



# FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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Dear FRRS Member,

Big strides have been made this year thanks to your support and the hard work of our volunteers and the local community.

With an eye toward future growth, we have been working closely with Portola City Manager Robert Meacher on a series of meetings with local, state and federal political representatives, as well as a professional grant agency, to push our improvement plans into a higher gear. So far, the feedback from these elected officials has been spectacular and we have achieved a very high level of support for our future growth, including a recent meeting with California District 1 Representative Doug LaMalfa and his staff. One of the key points they saw was the ongoing support of our members and the professional and skillful work of our volunteers. Your continued and growing donations to the FRRS will not only fund immediate work, but will be seen as a vote to continue the growth of the organization and its mission.

We have seen some equipment work this year, with our mechanical crews have been working hard on WP F7A 917-A and Fairbanks-Morse H-12-44 1857 to improve their operations and condition. Both are key components of our RAL program. Our teams also came together to resurrect Southern Pacific bay window caboose 4706 from the burned out state we received it in to take a place in our caboose train. Especially during events like Santa Train, we were maxing out our capacity. SP 4706 gives us more space for riders and so far they love the new caboose.

The acquisition of our first display building is proceeding and will advance faster with the support of our membership and the local community. This is also a project we are working closely with the city and elected officials to achieve.

We continue to expand and improve our archives and move toward sharing more of them with the public. More film scans from the Virgil Staff Collection are being performed and we have spoken with some video producers about bringing these amazing films out on Blu-Ray and DVD.

Your support makes all this possible. Please give generously to the FRRS and help us make 2017 even better! On behalf of the Feather River Rail Society's Board of Directors, we thank you in advance for your continued support. The WP Lives thanks to YOU!

Wishing you all the best,

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As a 501c(3) non-profit supported primarily by the donations of its visitors and members, we depend on your contributions to continue our preservation, research and restoration programs. Donations may be tax deductible, please ask you tax professional.

Also, we are always looking for volunteers to help move our programs forward. And you don't even need to come to Portola. From your home you can write for our Headlight magazine, help coordinate special events, raise money for the Society or help with historical research.

We're also looking for people to help with our facilities improvements, mechanical work, operations, reporting events to the members, cataloging our archives and assisting with all the other items that keep a historic organization such as ours in operation.



New caboose SP 4706 was returned to operation thanks to donations from members.

Look for more information in the Train Sheet, including plans to expand our excursion trackage!

**Look for information on the 2017 Western Pacific  
Historic Convention coming soon!**

May 4-7, 2017 (Thursday – Sunday) at Harrah's Hotel  
and Casino in Reno, Nevada.