



Portola Railroad Museum 1994

This beautiful, high quality, aerial photo of our museum was taken by Hal Wright, the editor of The Sierra Booster newspaper. He is 91 years young, an excellent photographer, and he flies his own plane.

We were so impressed with this photo in his newspaper, that we asked about using it here. He graciously hand delivered the negative personally to Norm Holmes so that we could use it.

The angle is looking roughly southwest, with the City of Portola being off to the lower left of the picture, and the Feather River Canyon being off to the upper right.

In the extreme lower left of the photo can be seen our large snow plow which was spotted to greet visitors head-on as they entered the museum grounds. The fact that it was spotted here and not "first out" indicates that the photo was taken in the summertime. In the center right of the photo, at the edge of the balloon track, the area around "Malfunction Junction" with its access to the Union Pacific can be seen.

Drawing an imaginary line between the snow plow and Malfunction Junction, you can see the actual boundary (and in places, the fence) between the FRRS and the Union Pacific. The museum property is on the above left of this line and the Union Pacific is on the lower right. California Route 70 is visible on the extreme lower right of the photo.

The detail of the museum is shown very clearly in this superb photo.

Mr. Wright has also taken a photo of a train on Williams Loop in the Feather River Canyon which is on display in our gift shop.

For information about copies of both photos, contact The Sierra Booster newspaper at P. O. Box 8, Loyalton, CA 96118.

And again, thank you Mr. Wright!