

The **FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY**, a tax exempt public benefit California Corporation, operates the **PORTOLA RAILROAD MUSEUM** in Portola, Calif. Formed in February, 1983, with the purpose of preserving local railroad history in general and Western Pacific Railroad history in particular. As a Society we are involved with restoration and collection of railroad equipment, photos, artifacts, historical information and data specifically Western Pacific. In doing so the **FRRS** has become the **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** of the **WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD**..... The **WP LIVES** in Portola for the benefit of the friends of the **FEATHER RIVER ROUTE**.....

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From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our first public showing and operations came off without a hitch. Some 40 members pitched in to prove "we can handle it" All of us can be proud of our accomplishments. Let's continue to work together to make our museum even better. Recently club members have been using the name of the Society for unauthorized purposes. While we certainly appreciate any assistance members can give our organization in acquiring donations or any thing else to help our cause, please check with the Board of Directors before committing the Society to anything.

LAST MEETING

35 attended our April meeting, a good showing. After a review of the last two month's activities and a break to enjoy Barbara Holmes's cake and coffee, we were treated to a very interesting film on South Africa's steam by Chris Skow. Mat Parkers movie showing the 921 plowing the balloon last March followed.

NEXT MEETING

Our next membership social meeting will be Sat, June 15th. It will be held in our meeting room at the Diesel shop building. A pot luck dinner will start at 6:30 PM please bring food and your own table service. Coffee will be available. There will be a short business meeting at 7:30 followed by a slide presentation by George Fiené from Sacramento. George has put on shows for other groups and this promises to be an interesting show. Also this is our regular work weekend and all members are encouraged to participate.

MEMBERSHIP

As of the end of May we now have over 400 members for 1985. 36 had not paid their dues so will be dropped. However, we picked up quite a few new members from the Grand Opening and the info in several railfan magazines.

JUNE 29-30th OPERATING DAY

We have granted permission to the Union Pacific Old Timers Club to hold a picnic at the museum on Sunday June 30th. Since the Western Pacific's annual picnics are history and UP does not hold it's Family Days on a regular basis, the UPOT decided it would have a railroaders picnic. All retired and active WP/UP employees are invited to attend. See you there.....

APRIL WORK WEEKEND

A cold April 20-21st made work efforts less than ideal, however, eight members and the Wollesen family accomplished a number of work items at the museum. We were glad to see the Wollesen's back again and guess what, they were back on the plumbing. Track seven was completed enough to allow UP's weed burner to be moved onto the track and out of the way now. Chris Skow worked on the 1632 caboose windows, Norm Holmes installed seats in the 428, while Dave McClain worked on 921 & 608. Doug Jensen cleaned the windows and cab on 608. Ski and Odie Lorimer worked on two box cars. Others assisting on various projects were Hank Stiles, Mat Parker, Ken Roller, Jim Boynton and Hap Manit. John Walker and others removed the wood deck from flat car 8514 in prep to rebluid the car into a passenger carrying car.

STEAM GAUGE

On April 27th water was put in the boiler of #8 the first time in 22 years! Trouble with the hydro pump prevented a test on this day, but later pressure was placed against the water only to reveal a badly leaking throttle packing gland. Jim Boynton Hap and others are working on the engine Wednesdays and Saturdays to try to get the old girl ready to have a fire by Railroad Days in Aug.