

From the President

By Hank Stiles

I would like to welcome Jan Breitwieser, Kerry Cochran and Norm Holmes to the Board of Directors. I look forward to working with these new board members in the coming years.

The FRRS is poised for a bright future; your board of directors over the last few years has made decisions that I believe will benefit us for years to come. The team building and team management concepts that have been instituted have their detractors but are almost universally accepted. This year for the first time we will have a meeting with the new board members to help them understand what the board is doing so that they will be able to hit the ground running, so to speak. Our board has diversified with the election of local business and government leaders and with people from out of the local area. Changes have been made and while this has been painful for some, I believe that in time they will see the light as we move forward as an organization. I have not seen one person involved with the museum that does not wish us well. We may differ on what we should do but we all want to do what we think is best for the organization. The trick is not to get stuck in the mindset that we are the only one who knows what is best and be open minded enough to accept new ideas. We must move forward and not fret about the past. Sure mistakes have been made but show me someone that has not made a mistake and I will show you someone who has not done much. The world marches on and if you don't march with it you get left behind. I for one don't want to see the museum left behind and will do all I can to march forward to meet our future. We all want the same thing, to make the museum a place that fulfills our mission and that we can continue to be proud of, the difference is in how we reach those goals.

The small group that is the board of directors does not have all the answers. We can be much more effective with your ideas. Please help us by contacting your board members. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are listed inside the front cover of the Train Sheet.

Remember the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

One last thing for no other reason other than I think it's cute. A quote by I believe Albert Einstein "The difference between wisdom and stupidity is that wisdom has limitations."

Calling All Crews!

By Paul Finnegan, Crew Caller, FRRS Operating Department

Ever wonder who's signed up to work crew next weekend? Ever wonder how to join the Operating Department and work on our railroad? The answers are only a click away! The Operating Department's mark up board has gone electronic.

Using the Internet you can surf into www.wco.com/~cbircher/frs.html and see what's happening. Crewmembers can update their signups by sending email to paul.finnegan@amd.com. Of course a paper sign-up sheet continues to be kept in the Operations Office at the museum, that you can peruse or mark up, the Operating Department Supervisors are keeping the paper and electronic ones in sync.

Membership

By Kerry Cochran

As we progress on getting the new membership cards printed, I will try to have an update with each Headlight.

We have received the new membership cards. I am in the process of printing out each member's card, and as time permits, they will be mailed out.

We are still struggling with address changes, It s seems that just when you think you have all the new addressed of members, an new Post Office card comes in the mail, or a Headlight or envelope is returned with a new address. Some members have sent in several address changes, as by some indications, we did not have the correct address. The entire Membership Data Base was re-checked in March 2001 to make sure all the changes were made.

If you change your address, move, or Heaven forbid, someone passes away, please make sure that you send the FRRS a change of address card. Most all US Post Offices have a small change of address kit, and you should be able to us these cards for all you correspondence and publications.

Again those with email capability, you can send you email to me at: KC6KNT@compuserve.com or by US Mail at: FRRS P.O. Box 608, Portola, Ca. 96122-0608

Membership records normally include name, address, phone number, e-mail addresses, member numbers, expire dates, and possibly some notes on date when a member joined, and their occupation.

The FRRS does not sell our membership list to other marketing or advertising companies, but we do occasionally use the membership list to send out notices to our members about FRRS sponsored events. If you have any question about your membership record, please contact us, and we will be glad to talk to you about the information.

One way to check on your membership status, is to look at the mailing label on the Trainsheet or any correspondence you receive from the membership department.

The mailing label will have the following information on it:
Name (First, Initial, Last) Membership Date and a Code (TSH-TS-H)
Address
City, State, and Zip Code + 4

Information on Label

Date: the date your current membership expires (for Life members and Family Life there will be a L or LF in this position)

The code after the date stands for the following: TSH Active members (Active, Family, Life, Family Life and Sustaining) who receive the Trainsheet and the Headlight, TS for Associate members who receive the Trainsheet Only, and H for Historical members who receive the Headlight Only.

Address: The current address on file.

City, State and Zip Code Please make sure we have your Zip Code + 4, as the Post Office delays the mail without the Zip+4.