



Feather River Rail Society

Portola Railroad
Museum

Preserving

"The Feather River Route"

P.O. Box 608
Portola, California 96122
(916) 832-4131

The museum is open daily year round from
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM except Christmas Day.
Entrance to the museum is free, however, we
have a suggested donation of \$2.00.

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.

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From the Desk of the President



We're now most of the way through the "off-season," and most of us around the Museum are still waiting for it to start. Except for the cold, the snow, and the calendar, the slow season is not really here. I'm still adjusting to the year-round tasks of helping administrate our business and operations, and this year seems to have been much busier than last, and much more interesting. The FRRS Board of Directors is dealing with the challenge of decreasing Museum revenues by expanding our advertising, particularly for the Locomotive Rental program, Rallfan's Day, and Railroad Days, and by investigating other avenues open to us. Watch the Train Sheet for further developments.

Our WP GP9's are safely on the property (see articles elsewhere), and CMO Hank Stiles has already had them both running. WP 731 (UP/LAIS/Helm 306) has a control power problem that is being looked into, but WP 725 (UP/LAIS/Helm 300) runs and loads just fine. We expect to re-number them and put WP 5-chime horns on them, but WP paint will have to wait a bit. Both of them have a lot of WP orange (particularly end stripes) showing through the UP yellow, anyway.

Please take the time to review the article on the upcoming elections in this issue. With 5 Directors' seats up for election this year, the challenge is there for any member, active or above, to get involved in shaping the future of the FRRS and the Portola Railroad Museum. It is not a requirement that you live near Portola to be a Director, but serving as a Director does include participation in monthly Board meetings, usually in Portola.

We can also use your help in promoting your Museum. Tell your friends, families, and co-workers about the Portola Railroad Museum, encourage them to consider a visit, and don't forget the Locomotive Rental program!

Headlight #11 should now be in your hands. My thanks go to you all for your continued support, and patience. You won't be disappointed.

Steve Habeck

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- Issue 1 (Out of print) California Zephyr Anniversary Issue.
- Issue 2 Joint issue with the Freight Car Journal; WP freight car roster; color. 28 pages, \$5.00.
- Issue 3 (Out of print) F3s in freight service; AAR box cars; WP tank cars; index to historical articles in back issues of the Train Sheet.
- Issue 4 (Out of print) A tale of 2 engines; PC-WP box cars; GP40s....a guide to types; circus specials. 36 pages.
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