

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Director Report
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We've been working on two projects to help show our commitment to the community at large.

The first one is the moving of Norm Holmes' Plymouth to a new owner that will get it running and back in the US Army livery that it was painted in when sold to the Army. It has been traded to Brett Tallman who will provide a similar engine that isn't operable but will be painted black and put on display at the William House Museum on Highway 70 as you come in from Reno. When the city removes the current wagon on display we will place a 20' panel track for the city. At that time Brett will bring up the display engine and then pick up the Plymouth. We have the ties and rail ready to move and set up when the city is ready. Brett will be here this weekend to discuss details.

The second item is the local museum in Dayton NV has requested a frog and switch points to add a switch to their track for running speeders. An old frog of 90lb rail that bolts together along with a set of switch points are in the bone yard that we will give the Dayton museum for new track addition. The frog is not one that we will be using in track expansion so giving it to a new home is better than sitting in the sage brush out in the balloon. I'm looking over the switch stands and will see if there is one that can go with the frog. Unfortunately there was a theft of several switch stands a couple years ago so an inventory of what we still have is in the process of being done.

A third item of importance to the museum is track work. Two items are pressing and the first is the broken frog on the RIP track 1~2 switch on the west side of the diesel shop. Now that cabooses are finished for the year we have a small window to replace the broken frog and ties. Loren Ross is setting up a work date and we will start staging the replacement frog and ties this weekend or early next week. Once the frog is replaced we will spot tamp the switches on the west end.

After the switch work we will start replacing ties on the balloon track, work days will be decided on and posted on the web page. I have 54 ties slated for replacement on the balloon track as time and temperatures allow.