

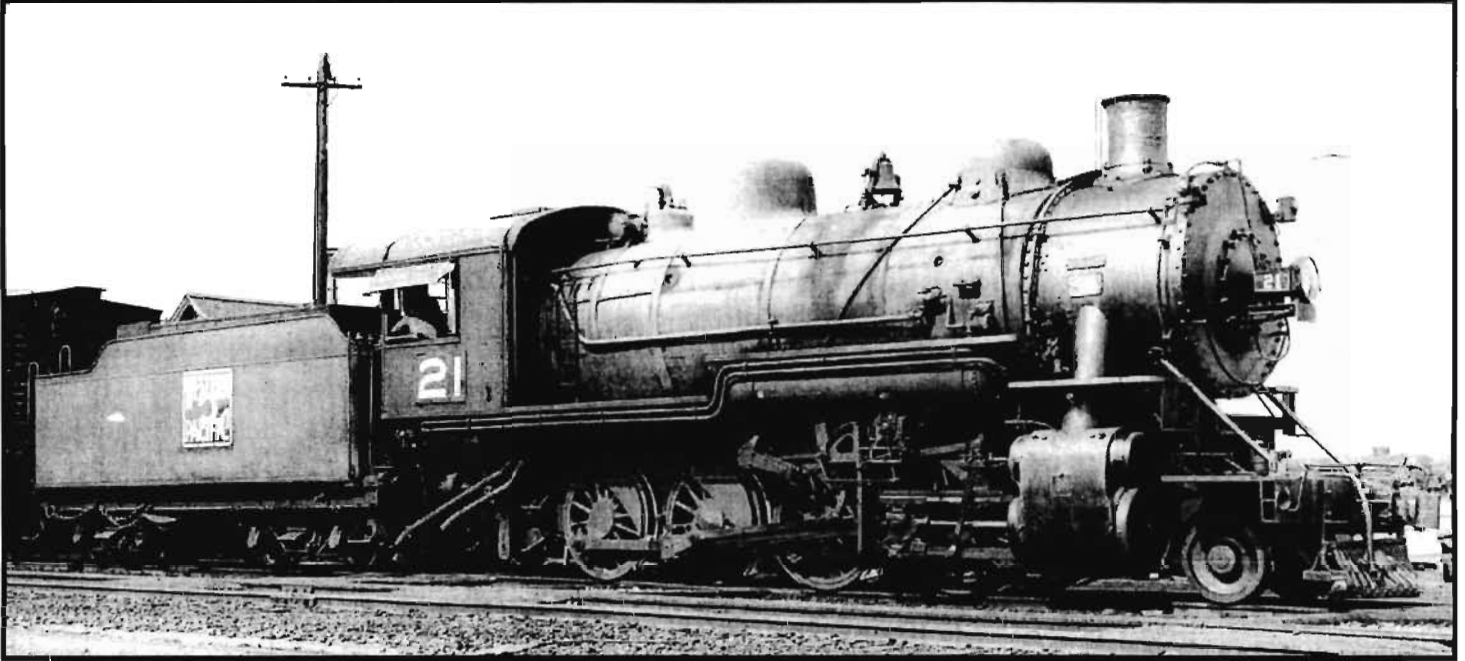
# The Train Sheet

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



**—THE FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY—  
—THE PORTOLA RAILROAD MUSEUM—  
PRESERVING THE MEMORY OF...**

*“The Feather River Route”*

Portola RR Museum P.O. Box 608 Portola, CA 96122-0608 Museum: (530) 832-4131  
Fax: (530) 832-1854 General Office: (503) 832-1657

The museum is open daily year round from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, except for 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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Associate \$15.00 Historical \$22.00 Active \$30.00 Family \$35.00  
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These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.  
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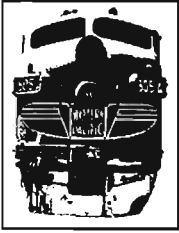
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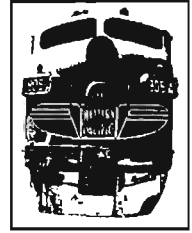


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Contribution Deadlines: Second Friday of February, April, June, August, October and December.



**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/frrs/>

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—**

Well, here we go again, a few words from the Presidents desk. A new year of operating, restoring, training, and having fun is facing us. It looks like it will be a very active and productive year at the museum. We will be heavily involved in the dedication of the rail yard of the UP at Roseville, and then at the Rail Fair 99. Our GP-20 #2001 will be used and on display at the Rail Fair 99 celebration.

