

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY AGENDA REPORT

DATE: July 6, 2004
FROM: Director Vicknair
MEETING: July 10, 2004
ITEM: New Business 3
SUBJECT: Availability of Sacramento Northern bay window caboose

Sacramento Northern bay window caboose 1642 was recently listed for sale. This caboose is currently located at the Golden Gate Railroad Museum and is privately owned by Mike Mangini. Current listing is \$19,500.



From Golden Gate Railroad Museum website:

"This ex-Western Pacific wooden box car was converted with several others to serve as a caboose on local freight trains in the bay area. This car was in use until approximately 1977. Built by Pullman in 1916 as a boxcar, the bay windows were added in 1943, along with the other "typical" appliances of a caboose, such as bunks and a stove. It was reassigned to the Sacramento Northern in 1963. Upon the car's retirement it was sold to a private owner who incorporated it into use as a dentist office and removed the interior furnishings."

The caboose has been recently cleaned-up and repainted in its original SN scheme. It is in very good condition. While much of the interior seating, etc. is missing, the interior itself is reported to be in good condition as well.

According to Garth Groff's history of the SN, the 1642 (along with cupola caboose 1632 and bay window 1644) received green paint to match the GP7s WP supplied to the SN in 1971. It often served with SN 712, which is now part of the FRRS collection. The 1642 (and sister 1641) were the last SN cabooses in service, being retired at the end of 1976.

This is brought to the board for consideration. I feel we should at least approach Mr. Magnini to discuss acquiring the 1642. While \$19,500 is a steep price and probably more than the caboose is worth, it would be an excellent complement to the SN 712 and give a view of the WP/SN/TS wooden cabooses in their later years. Negotiations may be possible to lower the price of the 1642.

Since it is a plain bearing car, a flat car would be required for transport if it were acquired. Costs are unknown for movement, but would likely be in the neighborhood of \$4-5000.

ACTION: Discussion. Possible Action.