

# The Train Sheet

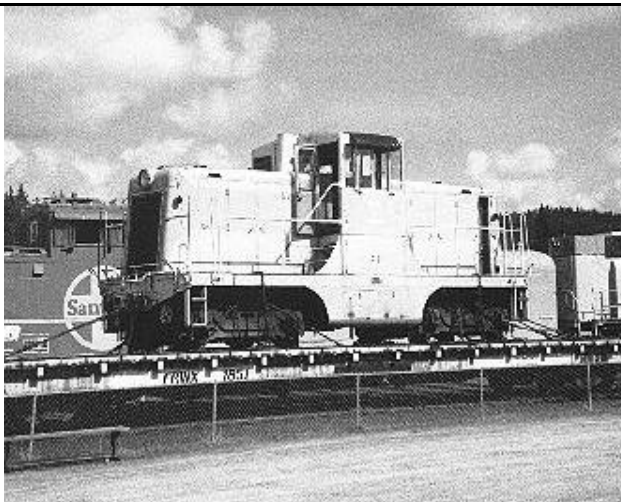
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News from the Feather River Rail Society and the Portola Railroad Museum

## Quincy Railroad #3 Arrives

Quincy Railroad No. 3, a General Electric 44 ton locomotive was acquired in 1945, for \$40,000 to replace an aging 2-6-2T steamer. Delivered in battleship gray, as was the norm at the time because of wartime painting restrictions, it operated in this color until painted silver and orange to match WP's "Zephyr" scheme. The orange was soon replaced with a medium blue possi-



Still secured to our flatcar used for movements such as this, Quincy #3 had been on the property just a few days when this photo was taken. It will be unloaded on a date as yet undetermined.  
- Frank Brehm

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## FRRS GP-20 #2001 Featured at Railfair 99

Your Feather River Rail Society was invited to - and did participate in Railfair 99 which took place in Old Sacramento from June 18 to the 27th. This was one of the major events of the Gold Rush Sesquicentennial celebration taking place in the State of California this year. The sponsor of this grand event, the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, ex-

pected between 200,000 and 400,000 people to attend this ten-day event.

The FRRS had two primary displays at Railfair 99. First there was an informational exhibit which was used to educate visitors on the history of the Western Pacific Railroad in California, the California Zephyr passenger trains and what the FRRS is

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**- Portola Railroad Museum -**

P.O. Box 608  
 Portola, CA 96122-0608  
 Museum: (530) 832-4131 Fax: (530) 832-1854 General Office: (530) 832-1657

The normal operating season for the museum is the first Saturday in March through the first Monday of November. The grounds are open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily. The museum building is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily. During the non-operating period the museum is closed except for special events in which arrangements have been made in advance. If you wish to visit during the non-operating period it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the museum grounds will be open.

Entrance to the museum is free, although a suggested donation of \$2.00 is greatly appreciated.

*The Feather River Rail Society, a tax-exempt public benefit California corporation, is the historical society for the Western Pacific Railroad and operator of the Portola Railroad Museum in Portola, California.*

*The FRRS is not associated with the Union Pacific Railroad.*

FRRS Tax ID number is 68-0002774  
 Member of the Tourist Railway Association, Inc.

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**- FRRS Membership -**

Associate \$15.00 Historical \$22.00 Active \$30.00 Family \$35.00 Sustaining \$75.00 Life \$300.00 Family Life \$450.00  
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**Associate** memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.

**Historical** memberships receive only the Headlight, do not vote and are for one person only.

**Active** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

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**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Membership Dept.**  
**P.O. Box 608**  
**Portola, CA 96122-0608**

**Web Pages of Interest**

PRM	<a href="http://www.oz.net/~samh/frrs">www.oz.net/~samh/frrs</a>	SN Page	<a href="http://www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y">www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y</a>
WPRRHS	<a href="http://www.wprrhs.org">www.wprrhs.org</a>	Tidewater Southern	<a href="http://www5.pair.com/rattene/WP/TideIndex.htm">www5.pair.com/rattene/WP/TideIndex.htm</a>
CZ Virtual Museum	<a href="http://calzephyr.railfan.net">calzephyr.railfan.net</a>	WP Virtual Museum	<a href="http://wpmuseum.railfan.net">wpmuseum.railfan.net</a>
The Western Pacific Site	<a href="http://www.wplives.com">www.wplives.com</a>		

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 Contribution Deadlines: Last Friday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

**Presidential Notes**

Hello Fellow Members,

Another operating season is upon us and our membership is responding. The train crews have started refresher as well as initial crew training, the mechanical department has been attending to the equipment to insure good running condition, as

well as the facilities people getting the building and grounds cleaned and ready for a busy year.

