

**FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

DATE: Feb. 5, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Finnegan – Editor, *The Train Sheet*
MEETING: Feb 8, 2025
ITEM: New Business
SUBJECT: Change publication frequency of the *Train Sheet*

There have been discussions about reducing the expense of the quarterly publication of the member newsletter, *The Train Sheet*. It usually has been 16 pages (in 2024 we had 16, 20, 16 and 12 page issues) and has been published four times a year. The last 16-page issue was #202, July/August/September 2024. The cost of printing and mailing that issue was \$1,763.35. This would annualize to be just over \$7000 per year to print and mail the *Train Sheet*.

I propose we change to publishing three times a year resulting in a 25% cost reduction.

Publication would be in early January, May and September. All issues would include recent news and activities.

My choice of publication dates is explained below:

January issue would include material from the Pumpkin Express and Santa Trains. Included would be any year-end information (e.g. prior year cabooses train report, total attendance, total donations, etc.) It would announce the election and spring activities (e.g. annual crew training, opening date, museum hours for the year, etc.) The convention would be announced if appropriate.

May issue would focus on planned summer activities.

September issue would promote the Pumpkin Express and Santa Trains. It would have news updates on the summer activities. It would include election results and appointments information.

Recall that members who have subscribed to the WPRM News via Mailtrain would receive major updates throughout the year. Members would also be encouraged to check the website for late-breaking news in the Latest Museum News column for updated information.

ACTION: Review at this meeting, and approve.