

leader for our organization. He will still be active in museum activities as his new employment will permit. We are very grateful for all the selfless efforts he did for our museum.

Bruce Cooper

Bruce and Sue visited the museum in 1987, liked what we were doing and joined the Society. As they lived in Grass Valley and they wanted to be involved in museum activities they sold their home and moved to Portola. Bruce became active in the operating department and one day when giving a visitor a cab ride the visitor showed interest in running the engine, Bruce said for a fee you can operate it. Thus the run-a-locomotive program was born. Bruce was the main party that arranged for the donation of our most historical 1929 Ingersoll - Rand switcher and was responsible for our first piece of real estate donated by a developer.

This one event has done more to put our museum on the map than anything else we have done. We have one of the finest collections of railroad equipment, but if the public doesn't know we are here - they won't come. We have received numerous TV spots, a number of newspaper articles and magazine stories about our unique program. No other museum has achieved the success we have achieved with this program. Bruce has decided that he no longer wanted to serve on the Board of Directors, but will still participate in museum activities.

Sue Cooper

When Bruce and Sue visited the museum in 1987, they joined the Society and then moved to Portola. When Bruce became involved in museum activities, Sue wanted something to do also. Because of Sue's previous experience as a dietitian in a hospital, she looked into helping in the snack bar. Barbara Holmes had started a small food service operation in the

former stock room, now a meeting room and after six years wanted to move on. Sue first helped Barbara and then took over the snack bar, named it the Beanery (a railroad term for a restaurant where railroad crews eat i.e. go to beans) and proceeded to build up the facility. Over the years she has improved the kitchen and serving area with a new cold drink box, ice machine, freezer and counters. She instituted a free lunch for operating and mechanical crews whenever the Beanery was open. Sue also prepared and served meals for special events and charter groups as needed.

FRRS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 1998

January—18	Sunday
February—28	Saturday
March—28	Saturday
April—25	Saturday
May—23	Saturday
June—13*	Saturday
(*Annual Meeting)	
July—4	Saturday
August—1	Saturday
September—5	Saturday
October—10	Saturday
November—14	Saturday
December—12	Saturday

