

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: President's Report
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The past month has been hectic. We are going to have a long and protracted discussion about the museum's future this year in the board meeting. As you know from the state to county level we are getting instructions and suggestions on what we can or can't do. It really won't be a tough decision but it will be a decision that gets made with the board agreement.

As I see it, we have no choice but to stay closed to the public for the short term. Question will become how do we limit the size of crowds as visitors are allowed to start moving about again. So while the public is concerned we follow the state and county guidelines.

It had been discussed about trying to do RAL's. With the close proximity of the cab and possible transmission of the Covid-19 virus, we have to ask ourselves if we really need to offer the RAL's. We have a good crew of RAL engineers and I want them to all stay well. Once the stay at home is lifted, we probably will still have the size of gatherings restrictions in place. Then we probably will be told to social distance beyond that.

The discussion on volunteers comes into focus. While the public isn't going to be let through the gate, we do have chores to tend to at the museum. We still need to respond to the answering machine. We will still get requests for items from the store. We will still have to repair track. We will still have to work to make the museum fire safe. We also have mechanical work to be done on our steel wheel fleet and our rubber tire fleet.

Please give this some thought. Understand that we as a board have to keep the membership and public safe.

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