



Feather River Rail Society

Portola Railroad
Museum

Preserving

"The Feather River Route"

P.O. Box 608
Portola, California 96122
(916) 832-4131

The museum is open daily year round from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM except Christmas Day. Entrance to the museum is free, however, we have a suggested donation of \$2.00.

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From the Desk of the President



Although the calendar says April, Old Man Winter refuses to let go here in the Sierra. Yet another cold spring storm is rolling in, keeping spring projects at the Museum on the "pending" list. Nevertheless, the FRRS and the Museum made (and impressed) many new friends in early April, hosting visits by TTX Corporation and UP Human Resources personnel on consecutive days. Next on our calendar is Operations Department crew training on April 22nd, followed by the American Cancer Society/Pacific Limited trains, which will have brought 1200 people to the Museum on April 29th and 30th. May has another crew training day, our traditional spring cleanup weekend, and the start of another operating season, highlighted by the re-dedication of WP 805-A on Saturday, May 27th (note the date change). All these activities and events are indications of the increasing notoriety of the FRRS and the Portola Railroad Museum, which has been made possible by the dedication and contributions of you, the membership. Your contributions of time, effort, and money over the years have helped the FRRS and the Museum develop a reputation as a "can-do" organization. Those of us who handle the daily business of the Society and the Museum enjoy the benefits of representing a respected and capable organization.

So, I encourage you to plan that trip to Portola soon, and see what your contributions have produced. You don't have to dump trash, sweep, scrape paint, wash equipment, or mop floors if you visit, but we'll be glad to let you try 'em. When you do come to visit, be sure to identify yourself as a member, so we can properly acknowledge you. And, as always, any kind of help or skill you can offer is most appreciated. Our members are our most valuable asset.

-- Steve Habeck

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