“Have you decided how and where you would like to volunteer your services this year?”

Have you decided how and where you would like to volunteer your services this year? If you have a preference, please contact Norm Holmes, Ken Iverson or myself, Skip Englert and

we will try to get you lined up with your choice of assignments. We need volunteers for information booths, ticket booths, walk around docents to help visitors find what they want to see, answer questions etc. etc. If we do not have the job you would like, let us know so we can consider creating a position that you would feel comfortable in filling. We need all the help and volunteers we can get, so come on up and join in the fun.

- Skip Englert

**For Sale**

Member Bob Keene has some Western Pacific and California Zephyr plates, etc for sale. If interested you can contact him at 775-423-3585 or by mail at 4455 Schurz Highway, Fallon NV 89406

**Facilities Report**

The building and grounds of the Museum are a constant demand on resources. Over the past year, however, progress to rehabilitate this 1950 facility has been moving right along. In some cases, volunteers have moved a portion of the project ahead. At times contractors were hired to perform work, such as the electrical upgrades.

We are now in phase two of our electrical upgrade. This deals with the increase in power availability to the membership support facility areas. Yet to be completed is the upgrade to make the shower and sleeping facilities available year round. These improvements will also allow for the installation of air conditioning in the sleeping car which solves a continuing problem in the summer when interior temperatures of the car soar. After the utilities are complete, a deck will be constructed between the shower and sleeping cars. This will allow for an essentially level transition between the two areas.

The shower car is now complete. The new end is in service and provides three additional showers, two toilets, and a double sink wash area. The old electrical meter panel on the north side of the building has been completely removed. We will now replace the fence fabric and the enclosure will be used for secure storage.

The "Beanery" is back on line as of June 18th. Sue and Bruce Cooper have returned and their familiar faces are a welcome sight.

Also planned for this year is the installation of a viewing platform adjacent to the rip track next to the fence separating the Museum from the Union Pacific main line and yard tracks. This platform will be approximately 6 feet off the ground and have safety rails all around. From this viewing point, visitors will be able to watch UP trains departing and arriving from the east and west.

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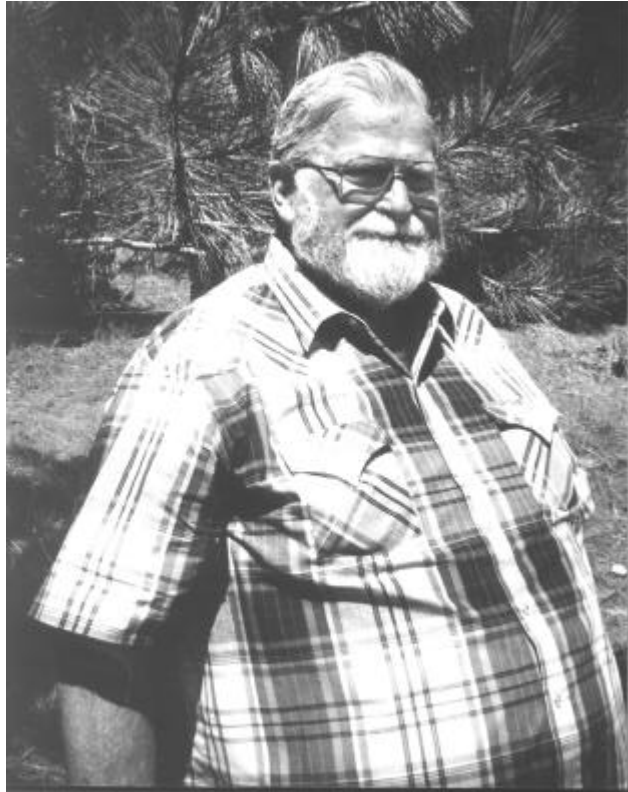
## Member Portrait, fourth in a series

Born on November 24, 1933 Gordon Wollesen was raised and attended school in Oakland, CA. After graduating from High School Gordon continued his education at Lassen College in Susanville, CA. Joining the Air Force in February 1953 he served in South Korea and West Germany until discharged in November 1956. He married Diane in June 1962, and they have five children.

Gordon went to work for the California Division of Forestry in 1957 as an engineer and was promoted to Captain while assigned to Nevada County. The family lived in Nevada City and Foresthill while Gordon was assigned to the Nevada, Yuba, Placer Ranger Unit. During this assignment Gordon assisted with the complete mapping of the district.

The family started visiting Plumas County on vacations in 1978, camping in commercial campgrounds just west of Portola. Always interested in the Railroads that operated in the region the family happened to be in Portola for the first Feather River Railroad Days in 1983, liked what

they saw and joined our organization as charter members.