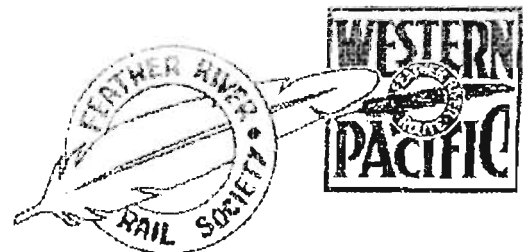
We will also have a booth on sight to advertise who, what, where and why the FRRS & the Portola Railroad Museum is in existence. We hope to take advantage of this opportunity to reach so many people. Wayne Monger & Vic Neves, our special events directors, are in charge of the FRRS efforts at Sacramento. If any of you are contacted by either of these men, please do what you can to help.

We are starting a new engineer training program to qualify new engineers for the R.A.L. Program. If you think you would be interested, contact Skip Englert, phone & e-mail info in *Train Sheet*. To be a R.A.L

Engineer requires more than just running a locomotive. Communicating with people of all ages, knowledge of the museum history, railroad history, equipment of the museum, etc. are all needed. Above all, you must like people and be able to work with them under difficult circumstances. The Operating Department under the leadership of Kerry Cochran and Jim Gidley invite you to join their operations and become a crewmember, you will have fun training for the train crew.

We would also like to have some members to become Museum Docents to show people around the museum and explain the different equipment and cars to the visitors. Come join the fun. Again, contact Skip if you would like to be a Docent. Until the next time we meet at the Museum I remain, just Skip.

**—Skip Englert**  
President



## GIFT SHOP NEWS

We will be having a table at Winterail March 13 and at the GATS show in Reno March 13-14. Several new items will be for sale including a nice WP 2001 T-shirt. See you there.

—*Norman Holmes*

## —MEMBER PORTRAITS—

*This is the third of a series of  
Member Portraits*



Harold "Skip" Englert was born in Nevada, Missouri on October 14, 1925, and moved to California with his family in 1937. They lived in Lincoln until 1941. Skip and Mary were married in 1943, while in the Army and will be celebrating 56 years of togetherness this year. After the War he was in the trucking business for a while before becoming service manager for Lew Williams Chevrolet in Sacramento. After 21 years in that position he

retired and moved to Portola in 1979. He started Mountain Counties Appraisal services and was a starter and golf marshal at Graeagle Meadows and Plumas Pines.

Skip had an early involvement in the FRRS, being a charter member. Skip, along with Norman Holmes, arranged for the donation of our first piece of equipment for our museum, WP F-7A No. 921. Skip even arranged for a ride on the 921 from Stockton to Portola. Since our organization had not yet attained non-profit status and since Skip was President of the Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce, the unit was donated to that organization. FRRS then agreed to keep and maintain the unit. It was dedicated at a ceremony at the first annual Feather River Railroad Days in August of 1983. Incidentally Skip organized the first RR Days and was chairman of that event for a number of years.

Skip was elected to the Board of Directors in 1997 and made First Vice President. When Steve Habeck resigned in November 1997, Skip became President, the position he holds today. Skip is also active in the RAL program, he is the manger of the program and participates as an instructor.

—*Norman Holmes*



—CMO—  
—REPORT—

—HANK STILES—  
CHIEF MECHANICAL OFFICER

This time of year I am starting to look forward to old man winter loosing his grip and spring sort of slipping in. When we have a few good days and things look good in the valley and I

call or go up on the train to Portola and it is cold, snowing or both and I see it is not spring yet. I guess I am trying to push things to fast. It is not too soon to start thinking about Locomotive Maintenance Clinics however, remember the first one for this year is on April 3 & 4. Please come up and lend a hand. We have a good time and it helps out the museum in such a big way. Things that are getting worked on, weather permitting are, the radiators and water manifolds on the FR&W 1857 have been removed. And arrangements for repairs have been made. One more job that we will be pushing to finish is the repairs to the WP 512. Cylinder heads will be replaced with rebuilt units and adjustments made to valve lash and fuel injectors. This should make this a unit that we can get a lot of use out of in the years to come.

