



The Train Sheet

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

Portola Railroad Days 2002

By Norm Holmes

The 20th annual Feather River Railroad Days is history. Because of conflicts with other events in August, the date was changed to July 27-28. The parade usually held on Saturday was scheduled for Sunday at 1PM. These changes did little to bring people to town. Advertisement about the date changes was minimal, the parade lasted all of 20 minutes and half of the vendors in the City Park backed out because of a last minute cancellation of the carnival rides.

However, the volunteers at the Portola Railroad Museum put on a great show. A visit to the City Park revealed few visitors with a majority congregating at the museum to ride the caboose trains and view the displays.

The Donner Pass Gandy Dancers brought their modular HO gauge model train layout from Carson City, the Truckee Meadows Ntrak group brought a N gauge layout and Gary Van



Old and new share space side-by-side as our GP7 707 and brand new UP SD70M 4775 are prepped for Railroad Days. -Frank Brehm

Treese brought his G scale live steam equipment to set up on the dock area. Ken Finnigan ran the donated N gauge layout. The traditional western "shootout and train robbery" was put on by Truckee's "Regulators." We really appreciate these fine folks helping us to put on a great show.

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Santa Trains 2002 - Planning Begins

By Pat Brimmer

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning for the Santa Train. This has always been a great time at the museum as we share the Holiday Spirit with our friends and neighbors in the City of Portola and the surrounding areas. So, below, you will find everything that I can think of that needs to be done for the Santa Train weekends. The dates for the Santa Train this year are November 30, December 7 and December 14. Notice that we will be running on three Saturdays this year as opposed to the two Saturdays in the past. This is due to a joint effort by several

organizations to try and provide activities for all of the people who come into the area to cut their own Christmas trees. I understand that about 15,000 permits for tree cutting are issued each year. We will plan on running the first train about 5:30pm. We will run until everyone has had a ride. Normally, we conclude operations about 8:30pm. This is always a fun time for museum volunteers and also for the community.

Now, what I really need are lots of **VOLUNTEERS** that will take responsibility for each of the things listed below. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail me ASAP so that we can

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- Portola Railroad Museum -

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The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily the first Saturday in March through the first Monday of November. The museum building is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily. Train operations begin the last Saturday of May and continue through the first Monday of September. The museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday of November through the first Friday of March except for special events in which arrangements have been made in advance. If you wish to visit during the closed 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 \$5.00 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.

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Associate \$15.00 Historical \$22.00 Active \$30.00 Family \$35.00 Sustaining \$75.00 Life \$300.00 Family Life \$450.00
These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.

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.

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Send all applications, renewals and address changes to:

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Web Pages of Interest

Feather River Rail Society (Official Site) www.wplives.org

CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net	Tidewater Southern	www.tidewatersouthern.com
PRM	www.oz.net/~samh/frrs	WPRRHS	www.wprrhs.org
SN Page	www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y	WP Virtual Museum	wpmuseum.railfan.net
Tidewater Southern	www5.pair.com/rattene/WP/TidelIndex.htm	Western Pacific	www.wplives.com

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During Saturday and Sunday Charles Grimes volunteered his "Hooligans" group and entertained us with Chicago style blues music. Train Rides in our caboose trains ran with capacity crowds both days. Union Pacific graciously loaned an almost new EMD SD70M for display. This was a big hit with the visitors who could compare the new diesel-electric technology with our earlier models. Our new Society President, Rod McClure made the arrangements for this exhibit. This unit was hand washed after arrival by FRRS volunteers so made an impressive display.

Our Gift Shop has been moved to much larger quarters, now residing in the former Beanery/Meeting room. Hot dogs, sandwiches and soft drinks were available along with gift shop merchandise.

Train crew participants for the event were, in no particular order: Paul and Ken Finnegan, Lew Barnard, Jack Palmer, Loren Ross, Dave Kantoff, Pat Brimmer, Charlie Spikes, Chris Juzwiak, Ron Nehr, Tom Andrews, Don Nelson, Rod McClure, Steve Habeck, John Walker and Norm Holmes. My apologies if someone was left off.

Recent Donations

Don Beale has donated a N gauge model railroad layout to the museum. Since we do not have room to permanently display the layout, Don gave us permission to sell it. We have put it up as a silent auction with the bids closing September 22. The layout is about 16 feet long, 4 feet wide, with a 8 foot "L" leg. It has a ore loading dock and a roundhouse.

Several locomotives and ore cars are included along with all the power packs etc. It is ready to roll. If you would like to bid by phone call the museum (530-832-4131) and someone can give you further info.

Norm Holmes' son Steve was able to obtain the donation of four fire hydrants and valves that were being replaced near his home in Incline Village, NV. These are only a few years old and will be used to replace the ancient hydrants we have at the museum.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The November Board Meeting for the FRRS will be held in Sacramento, CA. All interested members are invited to attend.

When: November 2, 2002. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Where: The Stanford Gallery of the California State Railroad Museum, located in the Big 4 Building at 111 "I" St., right next to the Railroad Museum Building building.

Map:

Computer Networking

By Frank Brehm

Over the several years, many volunteer hours have been spent putting together a plan to integrate computers and a networking system at the museum. We have purchased two Compaq Servers that will be the center of the new network. Envisioned in the "Information Technology" plan is the ability of volunteers to use the new system to log hours spent at the museum, track membership status, inventory control, as well as an interactive system for visitor use. We have been fortunate in receiving volunteer help from a network consultant who has agreed to evaluate our plan and make suggestions as appropriate. Site visits have taken place and more are planned. Installation of available computer systems should begin right after the first of the year.

Although we have, the basic plan in place much more is needed, with computer systems topping the list. A minimum set of standards for individual computer workstations has been decided upon and we are working on the wiring necessary to bring the system online. This will be a networking system comprised of computers stationed in appropriate areas for volunteer use and also in areas used for the day to day business of running the society.

Computers will be installed in the following areas as availability permits. Two in the office area, two in the operations office, one in the gift shop, two in the library car, two in the planned volunteer lounge area, and two in the planned library research area. We are also looking at having a minimum of two "touch screen" systems for visitor use which will provide historical information on our society, the museum, and the equipment preserved there.

Systems planned for use in the library will include scanners for transferring paper documents and photos to an electronic format that will be included in a database for easy retrieval by both members and visitors. This will alleviate the unnecessary handling of these documents and photos by those wishing to research historical facts concerning the Western Pacific and other railroads that we might have information on.

