

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – REPORT

DATE: September 11, 2014
FROM: President McClure
ITEM: President's Report
SUBJECT: **August 2014**

Portola Railroad Days went very well. Did very well in Gift shop. Also received payment as negotiated with Trains and Travel. We were able to take care of the switching with little interference to our caboose train operations. The Silver Solarium and Plaza Santa Fe had Air Condition problems upon arrival in the Museum. The repairs to the Plaza were accomplished by its owner, Wayne Yetter before its use on Saturday. The Solarium had to have a new motor installed under the car for the A/C blower. We arranged to bring the Solarium into the shop and over the pit for its repairs after the Saturday trip to Keddie. Many of our people helped out with this and the cars agent, Burt Hermey was very appreciative of our help. We received a \$1,000 donation from Mr. Hermey and he is writing a article for me for the Trainsheet.

We continue to clean out boxcars on a time available basis. (used carpet, anyone?)

The SP SD9 4404 is off the property. The Milw U25B 5057 is waiting for pit space to fix a few minor brake issues and it will be on its way to Cle Elm. Also leaving soon is the DODX flat car.

After the Steam work week, Steve Habeck and I will embark on a shop clean out and reorganization. Also, the big white forklift will be taken out of service for some much needed TLC.

Problems with the Sleeping Car electrical feed. A licensed Electrician will be looking to repair it shortly as well as determine the cost of putting a heating element into the car.

Special thanks goes out to Fritz and Zek for all the time they spent on property this year doing all the things we needed to have done as well as cover RALs.

Thank to Charlie Spikes for being available for just about anything and Stephanie Parker for all her volunteer time in the Gift Shop. It was good to see the Irishmen (Finnigans) a lot more this year as well as Frosty. Thanks to Dwayne Vanderveen for all his time as well as Craig Simmons for his RAL time. Matt Parker was a great help getting ready for RR Days. I'm sure there are people in the Ops Dept. that we are grateful for as well as the Steam Boys. Sorry if I missed some one, as I am sure I did.