Gordon retired from the CDF in December 1986 completing his fire service career as a dispatcher in Auburn, CA, and moved to Portola in July 1987. He became a member of the Board of Directors in 1988 and soon was appointed Treasurer. Gordon was head of the operating department and also held the title of facilities manager until health problems forced his retirement from those positions. Almost everyday for eleven years Gordon would be at the museum work-

ing, answering the telephone and greeting visitors. Although not as active as in the past he continues to participate in museum activities.

## From the Editor

This issue is late, very late. The reasons being that during the change of Editorship from Bill Shippen to myself a few very important items were overlooked, confusion as to who was going to do what and an unexpected job related trip to Alabama by me.

Recently Kerry Cochran took over the position of Membership Coordinator. Due to some software incompatibility problems the membership list that Bill Shippen had maintained would not load

correctly on Kerry's computer. That has now been resolved and Kerry is working to bring the list up to date. Both Kerry and myself now have the same software used by Bill for the membership/ mailing list. Kerry will maintain the list and provide updates on a regular basis. I will print labels for any Society mailings including The Train Sheet and The Headlight.

Another delay came into play when I had a

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## CZ "Silver Hostel" Purchased

As of May 13, 1999 the FRRS owns in full the Western Pacific Passenger Car Silver Hostel. The Bill of Sale and Sales Agreement were endorsed on May 12 by President Englert and signed on May 13 by Les Kastin of Illinois Transit Assembly Corp. Mr. Kastin received a cashiers check on May 13, 1999 along with his endorsed copy of the agreement. I personally want to thank Eugene Vicknair who discovered the car, the Board of Directors and especially the membership of the FRRS that supported the effort to save this car from a fate suffered by to many other cars from the CZ. It will become a centerpiece in our collection. We have a long road ahead with restoration but I believe it is a do-able project. With this car and our FP-7A #805A we will be able to start telling the story of the California Zephyr in a real and tangible way for the first time.

- Doug Morgan

## Quincy RR #3

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bly so the railroad would not be confused with its larger connecting line. This unit, along with the later acquired 1942 Alco S-1, were donated to the Feather River Rail Society in 1997 by Sierra Pacific Industries after being replaced with an EMD SW-1200. The Alco S-1 No. 4 is the former WP 504 and SN 405.

Because of their friction bearing trucks they were not moveable on their own wheels to Portola and had to be loaded on flat cars for the movement. QRR No. 3 was loaded on our former HTTX flat car on May 15, 1998, using a borrowed set of Whiting jacks. The car was held at Quincy with the hope that the QRR No. 4 could be loaded on another car and the two moved to Portola together.

For a number of reasons the QRR No. 4 was not loaded and finally on March 27, 1999, the QRR No. 3 arrived in Portola. It was placed on our interchange track and entered the museum on April 7. The move for QRR No. 4 is still pending.

- Norm Holmes

## From the Editor

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short notice trip to Alabama for job required training. Hopefully this won't happen again in the near future. Myself and the rest of the volunteer staff are working diligently to bring all of our publications back on a realistic and timely schedule. We all appreciate your patience during this transition.

We are always looking for member comments and input for our publications. If you have ideas or content for our publications please contact us.

- Frank Brehm

## Year 2000 Calendar

The year 2000 Calendar project is now underway. Management of the project is under the WPRRHS. We are asking for WP related photos for possible inclusion in the calendar. If you would like to contribute a photo please send it to either

Vic Neves	Frank Brehm
P. O. Box 23721	-OR- 3241 Oriole Way
Oakland, CA 94623	Antelope, CA 95843

## Obituaries

We have lost two members recently, A. S. Kasper from Boise, Idaho and Earl McKenzie from Sacramento. Both were former Western Pacific employees. Mr. Kasper was purchasing manager and Mr. McKenzie was a machinist in the Sacramento shops.

It is also with a heavy heart that we report Life member, Peter Lyman's wife passed away. You may recognize Peter's name as head of the A&D committee.

Another member has also lost a loved one. CMO Hank Stiles' mother passed away recently after a long illness.

Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences go out to the families.

## CMO Report

The WP 2001 was fired up at 1:13 PM. Tuesday the 11th of May. Smoke poured from the stack and loud cheers came from the mouths of all present. All radiators are watertight and the engine runs well. A through systems check will be made before it is pronounced serviceable. One of our members, Oden Lorimer, has volunteered to paint the zebra strips on the pilot, so this project is coming together well.

As reported in the last Train Sheet, WP 512 needs two cylinder heads changed out. This work has now been started only to stop when we found that some special tools and a "Head/ liner seating tool" are needed to complete the job. I am happy to report that these tools are now ordered so work will resume in the near future.