Work on the WP 2001 moves along although some times the weather will not cooperate. Much of the work needed has been done at this point. The brake equipment should be finished at WABCO in Carson City, Nevada by February 24 and can then be retrieved and re-installed. We have purchased used radiator core sections to replace the ones that were in the unit. They were leaking and when we had the radiator shop look at them, they said that we had some nice boat anchors and not much more. With the help of Doug Morgan used cores were found and are being shipped to the radiator shop. These used cores cost \$2,250.00 and with about \$700.00 shipping the total cost is about \$2,950.00. That does not included the cost to have the radiators assembled.

As you can see, your financial help is needed for this project. When I put the budget together for this project I was not aware that

we would end up with this expense, so the money is not there to cover this. Remember this project will cost us over \$10,000.00 (without the radiators). I have put in the WP 2001 fund the \$100.00 that I have promised and would like anyone that can, to send whatever they can to help out. If we all give a little we can raise a lot.

This engine will be one of the stars at RailFair 99 and we can be proud of our work to make the Portola Railroad Museum one of the names that will stand out at RailFair 99. We are the little guys and gals up in the mountains with all private funding and volunteer work force that can do as good a job as the other guys and we should be proud of this fact. We can only continue to do this as long as you as the members support your museum, both with your money and your time. We have a lot of members that can't come to the museum and help. We also have many members that could come up and help, if only one day a year. If only 10% of our members came up and worked one day a year that would be 800 man-hours, just think what that much help could do. So please come up and help those that carry the load most of the year, you will feel better and the museum will benefit from all the extra help.

Thanks for your time...

—*Hank "Flat Iron" Stiles*

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### ***GENERAL FUND DONATIONS***

**Donations to the General Fund:** Thomas Abbott, Michael Blum, Donald Grant, Philip Heckman, Peter Reves, Andrew Petersen, Ralph Shaefer, Jack Papazian, Alan Jacobson, Peter & Mardi Langdon, Eric Wright, Richard Simensen, Lee Gardiner, Donald Davella, David Rowe, Brian Divine, Robbin Rekiel, Terry & Susan Taylor, Philip Heckman,

William Redding, Jr., Steven Fauth.

### —FRRS 1999 DATES—

**Mar20** Board Meeting.  
**Apr03** Locomotive Maintenance Workday.  
**Apr10** Board Meeting.  
**Apr16-17** Historical Convention.  
**Apr24** Crew Training.  
**Apr25** Workday.  
**May01** Locomotive Maintenance Workday.  
**May02** Crew Training.  
**May15** Board Meeting, Annual Meeting, Election.  
**May29** Memorial Weekend, Opening Weekend  
**Jun05** Locomotive Maintenance Workday.  
**Jun19** Board Meeting.  
**Jul03** Locomotive Maintenance Workday, Independence Day Weekend.  
**Jul17** Board Meeting.  
**Aug07** Locomotive Maintenance Workday.  
**Aug14** Board Meeting.  
**Aug21** Railroad Days.  
**Sep04** Locomotive Maintenance Workday, Labor Day Weekend.  
**Sep11** Board Meeting.  
**Sep18** Railfan Day.  
**Oct02-03** Locomotive Maintenance Work Weekend.  
**Oct16** Board Meeting.  
**Oct16-17** Work Weekend.  
**Nov13** Board Meeting.  
**Dec04** Operate one Santa Train.  
**Dec11** Board Meeting, operate two Santa Trains.

### —BOARD OF DIRECTORS— —MEETING MINUTES— —SATURDAY, JAN 16, 1998—

**Roll Call** Present: Anderson, Englert, Graham, Holmes, Monger, Morgan, Neves, Stiles, Wollesen. Absent: Mueller - Family.

**RailFair '99:** W. Monger volunteered to be a central point for signing up volunteers. Discussion on the opportunities to promote the R.A.L. program and Portola Railroad Museum. It was suggested that volunteers wear a special shirt with the Museum logo. Discussion on the promotional materials needed and inventory needed for the booth. It was suggested promoting the C-Z Engines' 50th Anniversary in March, 1999.

**C-Z Car Report:** Doug Morgan and Eugene Vicknair presented a report of the C-Z cars which were inspected for purchase. The Board agreed to further investigation and review of the C-Z cars offered for sale by ITAC.

