

The **FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY**, a tax exempt California Corporation, operates the **PORTOLA RAILROAD MUSEUM** In 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 #8, Portola, Calif. 96122 President and Founder, Norman Holmes **"THE TRAIN SHEET"** is edited and layed out by John J Ryczkowski, anyone wishing to send articles/info please write; **THE SHEET** Post Office Box 1663, Sparks, Nevada 89432

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From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

The California Dept. of Parks and Recreation has turned down our request for grant funds to build a picnic park, RV parking area and/or visitor center (depot). Like-wise Portola's application for funds to fence the property, build a new access road and for building improvements were denied. This puts up back to square one as far as funds are concerned. There is a slim possibility that the City can reapply for funds for 1986-87, but we shouldn't count on it. Meanwhile we are trying to find a source of fencing for low or no cost that we can install ourselves. We want to at least place a 6 foot cyclose fence on the north side of our property to separate the railroad yard from the museum. This would require about 1000ft of fencing cost around \$3000. If any of our members have any ideas where we can get fencing cheap, please let us know. Our Grand Opening scheduled for Memorial Day weekend will be our 1st public showing of what we have accomplished so far. We will be needing

the help from a number of members to make it successful. Particular emphasis will be placed on **SAFETY**. We cannot afford to have anyone hurt. With many children and adults wandering around the property, great care must be taken to be sure no one gets in the way of the moving trains. Safety of our volunteer museum workers is also of utmost importance. Most of the tasks performed by our people have accident potential. Please look out for yourself and the other fellow.

From the EDITOR'S WORKSHOP

With this issue I have again up graded the **SHEET** a little we are now being printed by the off-set method. My hope is to build the **SHEET** into a 1st rate publication with the next step more photo's and going to a slick cover and a magazine layout with folded pages stapled together. With more and more **WP** articles.....still looking for cover photos and articles from the membership. Ski

10% DISCOUNT TO MEMBERS

Our March 5th Board of Directors meeting, it was decided to offer a 10% discount on **FRRS** merchandize to all 1985 dues paying members. This will become effective on April 1st and applies to all purchases of \$5.00 or more. Those of you who are not current, pay up & take advantage of this.

**NORM HOLMES NEW BOOK
PRUNE COUNTRY RAILROADING
STEEL TRAILS TO JAN JOSE**

The President of the Feather River Rail Society, Norman Holmes just came out with this new book. It covers all the railroad action in and around San Jose, California, including Western Pacific. 191pages hard bound for \$34.95 thru the **FRRS**.

AFRICAN STEAM TOUR 1985

Chris Skow will be escorting a group of railroad photographers back to Africa leaving Sept 1st. The tour will take in most all the steam lines in South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. The tour will be set up so a person could join or leave the group at anytime or spend the entire four weeks with the group, if interested please write to Chris Skow, PO Box 312, Portola, 96122

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