Integration with a new phone system is also being looked at that will allow many "voice mail" boxes as well as forwarding of calls to an appropriate department head during certain hours of the day. More information will be made available as plans are finalized.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002

1:00 PM * Board Meeting

Questions Call
(530) 832-4131

Discovery Museum



CSRM Main
Entrance

CSRM Turntable

Stanford Gallery

Sacramento River

I-5 and Amtrack Station

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get started with the details. When you e-mail me, please indicate what area(s) you would like to help in and whether you want to take responsibility for that area(s) or just help out in that area. My email address is brimmer@wwdb.org and is also listed at the end of this article.

If you see something that I have missed, please e-mail me immediately so that I can add it to the list and start searching for volunteers to cover it.

Operations Crew – Engineer, Fireman, Brakeman, Conductor, 5 car attendants, 2 or more crossing guards, supervisor/dispatcher. **CURRENTLY, THIS AREA IS REALLY IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS.** Without an operating crew, the Santa Train doesn't run. They will also be responsible for any switching that must be done prior to and after the Santa Train runs. At this time, the following people have signed up for the operating crew:

November 30 – Kerry Cochran

December 7 – Kerry Cochran, Pat Brimmer, Lew Barnard, Dave Kantoff, Loren Ross

December 14 – Pat Brimmer, Dave Kantoff, Loren Ross

Charge Radio Batteries – Responsible for making sure that all radios have fully charged batteries on each Santa Train night.

Refreshments – Responsible for making sure that all of our guests and volunteers have a full, warm tummy during the evening. Cookies, Hot chocolate, hot spiced cider, coffee. The hot chocolate and spiced cider come in individual packets. We just add hot water. We need to check on the supply of sugar packets and powered cream packets. We will use a lot of these.

Christmas Tree and Decorations – Responsible for purchasing a nice tree (6 foot minimum) and whatever decorations we need, lights included. They will be responsible for setting up the tree, decorating the tree, and then taking it down and disposing of the tree and putting away the decorations.

Santa – Santa gives out candy canes to all of the kids. These are about 6 inches long. I think we may have some in the supply room to see what size we need. Santa is responsible for purchasing the candy canes. Check with Norm to find out about how many we need.

Switching the yard before and after Santa Train – We will need a train crew to switch the yard before the cabooses are decorated and again after the decorations have been taken off of the cabooses and locomotive.

Putting lights on the fence in the parking lot – Last year we had funds to buy half of the lights that I wanted to decorate the fence between the parking lot and the museum. Hopefully, we can get the rest of them this year. Power must be run from the shop building out to the ticket booth area in order to provide power for the light strings. I have a diagram as to how the lights might be strung on the fence. The lights have to be taken down and stored along with the caboose and locomotive lights after the Santa Train finishes the season.

Decorating/Undecorating the train – Responsible for getting the lights on and off the train. It is the largest effort for

the Santa Train. We need to line up generators to run the lights on the train. We need to have one big light on the rear car to act as a headlight during the backing movement.

Engine Preparation/Winterization – Responsible for making sure we have a locomotive ready to go each weekend. The 2873 worked out well last year with the large cab for cab riders, the gyra-light in the front and the MARS light for when we are backing the train.

Initial Checkout of train lights – We need to get all of the lights out and check each string. Thanks to Tom Graham, Judy McGrath and Melissa McGrath, all of the caboose and locomotive lights from last year were carefully wound around pieces of cardboard and stored in plastic containers marked by caboose number. We also need to determine if we have enough lights for all of the cabooses and the locomotive as the light strings do deteriorate due to the weather. All of the caboose and locomotive lights and heralds are stored in the MOP.

Caboose heaters – We need to have heaters in each caboose. These need to be checked out ahead of time to make sure they are working and they are safe during train operations. We don't want any of our customers burned accidentally.

Gift Shop – They will be responsible for running the gift shop each evening of the Santa Train. The shop should be open and ready for business by 5:00 pm. They are responsible to make sure that there is plenty of money in the register to begin each evening. When the evening is over, they will count the register and make a note of the amount that they began with and finished with. They will then turn this money and information over to the President who will handle the deposit. If possible, it would be nice to keep a tally on how much of each item we sell, what people wanted that we didn't have and what we sold out of. This will help us in our planning and ordering for next year. NOTE: A scanning register sure would be nice to help gather this information. Maybe we can consider upgrading our register next spring.

Decorate/Undecorate Beanery – Responsible for decorating the beanery, including the Christmas tree. Last year, Gail McClure and Stephanie Sprague bought a lot of new decorations. If money is available, maybe we can add to that this year. Also, last year, Gail packed all of the decorations in plastic containers that are well marked and will protect our investments.

Heaters for the Beanery – Responsible for making sure that the beanery is a warm gathering place for our customers. If they feel that other heaters are needed in the building for comfort, please contact the President with your ideas.

Christmas Music inside the main building – Responsible for setting up a sound system and playing Christmas music each evening. I don't think we have done this before and we may or may not be able to do it this season (time is short).

Refreshments for volunteers: – Maybe the President's discretionary fund would have enough money to buy pizza for all of the volunteers and have it delivered to the beanery right after we finish with the last train of the evening (delivery about 9:00 pm?).

Snow removal (if necessary) – They will be responsible for clearing away snow and spreading snow melt if needed.

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Making sure the facilities are ready for our visitors – Responsible to make sure that the restrooms are clean and fully stocked with hand towels, tp and soap before each Santa Train evening. Responsible for making sure that the floor in the beanery is swept and mopped before each Santa Train evening.

Cab Ride Coordinator – Responsible for determining who rides in the cab of the locomotive on each trip.

Chief Model Railroad Engineer – Responsible for making the kids just as happy as Santa does by running the model railroad throughout the evening. Additional lighting may be needed on the layout so that the kids can really see it well.

Baggage Car – Last year we used the baggage car for a G-gauge Santa Train and also a static display. This will be optional this year until we can determine if it was worth the time and effort to set it up. In other words, how many people really went into the baggage car last year.

Photographer – They will be responsible for taking pictures of the evenings happenings.

Publicity – They will be responsible for getting the word out via newspaper, etc. to the City of Portola and the surrounding community.

WISH LIST – Maybe if we can get some donations, we can find a nice Christmas herald to go up high on the east end of the shop building. Also, a nice herald for the fence and gate area at the entrance to the museum. Maybe a lighted tree outline to go on the north side roof. Any other ideas??

So, there it is. Quite a long list of things to do but with a lot of volunteers, it will all get done and we will all have a fun time on Santa Train evenings. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you and also seeing all of you on the Santa Train.

IF EVERYONE DOES A LITTLE, THEN NO ONE HAS TO DO A LOT.

