

Museum Location:

Portola, California is located along State Route 70 - the Feather River Highway. We are 1 hour northwest of Reno via US395 and SR70, 1 hour north of Truckee via SR89 and county road A23, 3 hours northeast of Sacramento via I80, SR89 and county road A23, or 3 hours east of Chico via SR70.

The museum is open daily to the public from the 1st Saturday in March to the 1st Monday of November, 10 am to 5 pm weather permitting. Call ahead to arrange for off-season visiting hours. Admission to the museum is free with a suggested \$5 donation per person.

Caboose train rides and snack bar available weekends only late May through early September. Train rides free for kids 3 and under, \$3 ages 4-18, \$5 ages 19 and over, Seniors 60 and over \$4. Family tickets are \$12 per family (2 adults, 4 children, \$1 each over 6 individuals). Tickets are good for all day.



Portola Railroad Museum

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Feather River Rail Society



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located in the City of Portola
 in scenic Plumas County,
 California



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 Railroad History of the
 Feather River Country
 and Northern California.

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Gift Certificates Available

Plan A Operate a ALCo S1 or a EMC NW2 switcher. **\$95 per hour**

Plan B Operate a EMD F7 or a EMD GP9 or a EMD GP-30 road switcher. **\$125 per hour**

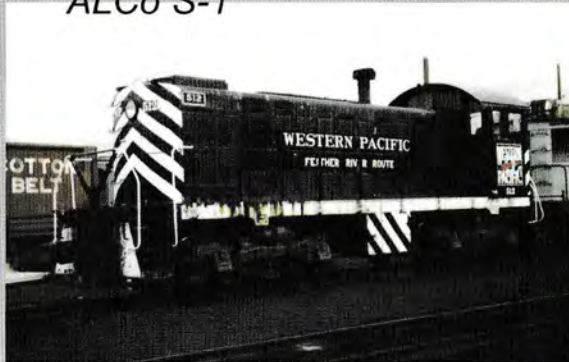
Plan C Operate one of the above switchers for the first hour and a EMD GP-9 or EMD GP-30 road switcher or a EMD F7 streamlined road unit for the second hour. **\$195 for both hours**

(Locomotive selection subject to availability)

A certificate suitable for framing is awarded after every rental.

Run-A-Locomotive program available mid-March through mid-November (weather permitting). Call 530-832-4532 for reservations.
www.runalocomotive.com

ALCo S-1



EMD F-7



EMC NW-2



EMD GP-9



For a Limited Time Only

You can operate the first production model GP20 produced by EMD, Western Pacific 2001. **Only at the Portola Railroad Museum.**

Available on special request only.
(Subject to availability)

Plan B - Operate the 2001 for \$150.00 per hour.

Plan C - Operate one of the above switchers for the first hour and the 2001 for the second hour for \$225.00 for both hours.



EMD GP-30



On December 23, 1982, nearly 80 years of Western Pacific Railroad history began ending as the merger of the WP into the larger Union Pacific Railroad was approved.

The WP had long been a force in the railroad industry far out of proportion with its relatively small size. Always a frugal and innovative operation (even, sometimes, in the face of bankruptcy), the WP had helped pioneer such important advances as diesel



power, turbocharging, centralized traffic control, roller bearing-equipped freight cars, computerization and the use of concrete ties to name a few. These attributes had long earned the WP admiration among railfans and historians and its passing was widely mourned. Very soon, however, a small group coalesced around the town of Portola, California with the idea of creating a historical organization to preserve the legacy of the Western Pacific.

In 1983, the Feather River Rail Society was formed and quickly began laying plans for a permanent museum. The Union Pacific Railroad graciously donated several pieces of equipment to the city of Portola (including WP streamlined locomotive 921D and Union Pacific Centennial locomotive 6946) and leased the WP's Portola Locomotive Facility to the city. The 37 acre site includes a 220 foot long, 16,000 square foot diesel shop that was used from 1954 until 1974 as well as two and a half miles of trackage primarily consisting of a balloon track and various yard tracks. The museum is located next to Union Pacific's high density Feather River Subdivision main line in beautiful and scenic Plumas County, California. The FRRS became the steward for the new Portola Railroad Museum. In time, all equipment and the lease of the facility were transferred to the FRRS proper.

By the late 1990's, the FRRS had assembled one of the premier collections of railroad history in the country focusing on a single railroad family. At that time, the society reevaluated its mission and rededicated itself to telling the story of railroading in America through the unique history of the Western Pacific and its corporate family, which included the famous Sacramento Northern interurban railroad and the Tidewater Southern Railway.