Work has started on servicing our locomotives for the 1999 season. The Locomotive Maintenance weekends have been a success so far this season. We can always use more people to help out with this work and no experience is required, so please come on up and you to can and help with this important work.

- Hank Stiles

## Operating Department

A large number of members showed up to take the annual rules exam. One disappointment was the lack of new trainees. Because of a shortage of personnel in the operating department we have posted "Help Wanted" signs in various locations. There are currently days in the crew mark-up book with a critical shortage of qualified crew members or no crew members signed up at all. The Operating Department and the FRRS need your help. Crew training is fun and a good way to meet other members.

Newly qualified for 1999 are Don Bordon – Yard Engineer and William McGrath – Brakeman. Congratulations on your new qualifications.

- Jim Gidley Sr., Trainmaster

## Gift Shop Report

Sales in the gift shop are slowly picking up. New book and video stock has been received. There is a new video tape covering the WP on hand and from my review it looks good. Trains didn't think it exactly lived up to its title because it covers an earlier period of the WP in addition to the "green era."

- Norm Holmes

## Facilities Report

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Plans are under way for cleaning out two boxcars this year. This sounds like a minor venture but the contents of many of the boxcars at Portola are a mixture of stored material. It is not unlike cleaning out one's own garage. Imagine that chore then double or triple the effort.

Another project on tap is the scraping of a great deal of steel and other materials that have accumulated on the property. The present plans call for the placement of two scrap boxes and the disposal of scrap into the boxes until they are full. Materials are deemed useful will be retained and placed into storage racks. The goal is to clean out the tear-shaped median between the rip and track 1 on the West End so that displays of rip track parts and other items of interest can be set up.

There are many more projects under consideration. Volunteers are always needed for these projects. If you have the desire to participate your help will be appreciated. Our master goal is to clean up the property and make it safe and presentable for all who take the time to come to Portola.

Shop personnel are in the process of attempting to identify proper ownership of tools and equipment at the museum. If you have personal items at the museum please let us know and make arrangements to have those items marked and recorded. After 8-31-1999 any unidentified items will be considered FRRS property and subject to be marked as such.

- Doug Morgan

## Election Committee Report

MARCH 1999

The Election Committee makes the following recommendations.

### Directors

1. Eugene Vicknair was late with his application and is left off of the Ballot.
2. We submit a White Ballot with the 4 on time candidates to the Board of Directors.
3. The terms, other than Ed Wagner, who requested 2 years, can be determined by a draw of straws or appointing the vacancy to the 1 year term.
4. Any member in good standing may apply for the vacancy.
5. The new Board will appoint to fill the vacancy after they are seated.

### Ballot

Ed Wagner  
Frank Brehm

Andy Anderson  
Hank Stiles

Rather than print and mail out ballots the Candidates names along with the Campaign Statements can be printed in The Train Sheet.

### By-laws

At the February meeting the board did not approve nor did they disapprove the proposed By-law revisions. The result is that the advertised March 1st deadline was not met. Without any action by the Board of Directors the Election Committee had no choice but to cancel the election as the April 1 mailing date could not be met. When the board makes a decision they should inform the Election Committee on how we are to proceed.

Respectively submitted,  
Tom Graham, Ken Iverson, Don Borden, Gary Hall,  
Pat Brimmer

### FRRS 1999 Dates

<b>August 14</b>	Board Meeting
<b>August 14-15</b>	Train Rides
<b>August 21-22</b>	Feather River Railroad Days, Train Rides
<b>August 28-29</b>	Train Rides
<b>Sept. 4-5-6</b>	Train Rides, Locomotive Maint. Clinic
<b>Sept. 10</b>	First Sub Club Meeting
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Board Meeting
<b>Sept. 11-12</b>	Train Rides
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Railfan Photographers Day
<b>October 2-3</b>	Locomotive Maint. Clinic, Work Week end
<b>October 16</b>	Board Meeting
<b>November 13</b>	Board Meeting
<b>December 3</b>	First Sub Club Meeting
<b>December 4</b>	Santa Train
<b>December 11</b>	Board Meeting, Santa Train

### Special Fund Status

Item	Additions	Balance	Notes
Building	\$480.00	\$21,713.25	(1)
WP GP9	\$13,619.75		
SP 1215	\$146.70	\$25,048.09	(2)
UP 105	\$2,120.00		
CTC Board	\$30.00	\$330.00	(3)
Library	\$501.79		
Magnolia Twr	\$20.00	\$370.00	(4)
Endowment	\$42,648.01		
WP 2001	\$580.00	\$930.00	(5)
SP GP9, SD9	\$300.00		
CZ S Hostel	\$20.00		

Notes: 1) Raffle Sales, 2) Interest, 3) Phil Wyche, 4) Phil Wyche, 5) Bruce & Sue Cooper, David Whitney, Dwight Wolfinger, Eric Wright, Jay Sarno, Ray Sarno, Thos. Mitchell.

