

The **FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY**, a tax exempt California Corporation, operates the **PORTOLA RAILROAD MUSEUM** at Portola, California. Formed in February, 1983, to establish a railroad museum in Portola with the purpose of preserving local railroad history in general and Western Pacific Railroad history in particular. As a Society we are involved with restoration and collection of railroad equipment, photos, artifacts, historical information and data specifically Western Pacific. In doing so the **FRRS** has become the Historical Society of the Western Pacific Railroad. The **WP LIVES** on in Portola for the benefit of railfans, authors, modelers, historians and friends of the **FEATHER RIVER ROUTE**..... Single membership dues are \$15 per calendar year. Our mailing address is; Post Office Box No 8, Portola, Calif. 96122 President and Founder, Norman Holmes "THE TRAIN SHEET" is edited and printed by John J Ryczkowski, anyone wishing to send articles/info please write; Post Office Box 1663, Sparks, Nevada 89432

#### FROM the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Even with snow on the ground and cold weather, museum work goes on. We have a lot of work and planning to do to get our facility open to the public on Memorial Day weekend. Even though we are not offically open nearly every day visitors stop by to see our equipment. New membership applications are coming in regularly, many with notes of encouragement and compliments about the progress we've made. I want to thank everyone who voted in our Directors election. Even though we had eight running for five positions, there is no serious controversy as in some clubs. All the candidates wanted to help in deciding what is best for the society. Each of us have our particular talents and together we have no where to go but forward....

#### LAST MEETING

We had a rain storm for our Oct meeting, we had a snow storm for our Dec meeting. Wonder what will happen in February? Nevertheless, 15 members attended the meeting. Following a short business section, Oden Lorimer showed a video of UP trains on Sherman Hill in the 50's. The parade of steam and passenger trains was very impressive. Refreshments were furnished by Hap Manit and Barbara Holmes. Ballots for the election of the 1985 Board of Directors were counted with the following being elected: James Boynton, Norman Holmes, Hap Manit, Mel Moore and Chris Skow. 230 ballots sent out, 143 were returned on time.

#### WINTERAIL '85

Railroad Photography Exposition Feb 23, 85 at Scottish Rite Temple 33 West Alpine Ave. Stockton, Calif. starting at 10:30 to..... It's a great show and not to be missed.....

#### OBITUARY

Member Ben Knight from Soquel, Ca died in Nov while returning from a Santa Fe modelers meeting. This sad news comes to us from Bob Watson who felt that many of Bens friends would like to know.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The new Directors met at Mel Moore's home Jan 2, and elected Administrative officers for 1985. 4 members attending, Jim Boynton absent. 1985 President Norm Holmes, Founder  
1st Vice President Jim Boynton  
2nd Vice President Hap Manit  
Treasurer Chris Skow  
Secretary Mel Moore

The directors will meet within the first seven days of each month, the date will be determined by the working schedule of Holmes and Skow.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS

President Norm Holmes has appointed the following as department heads;  
Motive power Steam, James Boynton  
Motive power Diesel, Dave McClain  
Mechanical shop, Al Thomsen  
Track, Structures and Grounds, Norman Holmes  
Signal, James Atkins  
Cars, John J Ryczkowski  
Sales, Chris Skow  
Publicity & Public Relations, Hap Manit  
Membership, Beverly Moore  
If you would like to help or ask about a project in any of the departments these people are in charge and responsible.



#### WP FREIGHT CARS REPAINTED

The Union Pacific is repainting WP cars that are in service. The WP reporting marks and numbers are the same but the rest of the car is to UP's standard for that type of car. Yellow cars have Cushion equipment and the red ones are standard draft gear.