I think this is a good motto for a volunteer organization.

As a reminder my email address is brimmer@wwdb.org and I thank all of you in advance for volunteering your time to assist with this event.



Santa and Mrs. Claus are always a big attraction during the Santa Train Festivities.
- Frank Brehm

Direct Mail Fundraiser

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations for their support of the Feather River Rail Society evidenced by their generous contributions to our fundraising campaign.

\$0-100

Galen Anderson, Steve Averym, Raymond Balch, Martin Bank, Donald Borden, Daniel Brady, Clyde Brehm, Jr., John Bristow, David Brooks, J. Allan Brown, Michael Carroll, Barry Daniels, Charles Davis, Elmo Dito, Loren Dunlop, Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce, Mike Flaherty, Erik Frodsham, L.A. Galetti, Alan Gardnier, John Gass, Dennis Gilkey, F.J. Girard, Robert Gordon, Robert Griffin, James Halliwell, Robert Hanft, Lynn Held, William Holmes, Frank Hubbs, Steve Hupp, James Lakas, Ernest Long, Gary Lower, Ronald Mack, Dave Maurer, Foster Maxwell, Kent McDougall, Tom Mueller, Nick Perusina, John Rogers, Larry Schievelbein, Eugene Schmittgens, Sr., Elise Sellman, Stephen Sewell, Dwight Teague, Ron Tatum, Eugene Vicknair, W.E. Wells, Ron Whaley, P.L. Wyche, Jr., PPG Industries Foundation Matching Gift Program.

\$101-250

Ken Brink, John Bristow, John Stein, David Tressell, John Wieland.

\$251-500

Jon Haman, Michael Romiez.

\$501 and up

Jay Sarno.

This on-going fundraising project will continue through 2003, so it is not too late to support the FRRS and the Portola Railroad Museum. Your donation will help support operations, restoration and other projects, and reflect support for our efforts to granting agencies and foundations through which additional funding may be obtained. Climb aboard!

Welcome New Members

I would like to introduce our new members and welcome them aboard.

LIFE: Brian D. Six, Phil Bronner.

FAMILY: Daniel Miles, Margot & Florence Muller, Dick Hultin, Ken Bariel.

SUSTAINING: Craig Benner.

ACTIVE: Wes Horton, Roy Taylor, Brian St. Hilaire, Jim Wieschendorff, Brian Leppert, Gary A. Dunn.

HISTORICAL: George Smokey Bass, Ted Mirocha, Brian Johnson.

2001 Financial Report

Feather River Rail Society Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2001 and 2000

		Dec. 31, 2001		Dec.31, 2000
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	159,078	\$	237,342
Inventory at cost		39,279		61,788
Prepaid Expenses		20,000		20,000
Historical collection		2,017,979		1,960,174
Long-term investments		120,561		103,090
Property and equipment, net		135,852		134,301
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,492,749	\$	2,516,695
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	2,460	\$	944
Gift certificates payable		7,091		7,520
TOTAL LIABILITIES		9,551		8,464
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted		2,235,302		2,259,904
Temporarily restricted		88,703		99,882
Permanently restricted		159,193		148,445
TOTAL NET ASSETS		2,483,198		2,508,231
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	2,492,749	\$	2,516,695

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2001

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT						
Contributions	\$	19,392		\$5,432	\$ -	24,824
Membership dues		19,306			4,625	23,931
Gift shop sales		42,275			-	42,275
Train operations		55,525			-	55,525
Investment return		6,165		3,411	6,123	15,699
Sale of Investments		357			-	357
Other		9,850			-	9,850
Net assets released from restrictions						
Projects Completed		20,022		(20,022)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT EXPENSES		172,892		(11,179)	10,748	172,461
OTHER SUPPORT EXPENSES						
Program Services		79,495			-	79,495
Supporting Services						
Management and general		68,945			-	68,945
Fund-raising		49,054			-	49,054
TOTAL EXPENSES		197,494			-	197,494
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(24,602)		(11,179)	10,748	(25,033)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING		2,259,904		99,882	148,445	2,508,231
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$	2,235,302	\$	88,703	\$	159,193

Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2001

		Program Services	Supporting Services Management & General	Fund-raising	Total	
Compensation		6,725	-	-	6,725	
Membership		487	-	-	487	
Operations		17,244	-	-	17,244	
Gift Shop		-	-	49,054	49,054	
R.A.L		13,477	-	-	13,477	
Excursion train		9	-	-	9	
Events		487	-	-	487	
Convention		1,275	-	-	1,275	
Program services—newsletter		3,617	-	-	3,617	
Restoration		11,248	-	-	11,248	
Beanery		-	495	-	495	
Publications		5,913	-	-	5,913	
Other		1,823	8,832	-	10,655	
Advertising		-	6,799	-	6,799	
Auto		-	630	-	630	
Bank Charges		-	1,614	-	1,614	
Building		-	1,846	-	1,846	
Depreciation		17,190	-	-	17,190	
Insurance		-	15,777	-	15,777	
Legal		-	12,294	-	12,294	
Professional Services		-	6,865	-	6,865	
Utilities		-	12,108	-	12,108	
Office		-	1,685	-	1,685	
TOTAL	\$	79,495	\$	68,945	\$	49,054

Member Services, We Are Here for You

By Frank Brehm

There have been changes in the Member Services Department that you, as members, should be aware of. Longtime Member Services Department Head Kerry Cochran recently resigned due to time constraints and other commitments to the society. I have been appointed to oversee this department to coordinate and ensure memberships are being processed in a timely manner, review the different membership levels and dues as well as answer questions or complaints concerning membership related questions. Although this may seem a simple tasking it does require time. Improvements have already been instituted that will help streamline the operation of processing new member applications as well as renewals.

Our bookkeeper Susan Scarlett has agreed to process all new membership requests as well as renewals from current members. Turn around time from receipt of the request to mailing of membership cards is now 5 to 7 days. This should alleviate some of the complaints we have received concerning memberships and renewals. If you do experience a problem please let me know.

In issue 103 of The Train Sheet new membership cards were announced. If you have not yet received yours please let me know so that we may get that in the mail to you. I have also recently been informed that all life/family life memberships should have received a certificate suitable for framing to acknowledge your contribution to the FRRS. If you are a life or family life member and have not as yet received this certificate let me know so we can print and mail this to you.

We are still struggling with address changes, it seems that just when we think we have all the new addresses changes of members, a new Post Office card comes in the mail, or we receive a previously mailed item with a new address. If you change your address, move, or know of a member that has passed away please make sure that you send an update to the FRRS. Changes of address kits are available at your local Post Office.