**PRESERVING "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"****WP Lives, in Portola!****Mission Statement**

The mission of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the history of the Western Pacific Railroad. The secondary mission is to preserve the history of the subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

**Mission Goals**

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the "Willing People" as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.

**Railfair 99**

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doing to preserve this history. Information was also presented explaining the functions of the Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society and the Portola Railroad Museum. We also promoted Plumas County as a tourist destination. WPRRHS personnel under the direction of WPRRHS Administrator John Walker designed the exhibits for this booth. A limited selection of specialty items from the museum Gift Shop were also sold at the booth. Norm and Barbara Holmes with the capable assistance of Jack Hathaway reported brisk sales during the event. Second, and making more of a visual impact on the attending public, was our fully operational EMD GP-20, Western Pacific 2001. This was just one of a handful of historic diesel-electric locomotives invited to attend Railfair 99. Like several other locomotives invited to attend, the FRRS participated in the Locomotive Pageant on a rotating basis.

FRRS personnel assisting with the display of 2001 included Wayne and Linda Monger, Hank and Janet Stiles, Jim Gidley, Sr., Ed Wagner, Jack Palmer, Vic Neves, Frank Brehm, John Walker, Doug Morgan and Eugene Vicknair.

- Wayne Monger

**VIA Units Sold to Grand Canyon**

The Grand Canyon Railway has purchased our VIA units FPA-4 6776 and B-unit 6860. This brings the GCRY total to five cabs and two boosters. This additional power is primarily for a second train the Grand Canyon plans to be running by the spring. After an inspection in Portola CMO Franzen stated the pair are in very good shape, but that they do need some work and paint. A work crew from GCRY were in Portola during the first week of June to prepare the units for the trip to Arizona and their new home on the GCRY. This preparation included removing any easily pilferable items, making protective covers for all cab windows and welding the doors and electrical cabinets shut. The units were transferred to the UP on June 17th and arrived at the Grand Canyon on July 7th. Work is now underway on the units with an expected in-service date of March 2000.



Prior to shipment to Arizona FPA-4 6776 basks in the warm Portola sunshine.  
- Frank Brehm



## Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

### February 1999

Meeting called to order by Pres. Englert at 1316 hours.

**Roll Call.** Present: Anderson, Englert, Holmes, Monger, Morgan, Mueller, Brehm. Absent: Neves, Stiles, Wollesen.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** November Minutes were accepted as amended. All were in favor. January Minutes were accepted as read. All were in favor.

**Motion Sheets:** Pres. Englert introduced new motion sheets to be used which show voting record of Directors.

**Financial Report:** (Attachment #1 ) Financial report is to be reviewed by Directors and approved at next meeting. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence read by N. Holmes. Received a letter from Cathy Taylor stating that CSR reserve the right that organization sales are to be related to the Railroad only. Pres. Englert responded with a letter stating that the #2001 will be on logo. W. Monger will order volunteer shirts. N. Holmes will order mugs. Public Auction in Stockton, CA announced. Received email-announcing items, which will be auctioned in Connecticut. Member sent letter donating a file cabinet & drawers. Received letter from Bill Shippen reflecting his service with FRRS. Historic Pullman Foundation sent letter stating their intent to restore a clock tower in Illinois and asking for donations. Steve Habeck read letter from Western Metal Arts Foundry, which gave quotes for decorative plates for the engines. Steve Habeck also read email from K. Miller discussing new bookkeeping procedures.

**Executive Director:** Report sent.

**Committee Reports:** Reports sent.

#### Old Business:

**CZ Car Acquisition:** The Board of Directors voted 6-0 to accept the Hostel car for acquisition. The Board agreed to give D. Morgan authorization for negotiating the contract for acquiring the Hostel car.

**Sale of the Foster Farms S-6:** D. Morgan presented the ownership agreement for the Foster Farms S-6. Motion to follow.

**Quincy Salt Lake Equipment move:** D. Morgan reported that the Quincy engine is being moved. Salt Lake engine to be discussed further at next meeting.

**1857 Repairs R.A.L. fleet:** D. Morgan reported that radiators of the #1857 have been removed and are ready for welding repairs. The welding repairs will be done soon. The Board agreed to contact the C.M.O. and request work be done on engines in need of repair. The Board agreed to the hiring of crewman to do maintenance repairs if necessary.

