

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – DIRECTOR REPORT

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This past week, I have made changes and updates to the website, adding the 2015 calendar, election information (on the opening page), with the latest By-laws, Election & Nomination Procedures after they were reviewed by Legal, and the time-line for the election. I am working with Eugene to get the convention information up on the site as soon as he has a few more details nailed down and once ready, registrations can be handled there. I removed the dead links to the old Historical Society website as it is no longer active, and removed links to the online store as it is not currently up and running. Gail and I are working on getting the online store squared away, but, for right now, all RAL booking must be done via telephone or in person at the museum until we get the online store back up and running. As the site is written in HTML code, often times, due to hand coding a great deal of it, I often miss things and make mistakes on it that aren't caught right away, as it is not a simple copy and paste document, so, please, if you have some time, take a few minutes to browse through the site and let me know if you spot any errors or need for updates.

Last November, Tim and my parents moved to Spanaway Washington, so, as a reward for driving 2 round trips (3200 miles) in a 26' moving truck, we (FRRS) has inherited from Railroad Training Services (which had our "Official Office" at my parents Stockton address) a Savin C3828 Color Copy Machine (valued at \$7,000), a large metal cabinet that I wanted for a PPE cabinet for the woodshop, a 3' x 6' HO Model railroad display for the travelling road show display (baggage car), a restored grade crossing flasher signal (that plugs into 110 volt wall plug) and is portable (easily transportable), a permanent track mounted blue flag (brand new), 2 new blue signal protection lights, and various other business odds and ends that I felt we could use. Also recently donated is a large 100 drawer hardware bin that we can use in the woodshop to sort and store fasteners and another large mounted drawer setup that was originally used to sort and house drill, router and lathe bits and attachments. These were donated by a family friend. Arrangements are being made with EP to get all of this moved to the museum with the truck and trailer.

We have received a few complaints again regarding the webcams, and it appears to me that they are just simply old and getting worn out. The East facing camera often has a very shaky, grainy picture and I received a series of angry emails from one basement dweller that insisted that we go out IMMEDIATELY and readjust the position of the west facing camera so that HE could watch inbound trains. I politely informed him that we had aimed that camera deliberately as a security measure and to "have a nice day". Unfortunately, I had neglected to remove my email signature (with phone number) and he called me. 3 times. I was as nice and patient with this weirdo (who is NOT an FRRS member), and finally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> call at 6am, I informed him once again, that the webcams were a donated item, and requires money to upgrade and maintain them (since he was nice enough to insist that we upgrade them with new ones since technology has gotten so much better for video cameras). I then asked him how much he'd like to donate towards a new system, and he said his SSI is only \$950 a month and he has to live with his mother. Seriously. I told him "thank you for your call and have a nice day". I then blocked his number. THIS is why I am not a fan of the webcams.

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