Membership records normally include name, address, phone number, e-mail addresses, member number, expiration date, and the date a member joined, as well as their occupation.

The FRRS does not sell our membership list to other marketing or advertising companies, but we do occasionally use the membership list to send out notices to our members about FRRS sponsored events. If you have any questions about your membership record, please contact us, and we will be glad to talk to you about the information.

One way to check on your membership status is to look at the mailing label on the Train Sheet or any correspondence you receive from the membership department.

The mailing label will have the following information on it:

Name (First, Last) Membership Date and a Code (TSH-TS-H)
Address
City, State, and Zip Code + 4

Information on Label

Date: the date your current membership expires (for Life members and Family Life there will be a L or LF in this position). The code after the date stands for the following: TSH Active members (Active, Family, Life, Family Life and Sustaining) who receive the Train Sheet and the Headlight, TS for Associate members who receive the Train Sheet only and H for Historical members who receive the Headlight only.

Address: The current address we have on file.

City, State and Zip Code Please make sure we have your Zip Code + 4, as the Post Office delays the mail without the Zip + 4.

When a FRRS member fails to inform the FRRS of a change of address their Train Sheet is returned to the FRRS by the Post Office. The new address is listed on the returned Train Sheet. However there is a fee of 60 cents for each returned Train Sheet. So two things happen when you fail to notify the FRRS of your change of address, it costs the FRRS money and delays your publications by weeks or even months. The Post Office is very slow to return them with a corrected address. Often a second Train Sheet has gone out before the first one comes back. The FRRS does NOT re-mail the Train Sheet if it is returned a second time. So, we are requesting that all members notify the FRRS of a change of address at least one month in advance.

Another issue that causes at least one Train Sheet every issue to be returned is a "temporarily away" notice since the post office does not hold third class mail. We also have to pay 60 cents for these returned items. These returned publications are NOT re-mailed. They could well be sent back more than one time by the post office.

Only Member Services can change a member's address. Member Services maintains the master computer file and all changes are made to it and copied for use with other FRRS files, documents, and mailings. It is very helpful if the change of address includes the effective date of the change. Although you may use the Post Office change of address card a note with your name, membership number, old address and new address works just as well.

You can mail it to the FRRS or if you are in Portola you may drop it off at the gift shop. Mark it Attention: Member Services. A few minutes of time will save money, make sure you get your publications in a timely manner and results in less work for the staff who have to process the returned mailings.

We mail out member renewal notices at least 90 days prior to expiration. If dues are not received within 45 days after your expiration date your name is dropped from the membership list.

For any other membership problems or questions such as missing cards for family members please contact Membership services either through e-mail at: membership@wplives.com or by US Mail to: FRRS Member Services, P.O. Box 608, Portola, Ca. 96122-0608

Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2002

Director Vicknair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. The following directors were present: Frank Brehm, Jan Breitwieser, Kerry Cochran, Norm Holmes, Hank Stiles, Eugene Vicknair. President Anderson, Director Brimmer, and Director Habeck were unable to attend.

Visitors present: Dave Anderson, Julie Anderson, Dan Brady, Marta Egan, Bill Kennedy, Helen Kennedy, Gail McClure, Rod McClure, Judy McGrath, Jack Palmer, Susan Scarlett, Eric Stephens, John Walker.

ITEM OF URGENCY:

Director Vicknair read a letter presented to President Anderson by Director Brimmer submitting his resignation from the Board, citing conflicts with several board members as his reasons.

SEATING OF NEW DIRECTORS:

Based on past practice, new director seating has been based upon their presence at the meeting. The Board welcomed back incumbents Andy Anderson, Frank Brehm, Steve Habeck and Hank Stiles.

Due to Mr. Brimmer's resignation, the question arose regarding filling the new Board opening.

Item was tabled until later in the meeting to allow for review of the Bylaws. Item revisited after discussion of the Santa Train Presentation.

When revisited, Director Cochran advised that the Bylaws indicated that the Board has the authority to fill vacancies due to resignation.

Director Stiles nominated Gail McClure to fill the vacant seat. Voting was conducted by secret ballot. Ballots were collected and tabulated by Susan Scarlett. Ms. McClure was confirmed by majority of counted ballots.

SELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS:

Nominations were opened for the office of President. Nominated were Director Habeck, Rod McClure, Director Holmes and Marta Egan. Director Cochran indicated that Director Habeck was not present to accept the nomination and similar situations in the past resulted in Board consensus that individuals nominated must be present at the meeting to accept. Director Habeck's nomination was withdrawn.

Voting was conducted by secret ballot. Ballots were collected and tabulated by Susan Scarlett and Dan Brady. Mr. McClure won the majority vote as President.

Nominations were opened for the office of Vice-President. Nominated were Director Brehm and Director Holmes. Voting was conducted by secret ballot. Ballots were collected and tabulated by Susan Scarlett and Dan Brady. Director Brehm won the majority vote as Vice President.

Nominations were opened for the office of Secretary. Nominated were Director Vicknair and Director Gail McClure. Director McClure declined the nomination, but agreed to continue in the capacity of Assistant to the Secretary. Voting was conducted by secret ballot. Ballots were collected and tabulated by Susan Scarlett and Dan Brady. Director Vicknair was confirmed as Secretary.

Nominations were opened for the office of Treasurer. Nominated was Dan Brady. Voting was conducted by secret ballot. Ballots were collected and tabulated by Susan Scarlett and Dan Brady. Dan Brady was confirmed as Treasurer.

All new officers were welcomed. President McClure request-

ed Director Vicknair continue running the meeting.

NEW DIRECTOR ORIENTATION:

New Director Orientation was tabled and will be addressed at a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Marta Egan advised that she was in receipt of a letter from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the FRRS for becoming a Chamber Member.

Rod McClure advised the Board that he was in receipt of a nationwide (including Canada) newsletter published by railroad employees containing an article including coverage of Truckee Railroad Days and a picture of the 805-A. The article also acknowledged the FRRS as the home of the locomotive.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held June 1, 2002.

Approval of the minutes of the Membership meeting held June 1, 2002.

Financial Reports –

Dan Brady acknowledged the generous donation of a pair of Great Western Railway (England) candle lanterns (circa 1860-70) by one of his clients.

Mr. Brady presented year-end financial statements for 2001. Reports were reviewed and explained in detail. He also stressed the importance of fundraising to keep the organization moving forward, and thanked all department heads for keeping spending under control. Susan Scarlett also advised that the 2002 budget has now been loaded into the accounting system so that budget vs. year to date expenses can be presented.