**Movie Contract:** D. Morgan presented a Location Agreement with the Organ Grinders LLC. Pres. Englert with the approval of the Board of Directors signed the Location Agreement. D. Morgan stated the insurance has been increased accordingly. The Board discussed engineers to operate the engines for the time of movie production on Feb. 24th

and Feb. 25th, 1999.

**R/F-99 Booth & Sales:** Will discuss further at next meeting.

**Organizational Chart:** Report sent. Will discuss further at next meeting.

**Election & Bylaws:** An election will be needed. Board will be able to place a Board member now by acclamation but still will need an election to follow. A ballot will be added to the mailing of the By-laws change.

**By-law Changes:** Discussion followed on preliminary draft of By-law changes.

**Motion 02-99-01:** Motion by A. Anderson, seconded by W. Monger, that the Board approves of the Ownership Transfer Agreement for the Railroad Service and Supply to receive the ALCO #1046 from FRRS. Discussion followed. Ayes - 6 Opposed - 0 Abstained - 1. Motion passed.

**Motion 02-99-02:** Motion by D. Morgan, seconded by W. Monger, to the immediate appointment of Frank Brehm as Editor of the Trainsheet. Discussion followed. Ayes - 6 Opposed - 0 Abstained - 1. Motion passed.

**Motion 02-99-03:** Motion by D. Morgan, seconded by F. Brehm, to accept updated attachment of museum hours. Discussion followed. Ayes - 5 Opposed - 1 Abstained - 0. Motion passed.

**Motion 02-99-04:** Motion by A. Anderson seconded by T. Mueller, that the Board of Directors of the FRRS shall approve the appropriation not to exceed \$700.00 for expenses relating to the printing, mailing, supplies, and postage of the 1999 general election ballots. Discussion. Ayes - 6 Opposed - 0 Abstained - 0. Motion passed.

**Motion 02-99-05:** Motion by D. Morgan, seconded by W. Monger. That the FRRS shall approve an appropriation not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the purchase of 12 EMD replica old style builders plates (football plates) (2 per locomotive) to be used on WP 2001 and any 5 other EMD locomotives owned by the FRRS. Discussion followed. Ayes - 6 Opposed - 0 Abstained - 0. Motion passed.

#### New Business:

**A & D Recommended Equipment:** N. Holmes reported about proposals for equipment and that the Committee has made a review of the equipment. Discussion followed.

**Weekend Project Volunteers:** T. Mueller suggested setting up a weekend to work on a specific project.

#### Good of the Order:

**California Zephyr:** Pres. Englert stated that the year of 1999 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the California Zephyr. He reported that the RR Days Committee is considering the CA Zephyr Anniversary as the theme for this year's RR Days.

**RR Days Float:** The Board of Directors agreed to give Pres. Englert authorization to set up a float for the RR Days Parade sponsored by the FRRS.

**FRRS Letterhead:** D. Morgan presented new letterheads for the Boards' consideration and approval. The Board will review and make approval at next meeting.

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## Minutes of Previous Board Meetings

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Meeting Adjourned at 15:22 hours.

### March 1999, Not Available

### April 1999, Not Available

### May 1999

Meeting called to order by President Englert at 9:09 am

**Roll Call:** Present Anderson, Englert, Holmes, Monger, Morgan, Mueller, Neves, Stiles, and Wollesen. Absent Brehm-Work.

Discussion of VIA units' sale prior to general meeting: Chaired by President Englert. Issues about lack of information, ethics and no communication were brought up. Upon completion of discussion it was determined the vote for the sale would remain majority and unchanged. Issue closed.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** April's minutes were accepted

**Financial Report:** Accepted

**Correspondence:** Executive Director Holmes read a letter from the Yolo Shortline tendering an offer to purchase the VIA lounge car for \$18,200.00

**By-Laws:** Discussion followed regarding acceptance of most recent proposed by-law changes Motions followed

**2001:** CMO STILES informed the BoD the 2001 is almost complete and is scheduled to begin its "shakedown" runs on the YSL. He noted the speed recorder had been installed.

**2001 to Roseville:** Doug Morgan advised the BoD that due to certain "political" consideration the UPRR decided not to have "foreign" power on sight for the yards rededication.

**Silver Hostel:** The "Silver Hostel" has been successfully acquired by the FRRS. Doug Morgan explained the intricacies involved in both preparing and shipping the car to Portola. He was instructed to collect more data and dollar amount and return this information to the BoD

**Quincy #3:** The 44 tonner arrived on the flat car from Quincy. Discussion regarding movement of the ALCO ensued. The UPRR has advised they will not permit the movement of that unit under its on power leasing 2 options. One is to return the flatcar to Quincy and put the locomotive on the car. The other is to truck it. The BoD will decide on a method of movement upon installment of the new BoD.