Today, the collection of the FRRS includes over 30 locomotives and 80 cars of various ancestry and unlike many other museums, visitors to the Portola Railroad Museum soon discover that this is a hands-on facility and are encouraged to climb up in the cabs of locomotives, to sit in the engineer's seats, and to browse through the many cabooses and passenger cars that are on display. Many unique and important items of railroad rolling stock, including Western Pacific 2001, a GP20 locomotive and the first of its model ever built; Western Pacific 805-A, a streamlined locomotive that is the last survivor of those built to pull the *California Zephyr* passenger train; *California Zephyr* dome-lounge car "Silver Hostel"; Western Pacific 501, an early diesel switching locomotive and the first diesel locomotive pur-

chased by the railroad and such other rarities as a maintenance car used to build the WP line in the early 1900's, a collection of railroad cranes and an unparalleled assortment of freight equipment. In addition, the FRRS owns a growing library of photographs and WP historical documents and has preserved several historic railroad structures, including the WP's Portola Hospital and the Magnolia Jct. interlocking tower from

Oakland, California.

The FRRS is moving even farther in its mission to preserve the WP. A complete rebuilding of the Portola Railroad Museum facility is in the works including restoration of the WP Hospital and the Magnolia Tower. Equipment restorations are also proceeding, the most recent being that of Western Pacific 707, a classic EMD GP-7 freight locomotive from the 1950's.

The museum also maintains a gift shop located within the diesel shop as well as "The Beanery", a snack bar which is open weekends during the summer months.

The museum's operating season is from the first Saturday in March through the first Monday of November. During this time the museum grounds are open seven days a week from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Train rides generally run from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. During the winter months, the museum is closed except for special events in which arrangements have been made in advance. If you wish to visit during the winter months it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the grounds will be open.

Admission to the museum is free, but a donation of \$5 is suggested and appreciated.

Although the FRRS and The Portola Railroad Museum enjoy a good working relationship with the Union Pacific Railroad, they are in no way affiliated with the Union Pacific Railroad.

Portola offers many accommodations and services for travelers and is the only incorporated city in Plumas County. Located at an elevation of 5000 feet in the Sierra Nevada's, Portola is at the "top" of the Feather River canyon. Portola is 150 miles northeast of Sacramento and 50 miles northwest of Reno. If you're driving to Portola, the Feather River Canyon is a "must see." There are several scenic railroad sights along the way. The two most popular are William's Loop and the Keddie Wye. William's Loop is a 360 degree loop that crosses itself to avoid a 6 percent grade. The Keddie Wye splits on to two trestles.

The Feather River Route is heavily used by UP and BNSF. Expect to see freight trains during your visit. The UP trains stop at Portola for a change of crew before continuing on toward Salt Lake City or Stockton and BNSF trains often change crews at Keddie. You can get a Railfan's Guide to the Feather River Canyon from the FRRS.

Why not join and help preserve the WP?



Preserving "The Feather River Route"

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Membership in the Feather River Rail Society is a rewarding experience. Your contribution will help to keep the museum and the history of the Western Pacific Railroad alive. Become a member now so you will not miss any future issues of the upcoming publications.

Our society relies heavily upon donations and membership dues to continue operating.

Currently the society produces two publications which, depending on membership level, are included with your dues; The Train Sheet and The Headlight. The Train Sheet provides current information concerning the Portola Railroad Museum and The Headlight includes articles of interest for modelers and those wishing to know more of the historical aspects of the Western Pacific and subsidiary roads.

Members and their guests are encouraged to visit the museum and feel free to join in the activities. Caboose trains operate every weekend during the summer operating season and at least once a month there is a work weekend.

Yes, I wish to join the FRRS at the following membership level:

- Associate** memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not The Headlight and are for one person only. \$20.00 annually (35.00 foreign).
- Active** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and The Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only. \$40.00 annually (55.00 foreign).
- Family** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and The Headlight, have one vote and include all members of ones immediate family. \$60.00 annually (75.00 foreign).
- Sustaining** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and The Headlight, are for a maximum of two persons with one vote each. \$100.00 annually (115.00 foreign).
- Life** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and The Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only for life. Use current age to calculate amount due. **Proof of age required.**

Birth-17 years of age	\$1200.00 or (5 payments of 280.00)	Age 18-39	\$900.00 or (5 payments of 220.00)
Age 40-61	\$600.00 or (5 payments of 160.00)	Age 62 and above	\$300.00 or (5 payments of 100.00)
- Family Life** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and The Headlight, are for a maximum of two people and have two votes (one per member) for life. Use age of youngest member to calculate amount due. **Proof of age required.**

Birth-17 years of age	\$1800.00 or (5 payments of 420.00)	Age 18-39	\$1350.00 or (5 payments of 330.00)
Age 40-61	\$900.00 or (5 payments of 240.00)	Age 62 and above	\$450.00 or (5 payments of 150.00)

If making payments the life membership card will be sent upon receipt of the final payment. Until such time as the life membership is paid in full the member will receive the equivalent yearly membership card. All payments towards a life membership are non-refundable and failure to make a scheduled payment by the due date will result in forfeiture of the funds paid towards the life membership.

Name(s): _____

Make checks payable to FRRS.

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 Total Paid \$ _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

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