

NORMAN HOLMES

From THE CLUB CAR, publication of Pacific Locomotive Assoc., Editors column, comes the following words of wisdom.....

"The time has passed when all groups of dedicated steam fans and railpad preservation groups can operate independent of one another and still complete successfully with large capital investors for those few historical items remaining. Only by cooperation between groups to combine efforts and pool resources will the maximum number and variety of historic equipment be preserved, studied and restored for the edification and education of future generations."

To this I say "AMEN" We are new in this museum business, but we have accumulated a large amount of equipment, thanks to the cooperation of Mr Flannery and the Union Pacific System. Each of the several museums in California and Nevada have their specialties and unique status Ours is Western Pacific and the High Sierra. If there is any thing we can do to assist any of the other museum groups, I hope they will not hesitate to ask. Conversely, I hope when we ask some other group for help, they will do what they can for us.

TAX ID NUMBER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

According to an article in "Stock Talk", the newsletter of Project 2472, Inc., all receipts for contributions to tax-exempt organizations must be accompanied by the Employer ID number of the organization. The number assigned to the FRRS is 68-0002774. Society members are reminded that any monies spent to help the Society are TAX DEDUCTABLE including transportation to and from the museum to work on projects.....TAX ID # 68-0002774.....

FRRS NOW INCLUDES WESTERN PACIFIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I hope this issue of THE TRAIN SHEET looks better than the last issue. Norm Holmes and Myself put it together in one day right in the middle of me moving into my new house. I want this sheet to grow and look good and to keep you informed as to what is going on with your Society. At this time We are going to grow into the Western Pacific Historical Society. We have a yard full of WP equipment and members overflowing with WP history and information. So starting with this issue THE TRAIN SHEET will also be the publication for a Western Pacific Historical Society as in fact THE FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY is a WESTERN PACIFIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Drop me a note on your ideas and suggestions and send articles for under THE FEATHER heading

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FEATHER RIVER RAILROAD DAYS

The second annual Feather River Railroad Days was bigger and better than last year. We thought last year's celebration was going to be hard to beat, but we did!

A kick-off dinner was held at the Log Cabin Friday night, Mr. Irion, UP General Manager of the South Central District, representing MR. Flannery and Mr. Kennefick, presented a framed photo and plaque representing the donation of Union Pacific DDA-40X 6946 to the City Of Portola for the Portola Railroad Museum. Also presented to the museum was a 64 sq ft oil painting of the nose of WP 3502 that used to greet visitors when they stepped off the elevator on the seventh floor of the WP office building in San Francisco. Norm Holmes presented Mr. Irion with one of our UP merger buckles as a token of our appreciation for all the Union Pacific has done for us. On Saturday, Union Pacific provided a nine car passenger train which made six round trips between Portola and Blairsden. While operating for employees, there were seats available to the general public who were lucky to be on hand at the right time. The train was powered by two exWP GP-35's, one at each end in a push pull operation. Volunteer engine and train crews operated the train. Society members operating the train were Norm Holmes, Bob Larson, Roy Lopez and Chris Skow. Museum volunteers also helped as coach attendants on the train, we were unable to keep track of everyone that helped, but thanks to all of you. Our help in this service did lots to establish our Society as a responsible organization. The 10am train was delayed at Blairsden for nearly one hour which made all the train's passengers and crew to miss the parade and official presentation of the 6946. Union Pacific went all out to help make RR Days a big success. They sent a SD40-2, reefer, hopper, flag car, box car, coal car, and a track geometry car for display. They also sent out the UP German Band, Quartette, Hot air balloon and the UP miniature train.