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HOORAY! - The 13th of September was a lucky day, On that day the FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY became a California Non-profit corporation. The Federal application still must be made, but this should present no problems.

On January 1, 1980, the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation law became effective replacing an outmoded California law governing non-profit corporations. Some of the provisions in the new law are that the membership will vote for a Board of Directors who will elect a President and other officers. In effect the Board of Directors run the business of the organization and answers to the membership at the regular meetings. Norman Holmes, Chris Skow and Mel Moore are listed as the initial directors. An election will be held at the next regular meeting (November 9, 1983) at which time directors for 1984 will be elected. Anyone wishing to run for a director's position is requested to submit a written request to one of the current directors and his or her name will be included on the ballot. The ballot will be mailed to all 1983 members before the November meeting. The three persons receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

The club now has 26 paid members. Only those members who have paid dues for 1983 may vote for the 1984 directors. At the August meeting it was decided to hold open "CHARTER MEMBERSHIP" until October 1, 1983, so if you would like to be a charter member please complete the enclosed membership application (unless you are already a member) and send it with your \$10.00 dues by that date. IDEA - save yourself the trouble of writing two checks - send \$20.00 and be paid up for 1984.

RAILROAD DAYS: Portola's first annual "Feather River Railroad Days" was an unqualified success with over 5,000 persons attending. This gives an indication of the public's interest in railroading and the Portola area. If our plans for a railroad museum materialize, it will become the focal point for the Railroad Days event. Plans are progressing toward a permanent site. More news in the next "Feather News."

921 DONATED: One of Western Pacific's last two F-7 diesel locomotives was formally donated to the Greater Portola Area Chamber of Commerce by Mr. A. G. Flannery, President of the Union Pacific. The presentation was made at the Chamber's Railroad Days kick-off dinner August 26. Walter Treanor, retired WP Vice-President, also gave other historic Western Pacific items several to the Chamber for eventual display in the museum. We are lucky to have these men interested in our project. The 921 was placed on public display at the Portola depot along with a UP SD-40-2, flag car and cabooses. Railroad forces to allow the public to pass through the cabs of the two units constructed a ramp. A long line of viewers was in evidence most of the day Saturday. Club member Dave McClain was in the cab of the 921 for most of the two days answering questions regarding the unit.

Sunday afternoon a railroad crew was called to move the exhibit cars to the yard and to place the 921 in the diesel house as a temporary storage area. Club members participating in other Railroad Days events included: Chris Skow who showed railroad movies to over 700 people and James Boynton, Skip Englert, Bob Larson, Norman Holmes and Chris Skow who loaned items from their collections to set up a railroad history exhibit.

MEETING NOTICE: Our annual meeting for the election of officers will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 1983, at the home of Barbara and Norman Holmes on (deleted) just east of Portola. The gavel will sound at 7:30pm. The new meeting date, selected at the last meeting will be the second Wednesday of February, May, August and November. Following the business portion of the meeting, a program will be presented and refreshments will be served. You are welcome, member or not.