Vic Neves presented a mission statement to the BoD for consideration:

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The primary goal of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the memory and history of the Western Pacific Railroad with a secondary goal to preserve the memory and history of subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

**MISSION GOALS:** To preserve and interpret the history of the WP ("willing people") as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the west coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism in-

dustry, the impact of freight completion between neighboring railroads. The Society also recognizes the WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industries from Plumas county through Northern California.

**Motion 05-99-01:** "An Offer Was Made By The Yolo Shortline To Purchase Via Lounge Ear The Purchase Price Of This Car Shall Be \$18, 200.00" Yes-0 No-8 Anderson, Holmes, Mueller, Wollesen, Monger, Neves, Morgan, Stiles Abstained-L Englert.

**Motion 05-99-02:** "Accept The Submitted by-laws Changes" Yes-1 No-7 Abstained-1 Englert.

**Motion 05-99-03:** "Return (With Comments) To Committee The Rejected by-laws Changes For Review And Modification" Yes-7 No-L Abstained-1 Englert.

GP9s: Discussion regarding painting the GP9s . I t was decide to let an outside vendor inspect and put in a bid.

**Motion 05-99-04:** "Accept The Proposed Mission Statement And Goals As Drafted By Vic Neves" Yes-5 Anderson, Holmes, Mueller, Monger, Neves No-3 Wollesen, Morgan, Stiles Abstained-1 Englert.

**Motion 05-99-5:** "Budget Request For The FRRS Costs At Railfair '99 Amounting To \$13, 500 (Budget Sheet Prepared)" Yes-6 Anderson, Mueller, Monger, Neves, Morgan, Stiles No-2 Holmes, Wollesen Abstained-1 Englert

Executive Director Holmes presented the board with a photograph of a box car converted to an " open air" passenger car, He explained he would do it and felt it would be an option for those who did not want to ride in cabooses.

**Motion 05-99-06:** "Convert Box Car WP 22009 To A Passenger Carrying Car At A Cost Of \$ 1200 Yes-5 Anderson, Holmes, Mueller, Wollesen, Monger No-3 Neves, Morgan, Stiles Abstained-1 Englert.

BoD discussed impending retirement of Executive Director Holmes—see next motion

**Motion 05-99-07:** "The FRRS Board Will Form An Ad Hoc Committee To Study Guidelines For The General Manger Position" Yes-8 Anderson, Holmes, Mueller, Wollesen, Monger Neves, Morgan Stiles No-0 Abstained-1 Englert.

**Motion 05-99-08:** "The BoD Of The FRRS Shall Modify The Previous Motion Numbered 05-99-04, Calling for A \$20,000.00 Deposit To Be Tendered To The Illinois Transit Assemble Corp Towards The Purchase Of Ex WP Zephyr Car "Silver Hostel". The Modifications Shall Be All Cash, \$50,000.00 For The Purchase Of The "Silver Hostel" Yes-7 No-0 Abstained-1

Meeting adjourned at XXXX hours

### June 1999

Meeting called to order at 1806 by Vice-Pres. Hank Stiles.

**Roll Call:** Present Monger, Brehm, Holmes, Morgan, Neves and Anderson. Excused: Englert. Absent: Mueller and Wollesen.

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**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and due to some discrepancies the approval was withheld until final review at the July Meeting.

**Correspondence:**

Letters from Pat Brimmer and Gary Hall were read regarding Rail Fair costs. After much discussion the Board decided to make results of the audit of the Rail Fair costs available to all at the July Board meeting. It was felt that the 10 day ultimatum proffered by Tom Graham would allow insufficient time to complete an accurate audit.

**Financial Report:** No Financial Report was available and the same was true of the Executive Director and committee reports.

**Old Business:**

**A report** was given on the grant that was given to the Plumas Corp. to advance feasibility studies for the Portola Railroad Museum. The results of this study will produce a site plan and a marketing plan which will be offered in Portola on July 14, 1999. In as much as the Board meets on July 17, 1999 those Board members who can attend the July 14th meeting will bring to the entire Board the results at our July Board Meeting. It was also noted that Plumas Corp. was willing to host a motivational meeting for the Board and the prospect of this being developed will be brought to the next Board meeting.

**The Mission Statement** was discussed at great length and there were feelings among some of the Board that in its present state it did not convey a complete meaning. Each member of the Board was asked to review the statement and bring their thoughts concerning the change in text to the July meeting.

**Changes in the By-laws** were also discussed and that too will be held over. As to the election: After some discussion a white ballot was cast for four new members. They being: Ed Wegner, Frank Brehm, Hank Stiles and Andy Anderson.