Motion # 02-07-01

Approval of consent agenda reports as presented. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Stiles. All directors present voted in favor—Motion carried.

SANTA TRAIN PRESENTATION (MOVED FROM NEW BUSINESS): Helen Kennedy advised the Board that the City of Portola and the Forest Service are currently working on a project to make the city the Christmas Tree cutting center of the area. She requested that the Board consider running the Santa Train for three weekends rather than the traditional two (weekends of 11/30, 12/07 and 12/14) in support of this partnership.

Director Cochran advised his main concern was the availability of operating crews, however, the Santa Train has been a Society effort to give back to the community. It was also noted this was an excellent opportunity for some low cost publicity.

Director Breitwieser suggested that there are several different venues through which funds can be raised at the event to offset additional costs for extended schedule including selling of food and raffles/drawings. Extended hours will also require review.

Marta Egan will work with Helen Kennedy regarding Society presentation with respect to advertising.

Motion #02-07-02

Acceptance of proposal to for an extended Santa Train sched-

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ule. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Breitwieser. All directors present voted in favor—Motion carried.

BREAK – 7:35-7:42 pm

Director Cochran had to leave due to a previous personal engagement.

OLD BUSINESS:

V&T 80 TONNER TRADE: Director Holmes asked the Board to reconsider the trade of the 80 tonner for the Oroville turntable due to financial considerations and cost to move/install.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal to reconsider. The value of the locomotive prior to the beginning of repairs by the V&T was questioned and it was determined that the market value was low due to the condition of the equipment. Director Vicknair advised that the availability of turntables is limited and cost to obtain are very high. President McClure expressed that Scott Franklin indicated he would be able to move the turntable sections and could provide the service at a low cost.

Motion #02-07-03

Consideration by the Board amending contract with the V&T removing the Oroville turntable from said contract and trade locomotive for \$5,000. Motion made by Director Holmes, seconded by Director Breitwieser. Director Holmes voted in favor of the motion, Director Stiles, Brehm, and McClure voted against, Directors Breitwieser and Vicknair abstained – Motion defeated.

SULZER LOCOMOTIVE ACQUISITION: Director Holmes asked that the Board reconsider their adoption of the recommendation of the Acquisition & Deacquisition Committee not to obtain one of these locomotives.

Discussion ensued regarding logistics of getting the equipment to the property. Cost to transport is unknown at this time should the Union Pacific decline to donate transportation services. Construction of 200 feet of track to reach live track would be required. The construction costs might be shared by other recipients/purchasers. There is a question as to whether the locomotives still run.

Motion #02-07-04

Reconsideration of acquisition of one Sulzer powered locomotive for the FRRS collection. Motion made by Director Holmes, seconded by Director Breitwieser. Director Holmes voted in favor of the motion, Directors Stiles, Brehm, Breitwieser and McClure voted against, Director Vicknair abstained – Motion defeated.

CAMP CAR MOVEMENT REPORT: Director Vicknair reported that Director Holmes mentioned at the previous meeting that there was some potential problem with the gentleman owning the yard where the car was stored. This is no longer the case, however, he has begun to pursue anticipated cost to move the car to Portola.

PURCHASE ORDER PROCESS AND POLICY: The Board agreed this item should be tabled for further discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Marta Egan advised that the process appears to need adjustment, but if it allows departments to track their spending it does serve an important purpose. Susan Scarlett advised the board that the current process is cumbersome and does not appear to be working as it was intended to when designed.

Director Stiles recommended that Ms. Scarlett, Ms. Egan and Dan Brady work together to refine the system for presentation at a future Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADDITION OF GP20 WP 2001 TO THE RAL PROGRAM: Director Vicknair stated that Director Habeck asked for the Board to consider addition of the 2001 to the RAL program. Director Stiles indicated he had some concerns regarding availability of parts and that the locomotive was not designed to run at low speeds. Director Holmes suggested that an insert be prepared to include in the RAL brochure should the board adopt the motion.

Motion #02-07-05

Addition of the GP 20 2001 to RAL program at new proposed rate of \$150 for one hour and \$225 for a combination rental until the end of the operating season. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Vice-President Brehm. All directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

MOTORCAR EVENT: Director Holmes advised he had received a call from Bernie Allen from Carson City indicating that he would like to reinstitute a motorcar event at the Museum. There were questions regarding liability issues, impact to RAL program and that the proposed dates fall outside of the operating season. Director Holmes requested that this issue be tabled and he will provide additional information or a proposal at the next meeting.

SECURITY ISSUES: Director Vicknair advised that there have been reports of transients on property, missing tools, and other issues. Suggestions have been made that there is a need for a broader based committee to review security issues. Director Cochran will work with Director Vicknair to assess the situation with facility and equipment keys and access. He recommended empowerment of a committee of operational managers to review and report on these issues.

COMPLETE PAINTING AND BODY WORK ON VIA LOUNGE: Director Vicknair requested this item be tabled until the next meeting. John Walker stated that he has several items to donate toward this project and will contact Director Cochran to discuss further.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Vice-President Brehm advised that he is nearing completion of the newest issue of the Train Sheet for publication.

Director Holmes advised he viewed a piece regarding the Museum on Channel 2 broadcast from Oakland, CA. Marta Egan advised that there were a number of visitors the following weekend who commented they were on property because they had seen it as well. Director Holmes further advised that the hospital had been broken into and recommended that the Board consider fencing the property off. He will check on cost for fencing materials for presentation at the next meeting.

Director Vicknair advised that he had spoken with a representative of the Golden Gate Railroad Musuem last year. He indicated that they might be willing to trade CZ skirts for two barrel style Mars lights from our Fairbanks Morse Trainmaster parts inventory.

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Motion #02-07-06

Pursue trade with Golden Gate Railroad Museum of Trainmaster Mars lights for California Zephyr Skirts and any other available parts. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Stiles. All directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Director Breitwieser reported that the Beanery/Gift Shop combination is moving forward and should be completed in the coming weeks. She was able to obtain new shelving and fixtures to be utilized toward this end. The floor has been painted using volunteer help and donated materials.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Director Vicknair reported that work continues on the code correction issues. He further advised that he is currently over budget due to changes in planned electrical work and pending plumbing issues with the shower car.

Motion #02-07-07

Request to increase facilities budget in the amount of \$1,000 to cover additional costs surrounding code corrections. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Vice-President Brehm. All directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Director Vicknair advised that he is in the process of converting the east end of the Office car into a secure file room with fire suppression capability.

