

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORT

DATE: August 6, 2013
FROM: Gail McClure, Director
ITEM: Director's Report
SUBJECT: Safety and Snarls

I have become increasingly concerned regarding certain safety issues and a lack of respect for some of our younger members who have been attempting to resolve or bring attention to them, only to be blown off and dismissed. Smoking around acetyline and oxygen, improper storage of same, placement of items in safety restricted areas for convenience, just to name a few. Two issues need to be addressed here: 1) Youth does not mean ignorance and to treat one as the other is insulting at least, dangerous at best; 2) Safety First, not Safety at your convenience. If we are serious about promoting a safety culture, we can't just provide it lip service.

Secondly, the general attitude around the facility is becoming increasingly negative – and I'll admit I am as guilty as many others I have witnessed. Negativity spreads like a virus and is just as deadly. Why would anyone want to come and spend their off time dealing with a bunch of snarly people when most of them have to do that during the rest of their week? And why would visitors recommend the WPRM to their family and friends having witnessed rude, disrespectful and negative commentary or actions between volunteers?

Before we destroy what little human infrastructure we have, we need to get this negativity under control before it tears us apart.

Respectfully Submitted,

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