**Acquisition and De-acquisition Committee:** Dr. Peter Lyman submitted information on acquiring a "Mission Statement" for

### —SPECIAL FUND STATUS—

Item	Additions	Balance	Notes
Building	\$1298.00	\$21,443.25	(1)
WP GP-9	-	\$13,594.75	
SP 1215	\$63.91	\$24,901.39	(2)
UP 105	-	\$2,120.00	
CTC Board	-	\$300.00	
Library	-	\$501.79	
Magnolia	\$100.00	\$350.00	(3)
Endowment	-	\$43,663.08	
WP #2001	\$250.00	\$350.00	(4)
SP GP9 SD9	\$300.00	\$300.00	(5)

1) Raffle Sales. 2) Interest. 3) Lloyd Cornell . 4) Bob Carr, Lloyd Cornell, Fred Klyver. 5) Josiah Jenkens.

the Board's review and consideration. Dr. Lyman volunteered to collect and compile suggested Mission Statements from the FRRS Directors.

**Quincy and Salt Lake Engines:** Engine in Quincy is scheduled to be moved. Arrangements will be made next for sending a flatcar to Salt Lake to pick up Engine.

**Valentines Day "Murder on the Diner Train":** Old Town Merchants inquired about using the Diner Car for a dinner and a theater play. The Board agreed to accept more information and discuss at a later meeting.

**Board Member Appointment:** Pres. Englert nominated Frank Brehm as a Board Member. Ayes - 9 Opposed - 0 Abstained - 0. The FRRS Board of Directors appointed Frank Brehm as a Board Member.

**ISTF:** The Board of Directors of the FRRS shall create a task force that shall be called the Information Service Task Force (ISTF) which shall perform a feasibility investigation. This investigation shall examine the feasibility of establishing an information system pertaining to the business of the FRRS, its Divisions, the Portola Railroad Museum, and the Western Pacific RR Historical Society.

The Board of Directors appointed Dr. Peter Lyman the ISTF Chairman.

Complete copies of board meeting minutes are available to any interested member by sending \$2.00 to cover postage and copy charges to: Tom Mueller. Board meetings are open to all interested members, contact any director for location and time.

—Tom Mueller





# Western Pacific Railroad

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**When:** April 16-17, 1999\*  
**Where:** Newark-Fremont Hilton  
39900 Balentine Drive, Newark CA  
**Price:** (including banquet)  
**\$49.95 by March 15**  
**\$59.95 if postmarked after**  
**March 15.**

**Registration only (no banquet) \$20.00**

Registration opens at 5 PM Friday the 16th

**Accommodations:** The Newark-Fremont Hilton has guaranteed room rate for WPRRHS '99 attendees at \$79.00 per night. You are not required or obligated to stay at the Hilton but this special rate is available to all persons attending the convention. Please call the Hilton directly to arrange accommodations at:

**(510) 490-8390 -or-**

Call the Hilton worldwide reservation number at 800-445-8667 and **MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE WESTERN PACIFIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY** to obtain this special rate.

**NOTE:**

*Please DO NOT mail WPRRHS convention registrations to Portola or the Portola Railroad Museum. Please use the address of our convention chairman at the address on the registration form.*

**Thank you for pre-registering!**

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# CONVENTION '99 Registration Form

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PHONE NUMBER ( ) \_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_

A postcard will be mailed to you as pre-registration. Please remember to bring this with you. It is your registration and meal ticket.

Please submit your pre-registration NO LATER THAN March 31, 1999

- Regular fare Ticket (no banquet) \$20.00
- Deluxe fare Ticket (includes banquet) \$40.95 (before March 15)
- Deluxe fare Ticket (includes banquet) \$50.95 (after March 15)
- Banquet only \$35.00

I plan to bring:

- Models and/or photos to display
- Models and/or photos for contest
- WP related railroadiana to display

Please make checks payable to: Western Pacific Convention '99 and mail to:

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Newark, CA 94560

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COVER: At top 2-8-0 #21 reposes at Stockton in the 1940's. Below an east-bound freight chomps past the Greenville depot with a 2-6-6-2 entrained ahead of the wood outside-braced caboose for the assault on the Highline grades in the 1940's, back when steam ruled the mountain grade. On page 7 Mikado #307 awaits an assignment at Wendover, Utah while a switcher crew clears the approach track. On Page 8 Mike #323 steams softly at the Portola facility, ready for another train assignment down the Feather River Canyon in the late 1940's. —All prints courtesy The WP collection of Greg Munster

