our operating equipment, and continues with switching activities the day after the event. There are in-cab scenes, maps showing locations, and engine-room scenes showing starting and stopping of engines, and much more. The tape runs 36 minutes and you are helping the Society when you purchase it. Treat yourself. The price is \$29.95 post paid and CA residents please add 7-1/4% sales tax (\$2.17).

Qualifiers

The FRRS Operating Department announces that 2 people have qualified so far this year as full-fledged brakemen. They are: Mike Kelsey from San Jose, CA, and Peter Langdon from Somerset, United Kingdom who is spending the summer in the Reno, NV area. Congratulations go to these 2 people who mastered the training administered by the Operating Department.

Baldwin AS-616 Progress Report

Our 2 ONW Baldwin AS-616's are still in Oregon as this is being written. Arrangements have been made with Oregon Eastern to move the locomotives from Burns to Ontario (156 miles) as soon as the Union Pacific inspector checks them over again. Once at Ontario, UP will move them the 50 miles to the M-K facility in Boise for evaluation as to how best to move them to Portola. Oregon Eastern will charge us \$1,000 per unit for the move. Union Pacific has agreed to a free move to Boise.

Recently, six individuals have sent checks in the amount of \$375 to help us with moving costs. This added to the \$540 received previously still leaves us \$1,085 short for the initial moving costs. If you would like to contribute to help with this expense, it would be appreciated. The following sent donations during the last 2 months: Randall Cape, Erik Frodsham, Richard Kirker, John Kirkland, Leo Prescott, and David Sieber. THANKS.

Trip Drawing

Enclosed are 5 tickets for our 4th annual Railroad Trip drawing. The winner will receive two tickets for any 2-day private car trip between Oakland and Reno, or Oakland and Los Angeles round trip including lodging, transfers and all on-board meals and drinks. The trips are sponsored by FRRS member Chris Skow's Trains Unlimited Tours. The tickets are \$3 each or 5 for \$10. You are under no obligation to purchase these tickets. However, all proceeds from their sale go to our depot building fund. If you do wish to purchase, please send the stubs with your donation to FRRS, P.O. Box 608, Portola, CA 96122.