

the public, but is open for work sessions or other restoration / maintenance activities, admission will not be enforced.

To facilitate the charging of admission and improve Gift Shop access, a proposal made by the Harvard Community Partners team to build a new Gift Shop access door at the east end of the Diesel Shop has been adopted. This new glass door entrance will be readily visible upon entering the Diesel Shop and will provide higher capacity access to the Gift Shop. Work on this will begin after the first of the year.

The FRRS proudly maintained its free admission policy for 25 years, but our responsibility to maintain and improve our collection and

archives has demanded that we reevaluate our financial needs. It is anticipated that the admission policy will substantially improve our income, even with an anticipated drop in visitor donations. In discussing these issues with other railroad museums who have made similar changes, all reported little or no decrease in donations and a substantial improvement in revenue and even store sales.

If you have any questions about the new policy, please contact President Rod McClure or Secretary Eugene Vicknair.

Thank you to the Harvard team and the FRRS Business Practices Committee for their diligent work and assistance.

THE MUSEUM TRUCK

- David Epling, Museum Manager

Among the things that the museum relies heavily on are donations made by you, our members. Often, it isn't just monetary donations that we need. We always find ourselves in need of items in such as tools, equipment and, in a large manner, vehicles.

Enter Feather River Rail Society Member Andrew Peterson. Andy is best known as the owner of Peterson Supply. Peterson Supply can be found at www.petersonsupply.com. For those that don't know, Andy specializes in O scale and special runs in other scales. Among other models, Andy has done the special run WP subsidiary Central California Traction models in both N and HO Scales.

John Walker and Andy got to talking one day and John mentioned the need for a Museum Utility pick up truck to haul merchandise to public shows, run museum errands around town and so on. Andy stepped up to the plate and hit a home run on the first pitch. He donated his 1995 Dodge Ram 2500 Club Cab with the Cummins Turbo Diesel engine and camper shell.

The truck has proved invaluable. It has been to the National Train Show when it was held in Anaheim, California in

2008. It has been to Cheyenne, Wyoming to pick up equipment donated to the museum. It has been to Columbia, Missouri by way of Parker, Colorado to pick up a pair of Model Railroad Estates that were donated to the museum. In the picture at right, Andy Peterson stands by the truck and is holding an example of the magnetic signs that are on both sides of the track behind the door. You can usually see this truck at the various off sit shows the museum attends such as Winterail, the WP Convention, and the Great Train Expo in Sacramento and at the National Train Show in Sacramento in 2011.

So in closing, the FRRS extends a big thank you to Andy Peterson for his generous donation and to John Walker for his efforts in this donation.



David Epling photo