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Web Pages of Interest...

Frank Brehm' WP Page <http://wpr.railfan.net/>
 WPRRHS / Mike Mucklin <http://members.aol.com/wprrhs/>
 PRRM / Samuel Herschbein <http://www.oz.net/~samh/frs/>
 SN Page / Garth Groff <http://poe.acc.virginia.edu/~ggg9y/home.html>
 CZ Virtual Museum / Alan Radecki <http://calzephyr.railfan.net/>
 WP Virtual Museum / Alan Radecki <http://members.aol.com/wpwobbly/wpstuff/wpmuseum.htm>
 CZ Home Page / John Wilson <http://www.mindspring.com/~calzephyr/czhome.htm>

—PRESIDENTIAL NOTES—

Christmas Greetings from the President and a Happy New Year to all of you. I hope all your wishes come true and you all get that electric train for Christmas. A message from the B of D about two special projects we are working on.

#1. As this is being written two of our delegates are in the St. Louis area to inspect two WP *California Zephyr* cars that the board is considering acquiring for our collection. Both cars will require quite a bit of restoration but if either one or both are acquired and restored it would really add a lot to our collection. When and if the decision is made to proceed with the project, you will be notified and will be asked to participate in a fund raising campaign to finance same.

#2. The California State Railroad Museum has asked us to participate in the 1999 Rail Fair celebration by sending WP GP-20 #2001, restored and in running order, for display and use at the CSRM grounds. This means that in order to be operational, the engine must be "Blue Carded", brought up to railroad running specifications. To do this will require about \$17,000 to \$20,000 worth of work. If this is

done then we will have a locomotive that can be used anywhere we are asked to take it as a "Flag Engine" for our museum. It would be quite a show piece and selling point for our museum and our organization. It could be added to the R.A.L. fleet at a special price, helping to recover the cost of repairs. The engine work would have to start right away in order to have it ready.

If you think these projects are worth funding and pursuing, please respond to any one of the board members, Executive Director Norm Holmes, or myself. Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers are in the front of the *Train Sheet*. There are other projects in the mill that we are sure you will be pleased with. We are making progress toward making the museum into a place that you can be proud to say that you are a part of.

Santa's Train runs Dec05 & Dec12. This year we are working in conjunction with the Old Town Merchants of Portola for a full day of celebration on the 5th, the whole business district will be all lighted and stores will stay open until 7:00pm. There will be Christmas Tree decorating contests, Big Tree Lighting, bonfire in the park, and a hayride from town to the museum for Santa's Train.
 COME JOIN US.

Seasons greetings from Skip & Mary