

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: February 2026
ITEM: Director Report
FROM: Eugene Vicknair

MARKETING AND AWARENESS

Due to upcoming events, I have been holding off on talking to the Brewing Lair and the Boxcar. I have been speaking with some directors and members who want to help promote increasing memberships and more volunteers.

FUNDRAISING

I managed to get all the fundraising letters out by beginning of January. Except for postage all printing, tabbing and preparation was donated and / or performed by me. So far we have received almost \$3,000 in donations.

GREAT TRAIN SHOWS

Greg Elems and I are at the Great Train Show in Sacramento end of February. Several members have offered to help at the event including Eric McKay, Tom Hervey and Christopher Kapreilian.

VETERANS' GROUP SPEECH

Thanks to Tom Hervey, I spoke to the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley on February 5, 2026, sharing the story of the "Charles O. Sweetwood" business car, WP 106. The talk lasted a little over 30 minutes with about 15 minutes of Q&A. It was very well received and I got a lot of compliments and several expressions of interest in coming to see the museum and the Sweetwood. Several members offered to connect me with other groups to speak with, whether on the Sweetwood or the museum in general. I also met a veteran nurse who knew Julia Pagan (Red Cross Nurse on the Sweetwood).