

THE FEATHER NEWS

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Hi Rails,

The official name for our organization is now "Feather River Rail Society," adopted at the June 13 special meeting. The newsletter will be called "THE FEATHER."

Our locomotive, WP 921, passed through Portola July 28 on its way to Stockton for temporary storage. The 921, along with the 917, were dead in train behind three UP units on the RGST. Considerable bodywork was done on the units and both units were painted orange and silver. The cab interiors and engine rooms were painted gray.

No. 917 will be donated to the California Railway Museum at Rio Vista, Jct. and will be delivered to them as soon as the SN track is repaired. Spring floodwater washed it out in several places. Our locomotive will be brought to Portola for Railroad Days August 27-28.

The June 25th Union Pacific family days at Portola had a passenger train ride after all. Three UP coaches and two locomotives made six round trips between Portola and Reno Jct. A nice gesture on UP's part. A number of passengers had never ridden on a passenger train before. The crew was made up of volunteers including several FRRS members.

Union Pacific has yet to give a decision on donation of land, track and other equipment to allow us to set up a museum in Portola.

Paid membership has grown to 16 members. Dues are \$10 per year for individuals or families. A membership list will be published in the next edition of "The Feather."

MEETING NOTICE: Monday, August 8, 1983 - 7:30pm.

Our next regular meeting will be held at the home of Norman & Barbara Holmes, located on (deleted) one mile east of Portola off Hwy. 70. (Home of the Feather River & Western RR). A slide program will be presented featuring several members vacation travels this year. Additional slides are welcome.

COMING EVENITS:

August 27-28 Feather River Railroad Days celebration in Portola. Parade, events and exhibits. Union Pacific will send an "exhibit train."

August 6, September 3 and October 1 Steam operation on McCloud River RR with No. 25.

Labor Day weekend will see steam operation at Rio Vista, Jct. and Carson City.

Weekend operation of steam trains is now happening on the Sierra Railroad.