FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Director Report
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2026 CONVENTION
Following Big Boy event I am working to confirm 2026 Convention dates.

UNIMOG
Tom Mueller with help from Nick Manos and others has been talking to some potential buyers for the UniMog and its attachments. We received an offer of $7,000 on Friday from a buyer in Susanville. He is offer a payment of $4,500 and a donation of $2,500.

We will have this on the May agenda for consideration. I ask the directors to review the offer and be ready to consider it then.

PLUMAS MUSEUM NARROW GAUGE COLLECTION
The Plumas Museum unanimously approved leasing Spanish Peak Lumber locomotive 2 to the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway in Alturas for 5 years with possible 2 year renewal. Following this time, the locomotive would then come to Portola as part of the WPRM permanent collection. N-C-O is planning to move the locomotive late summer / early fall and it has been suggested we coordinate with them on moving the other NG materials to Portola at that time. These consist of a Swayne Lumber (Oroville) log car, a Swayne caboose truck and rail and other track materials.

GOLF CART
The 6 person golf cart was a hit with the visitors during the Big Boy event. It was noted it was a bit large for some of our areas and turnarounds. Reportedly, the cart supplier has offered to discuss sale of a used 4 or 6 person cart to assist us. Recommendations I have received are that we consider a 4 person cart to better suit our facility and for major events like Big Boy we continue to rent as needed a larger cart as the price for rental was very reasonable. Similarly, it has been suggested we negotiate for acquiring 1 or 2 used mobility scooters and rent more for major events as needed. Acquiring a 20 ft container for secure storage has been suggested if we pursue this.

Would like the Board to think about these suggestions. It is possible we could submit a grant application to BNSF Foundation or Sons of the Old West as they appear to like requests that improve access and mobility. Also, a larger rented cart would be a good substitute for the aged and falling apart tram trailer for events with the city. We could talk to the city about splitting cost for rental during joint events.

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