President McClure advised that clean-up efforts on the property continue. He also requested budgetary authority in the amount of \$750 to acquire Class II Roadbase to improve the shop access road and access to the Wheel Garden. Dan Brady advised this would fall under maintenance and already appears in the budget.

Mr. Brady advised that additional items requested for spending authority, specifically \$900 toward fundraising, \$1,500 for batteries, \$500 for library and archives, are already covered in the budget and do not require additional approval.

President McClure reported the opportunity to purchase another Dodge pickup truck with recently rebuilt motor and transmission, including running gear and miscellaneous parts to repair the Society's Dodge pickup for \$500. There will also be a need for additional maintenance.

Motion #02-07-08

Purchase of Dodge truck to effect repairs to Society equipment for the amount of \$500. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Vice-President Brehm. All directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Director Vicknair advised that the fundraiser has gone out and we are already beginning to receive responses and donations.

Director Vicknair reported that Director Cochran informed him that all membership materials have been turned over to Susan Scarlett.

Director McClure reported that the opportunity drawing tickets have been printed and are available to those willing to support. Marta Egan reminded the Board that one of the obligations of a Board of Directors is to support fundraising activities through participation.

Ms. Egan advised that the arrangements for the Golf Tournament and Dinner continue to move forward. She asked that the Board talk to people about in-kind donations for silent auction.

Director McClure asked that it be noted for the record her appreciation of Ms. Egan's leadership in coordinating these efforts and

bringing her knowledge of fundraising events to the FRRS. This sentiment was echoed by many present at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Director Vicknair advised that the contract for participation at Truckee Railroad Days has been approved and will be presented to the President for signature. He is also gathering volunteers and asked that anyone interested in participating contact him directly.

PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Marta Egan advised that she has been collecting information and details regarding the Union Pacific Grant. The grant writer she is working with has advised a cost for services of \$100-150. Ms. Egan requested amending her contract to remove items she had determined are not worth pursuing and to reflect additional duties she has been asked to perform.

Motion #02-07-09

Acceptance of proposed changes to contract for services of Marta Egan. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Breitwieser. All directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report at this time.

STATUS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY REPORT: No report at this time.

OTHER: Marta Egan advised that Director Habeck and President McClure have done a fantastic job with the property clean up. She wanted to express her thanks for their hard work. President McClure stated that the credit needed to go to his volunteer crew.

John Walker advised that he is searching for 96' of industrial shelving for the continuation of work on the Simplot/Archives car.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

August 3, 2002

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The following directors were present: Frank Brehm, Kerry Cochran, Steve Habeck, Norm Holmes, Gail McClure, Hank Stiles, Eugene Vicknair. Directors Andy Anderson and Jan Breitwieser were unable to attend.

Visitors present: Don Borden, Marta Egan (staff), Alan Turner (staff), Charlie Walls.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held 07/13/02.

Financial Reports – Marta Egan presented a year-to-date profit and loss statement and expense/revenue to budget comparison on behalf of Dan Brady.

Motion # 02-07-01

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Approval of consent agenda reports as presented. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

CAMP CAR MOVEMENT REPORT: Director Vicknair asked that this item be carried over to the next regular meeting so that he may gather and present anticipated costs associated with the movement of the car to Portola.

CABOOSE RIDE FARES: Marta Egan advised that due to comments made by patrons and lost ridership, Director Breitweiser is recommending a change to the fee schedules for entrance and caboose rides. She further advised that the suggested donation for entrance had been adjusted to \$5 for adults, \$2 age 14-17, and \$1 for under 14. Director Breitwieser will present these items at the next regular meeting.

FEATHER RIVER SHORT LINE EQUIPMENT: President McClure reminded the board that we have no written agreement for the FRSL caboose and paymaster cars, and he is very concerned about the Society's liability regarding same. He proposed that the board consider the following solutions to this issue: Ask the FRSL to remove their equipment from our property, pursue ownership of equipment, or obtain a signed agreement removing liability for the equipment.

Marta Egan recommended that Alan Turner draft an agreement addressing this issue. Mr. Turner advised the Board that a contract could be drafted, however, the protection provided would be partial in as far as if the other party does not have the resources to cover a third party claim, responsibility would fall back to the Society. However, if the release is for liability for damage to the property, the Society would not be responsible. He recommended we act on this as soon as possible.

President McClure stated that upon his review of the records, the Society has spent approximately \$5,000 on this equipment to date.

Motion # 02-07-02

Motion to proceed with drafting of a hold harmless agreement with regard to liability on the Feather River Short Line Equipment (caboose and pay car). Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Holmes. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Mr. Turner asked that President McClure forward all details regarding the equipment to him for pursuit. It was also recommended that entrances to the caboose be sealed with plywood as soon as possible.

HAP MANIT PROPERTY: President McClure advised that materials that belonged to Hap Man it are contained in two box cars on property and Judy McGrath volunteered to clean them out over a year ago. Director Cochran recommended Ms. McGrath be asked if she wishes to continue with the project. Director Holmes stated there is an agreement with Mr. Man it's son that the Society would salvage and split proceeds on sale of any items of worth.

Alan Turner advised that if Mr. Man it's estate is closed and these items were addressed in the estate, there should be established owners with whom we should be in contact. If these items were not addressed in the estate, then there arguably the Society would be the owner of the property. Status of the estate needs to be determined so that we know who to work with.

President McClure requested that Marta Egan check on the status of the estate including Order of Probate, Inventories and Disposition Order. The Board was in agreement that determination of ownership and disposition proposals would be readdressed with respect to these issues

in 90 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMPLETE PAINTING AND BODY WORK ON VIA LOUNGE:

Director Vicknair advised that since Director Cochran had revived the interior work project on the crew lounge car, he would recommend that the remaining exterior body work and paint be done. He also recommended that the Board look at putting air conditioning in the car as funding becomes available. Director Cochran advised that the Board did approve a budget of \$5,000 for air conditioning in the car last year. Director Habeck believes it would cost less than \$1,000 to complete remaining exterior body work and paint.

Motion # 02-07-03

Motion to establish Steve Habeck as project manager for the VIA/Crew Lounge car to complete exterior body work and interior electrical work, with air conditioning work pending confirmation of available funds. Motion forwarded by Director Brehm, Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

NON-FRRS EQUIPMENT LEASES AND LIABILITIES: President McClure advised that he had been working on a draft Lease/Use Agreement to cover the Society with respect to financial and liability concerns on non-Society equipment on property. Director Holmes advised that there are agreements in place on several pieces of equipment and President McClure advised he had heard the same from several of the equipment owners as well. He would like to see these documents updated and run through legal counsel. The Board was comfortable with President McClure working with legal counsel on these drafts for presentation to the Board at a future regular meeting.