**The T/S-H/L** job description was discussed with resolve to come later.

**As to the C/Z** car Director Morgan is to present a preferred and alternate plan on how to retrieve and deliver the car to the Museum.

**The GP9** paint project also was put on hold until such time as a detailed plan is developed and approved.

**New Business:**

The Board was pleased with the announcement that Bruce and Sue Cooper are returning as operators of the BEANERY and it was moved and approved by a vote of 7-0 that the contract offered by them be approved.

**Motions by Director Brehm:**

**Motion #1:** That Director Holmes be reimbursed for any charges to his personal credit care for the subscription service from MyPostageRateSaver GOLD. This shall be in effect until such time that the Feather River Rail Society has its own means of taking care of charges such as this. Invoices will be provided to Director Holmes and the Board of the Feather

River Rail Society regarding these charges. Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Motion #2:** The Feather River Rail Society shall purchase one subscription for MyPostageRateSaver GOLD at the initial price of \$75.72. Motion passed by vote of 7-0.

**Motion #3:** The Feather River Rail Society apply for a VISA credit card to be used only for official Feather River Rail Society business purchases as approved by the Board of Directors. Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Motion by Director Neves** for acceptance a new sign for the Museum gate. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote to accept the proposal.

**Motion by Director Morgan** a proposal for black topping a portion of the entrance road. In the proposal was the offer of \$.95/sq. ft. After much discussion a motion was made and passed by a 6-1 vote to allow Director Morgan to proceed with this project.

Meeting adjourned at 1959 hours.

### July 1999

Meeting called to order by Pres. Englert at 1340 hours.

**Roll Call:** Present Brehm, Englert, Holmes, Morgan, Neves, Stiles and Anderson. Absent Monger, Mueller and Wollesen. The following were elected, re-elected and installed as directors: Ed Wagner, Hank Stiles, Andy Anderson and Frank Brehm. Immediately following the election and installation of the new board members nominations were opened for election of officers. New officers are; President, Andy Anderson. Vice President, Hank Stiles. Secretary, Ed Wagner.

At this time control of the meeting was turned over to President Anderson by Director Englert.

Action was then taken to fill a board vacancy by appointing Eugene Vicknair to the BoD.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Due to the fact that some members of the Board did not have a copy of the minutes of the June meeting and that a complete financial report was unavailable these two items were tabled until the August meeting.

**Correspondence:**

Director Holmes and Englert read correspondence and the appropriate action was taken.

**Committee Reports:**

Director Vic Neves gave a report on RAIL FAIR '99.

Director Hank Stiles gave his report on Engine 2001. He submitted a detailed expense report and request for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Request granted.

Director Neves reported on an additional magazine he wishes to have the museum advertised in.

Director Vicknair updated the Board on a Silver Hostel Fund-raiser endeavor.

**Old Business:**

Director Morgan reported on the preparation and installation

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of an air conditioning system for the membership sleeping car.

Director Brehm gave an update on the "Train Sheet" and "Headlight".

Also discussed was the RAL fleet.

### **New Business:**

Dan Brady was appointed Treasurer of the FRRS.

Director Holmes offered a motion to have the museum roof painted. Authorization was given to do this prior to "RAILROAD DAYS". An endeavor will be made to solicit funds to offset the cost. The entire Board thought this to be a good idea.

Director Englert moved that we give the Old Town Merchants \$200 for purchase of paint to paint the railroad tracks on the streets of Portola that shows the direction to the museum.

Passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued concerning the work that Director Holmes has started on the W. P. Boxcar to make it a part of the fleet of cabooses for train rides. Director Vicknair raised the issue of the Board pre-empting the A ~ D committee in approving this effort. After a lengthy discussion the Board, on a split vote, moved that Director Holmes delay further work until the A & D committee meets and brings a decision to the Board.

Director Morgan was authorized travel expenses up to \$1500.00 to prepare the CZ car "Silver Hostel" for transportation from St. Louis to Portola.

A proposal to have the Plumas Corp. sponsor a meeting of the Board with a facilitator was discussed. This effort will allow the Board to discuss situations and in effect alleviate some of the pressure of existing conditions. The Board thought this an excellent idea. This will be scheduled for sometime in September, 1999.

On the morning of this meeting (7/17/99) members of the Board and officials of the City of Portola heard comment in a presentation by Roger Clem regarding a grant from the Forest Service for a feasibility study for a marketing and site plan.

In closing, I freely acknowledge that much of this meeting content is absent from print and in order that this not be the case, henceforth, steps will be taken to prevent a future occurrence.

Meeting adjourned at 1635 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Anderson

(Editors Note) Space constraints prevent printing the motions presented at this meeting. They will be included in the next issue.

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