FIRE PREVENTION: President McClure advised the Board he would recommend the appointment of Director Brehm as Fire Marshall for the Society. He reported he had done a preliminary inspection of the property and discovered that the water tank/sprayer kept at the picnic area did not work, nor did any of the hydrants on the property. Director Brehm stated he has been in contact with an organization that may have the hydrants necessary and was also looking at obtaining a used brush rig. Alan Turner also advised he may have connections toward that end.

Motion # 02-07-04

Motion to accept appointment of Frank Brehm as Fire Marshall for the Feather River Rail Society as a Department Head under Facilities. Motion forwarded by Director McClure, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President McClure reported that hobos have been marking equipment on the property and, per the Union Pacific Special agent in Sparks, NV, these marks identify the Portola Railroad Museum as a "safe jungle" or safe place to stay/eat/clean up. He asked that the Security Committee established at the prior regular meeting meet to discuss and act upon this issue.

Clean up efforts on property continue. President McClure advised that he was looking for specific direction regarding the WPMW Airstream Trailer and Gordon Wolleson's VW Bus. Director McClure said she and Director Brehm had talked about approaching Airstream for technical assistance and/or sponsorship of restoration of the trailer as a

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mobile gift shop. President McClure was directed by the Board to investigate disposal of the VW with Mr. Wollerson.

President McClure advised he would be entertaining bids to have the two west end shop doors recently replaced/salvaged installed as replacements for the east end shop doors.

Visitorship for Portola Railroad Days was good. Gift Shop sales were better than they have been since the late 1980's. Marta Egan suggested a committee be formed soon to begin planning efforts for Portola Railroad Days 2003.

President McClure reported that Susan Scarlett recommended appointment of a new membership committee chairman. He stated he would like to appoint Director Brehm as Membership Committee Chairman and that he focus on dues fee structure and combining Historical Society memberships with Regular membership. Director Vicknair reminded the Board that membership falls under the purview of the Secretary and he would accept Director Brehm in that position.

President McClure advised he recommended there be an RAL Coordinator and that Director Holmes be appointed to that position, working in cooperation with all involved in the program. The RAL program would continue under the Operating Department.

Lastly, President McClure asked for input from the Board if there was any concern regarding his continued chairmanship of the A&D Committee. There were no objections.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Director Brehm reported that he would appreciate submission of all articles for the Train Sheet in a timely manner to assist him with meeting publication deadlines.

Director Vicknair advised he was in contact with individuals who may be able to donate parts for the Zephyr Project as well as information on historically correct colors and patterns for carpet and paint, and some interior decorations. Marta Egan stated she may know someone who can assist with the dome frames.

Director Holmes reminded the Board that Dan Brady requested he create a historical basis for the Society's restricted funds. He asked that the Board review this information and e-mail him with any corrections or changes. Director Holmes also recommended that an audit committee be empanelled to look at the appropriations and account balances reported by the treasurer. Discussion continued regarding an audit that was started two years ago, but not completed due to the cost of the project, as well as the work currently in progress on the accounting records. President McClure advised he would speak with Mr. Brady.

Directors Stiles, McClure, Cochran, and Habeck had nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FACILITY REPORT: Director Vicknair reported that the office car is now fully functional electrically. He has spoken with Director Cochran and Eric Stephens regarding the tel-com requirements and what needs to be done with respect to completion of this work.

He also said he needs to speak directly with the City's Building Inspector regarding the plumbing for the shower car to assure code corrections are done right as the requirements provided were unclear. He stated that Mr. Stephens has agreed to be the Facility Electrician and will put together a complete wiring diagram for the property.

Director Vicknair advised he had failed to thank Ron and Teri Renish for work they had done on the gift shop, installation of new water heater in the shop, installation of water heater straps and other miscellaneous repairs. He apologized for the oversight.

ROADMASTER REPORT: President McClure reported that once the weather cools, he will be working on completing tie work on the Balloon Track.

FUNDING REPORT: Director McClure reported good response to fundraising projects including \$3,440 from direct mail project and \$800 from opportunity drawing tickets with the majority of these sold through the gift shop.

Marta Egan advised that work is progressing on the fundraising dinner and golf tournament. She does need assistance with stuffing envelopes and solicitation of tee sponsorships, direct financial support and donations of items for silent auction. She also asked that Board members be available and present at the dinner to provide public relations to the attendees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PORTOLA RAILROAD DAYS: Item addressed earlier in the meeting. No additional discussion.

TRUCKEE RAILROAD DAYS: Marta Egan reported that she was approached by a representative of the Truckee Regulators, a volunteer group which stages old west style "gunfights", if the Society would be able to provide a car with dining style seating, a refrigerator and stove/oven which they would use as a fundraising opportunity for the Society. It was suggested that Director Vicknair and Ms. Egan work together on this potential project.

Director Vicknair advised one of the event sponsors will be purchasing television advertising space that prominently features the 805A and 2001. He also asked that anyone willing to volunteer as docents please contact him.

Director Vicknair stated there was a conflict with respect to the September Board meeting due to participation in Truckee Railroad Days. It was recommended that the location of the meeting be changed to Truckee to resolve the conflict.

Motion # 02-07-05

Motion to change location of regularly scheduled September 2002 Board Meeting to Truckee. Motion forwarded by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors presents voted in favor, with the exception of Director Cochran who abstained – Motion carried.

PO POLICY COMMITTEE: Marta Egan reported that the committee had not convened to discuss and requested this item be tabled. President McClure advised that Susan Scarlett asked that he let the Board know her recommendation was to discard the policy as currently written as it was cumbersome and that Department Heads should be held accountable for their budgets.

Motion # 02-07-06

Motion to discard present purchase order policy. Motion forwarded by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

A&D COMMITTEE: SP Beet Gondola/SN Boxcar

Director Vicknair advised he had received a query from another Museum expressing interest in trading a 1919 SN boxcar without trucks for an SP beet gon. He asked that the A&D Committee entertain this trade. President McClure advised he would approach this with the committee and report back to the Board.

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SECURITY COMMITTEE: Addressed earlier in the meeting. No additional discussion.

MAGNOLIA TOWER COMMITTEE: Director Vicknair stated he was requested by President McClure to head up acceleration of this project as Gary Hall was out of the country and the issue was becoming extremely time-sensitive. He advised that the contract provided by Amtrak was a boilerplate railroad contract that did not apply to the situations regarding the tower. Mike Deeble, our insurance provider, offered to try and renegotiate a special contract with his contacts at Amtrak appropriate to our situation. Vic Neves continues to work on local issues with respect to dismantling of the tower for transport.

PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: President McClure suggested to the Board that Marta Egan's Contract be extended by one month through October so she may assist in wrap up of the 2002 operating season and current fundraising projects.

Motion # 02-07-07

Motion to extend Marta Egan's contract in writing by one month. Motion forwarded by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Ms. Egan advised that she and Director Holmes provided a presentation at a local Rotary Club meeting. She also advised that there is a Senior's group tour scheduled October 13, 2002 for which she asked for a volunteer docent. Director Holmes advised he would be glad to assist.

Ms. Egan further advised that a "G" gauge train found when cleaning out the storage room would be included as a silent auction item at the fundraising dinner, if there was no objection from the Board. There was also an "N" gauge train donated by Don Beale which is currently displayed in the shop and on silent auction through Railfan Photographer Day.

President McClure reported that with six weeks to go, there appears to have been no activity toward planning Railfan Photographer Day. Director Brehm reminded the Board that the Historical Society was to handle these arrangements. President McClure recommended Director's Brehm and McClure work to try and bring this together.

STATUS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY REPORT: No status of surplus property report was given.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: Alan Turner advised that the Motion for Summary Judgement with respect to the Silver Hostel was granted. Negotiations and scheduling of additional hearings regarding settlement of the case, including accounting of attorney fees, continues.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session was held.

OTHER: Director Brehm asked that all Department reports be submitted to the Secretary on the Monday prior to the meeting in an effort to streamline the meetings. Director Vicknair reminded the Board this was already required by written policy.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectively Submitted
Gail A. McClure

Fire Marshal Position

By Frank Brehm

Recognizing a need for fire prevention services at the museum President McClure has created a Fire Marshal's position. I have been appointed to fill this position. I see the mission of this position to provide measures for life and property protection from fire; and address environmental, and accessibility issues through education, inspections and training.

The Goals and Purposes of this position are to provide member training and education of fire safety and prevention methods and practices. To preserve and improve the welfare of the society through advocacy of policies and procedures designed to increase fire safety and fire prevention and further the understanding of fire prevention practices through interaction and communication of ideas from the membership.

I have already identified some areas that need attention. Support for fire suppression on the grounds is severely limited as all of the fire hydrants are out of service and need to be replaced. The pump and motor on the water trailer is no good and needs to be replaced. All of the fire extinguishers need to be inspected, serviced and certified by a licensed extinguisher company. New batteries are needed for the smoke detectors in the sleeping car and new detectors need to be purchased and installed in the lounge car.

A Fire Extinguisher Training Program needs to be put in place that includes the fire extinguisher rating system, the PASS(Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep) system of operation and hands on operations when available. This training helps to comply with OSHA training requirements.

Fire Lanes will be suggested which are designed for fire department emergency access. They are used to provide a space for fire engines to park for emergency operations. Ambulances or police vehicles may use this area for emergency operations when needed.

There is much to be accomplished and I welcome any help and/or suggestions from the membership. In closing I would like to offer the following safety tip for the upcoming holiday season.

A Christmas tree is a living thing. Look after it carefully as you would a cut flower. Once you select a Christmas tree, follow these suggestions to keep it fresh and safe:

1. If you buy a tree several days before you plan to set it up, store the tree outdoors or on a cool porch or patio until you are ready to decorate it. Make a straight cut across the butt end of the tree about one inch from the end. This opens the tree stem so it can take up water. Store the tree upright and place the butt end in a container of water. An area that provides protection from the wind and sun will help the tree retain its moisture.
2. When you bring the tree into the house for decorating, make another fresh cut across the trunk about an inch from the original cut. Use a tree stand that holds plenty of water.
3. Trees are thirsty. They may drink up to four liters of water per day, so be sure to check daily and supply fresh water as needed. A stand which holds at least four liters of water is recommended. If you allow the water level to drop below the bottom of the tree, a seal will form just as it does on a cut flower and a new cut will be necessary.
4. Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other sources of heat. Turn off the tree lights when you leave and before you retire at night.
5. Avoid the use of combustible decorations. Check all electric lights and connections. Do not use lights with worn or frayed cords and **NEVER** use lighted candles on a Christmas tree.

Following these care and precaution measures should ensure an attractive tree that stays fresh indoors for two to three weeks. Enjoy the holiday season but be cautious with your Christmas tree. When large amounts of needles begin to fall off, it's time to get rid of the tree.

Wanted



*Volunteers for Work Weekend
Track Gang and WP Hospital clean up*

October 12-13, 2002, 10 am - 4 pm

Reward:

*Personal satisfaction, camaraderie, and home cooked grub
(lunch both days and dinner on Saturday—please let us know if
you have special dietary needs in advance)*

Come see the difference a volunteer makes!

*Contact Rod McClure at ram794@alpine.net for more information and to
R.S.V.P. as we need to know how full to stock the chuckwagon.*

The Feather River Rail Society currently has many ongoing fundraisers and restoration projects. In the coming months, we will once again be reopening the museum and refocusing on these important parts of our goal to preserve the Western Pacific. Dormant projects will reawaken in the Spring and need your help to ensure that they will continue.

Your gift of time or funds is greatly appreciated to ensure the future of our mission.

Current Restoration/Work Projects:

The Zephyr Project—WP/CZ dome-lounge “Silver Hostel” and WP FP7 805A	
Sacramento Northern 44-tonner 146	Library/Archives Program
Facilities Improvement Program	Western Pacific Hospital Clean-up and Stabilization

To donate your time and skill to a restoration project, contact the museum or any director to learn more!

Current Fundraising Campaigns:

The Zephyr Project—WP/CZ dome-lounge “Silver Hostel” and WP FP7 805A	
Facilities Improvement Program	Library/Archives Program
Magnolia Tower	Western Pacific Hospital Clean-up and Stabilization
Sacramento Northern 44-tonner 146	Stabilization
Western Pacific GP9 Fund	Western Pacific coach 320

YES! I would like to donate to one of the on-going programs of the FRRS.

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Upcoming Events

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

October

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting 1 PM
- Maintenance Clinic All Day
- Portola, CA

November

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting 1 PM
- Sacramento, CA
- Museum Closes to the Public
- 30 Santa Train 5:30 PM

December

- 7 Board of Directors Meeting 1 PM
- Santa Train 5:30 PM
- Portola, CA
- 14 Santa Train 5:30 PM
- Portola, CA

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