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The WP LIVES in Portola for the benefit of the friends of the FEATHER RIVER ROUTE.....

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK NORMAN HOLMES

A number of retired "rails" from the Portola area have died recently. It is a personal loss to those who were our friends and it is a loss to the Society for now all their memories are silent. The history and adventure that only they knew is now gone. If only someone had recorded their stories. Another loss is the artifacts and memorabilia that many have saved. Manytimes relatives will throw out all that "junk" that was saved over the years. It's too bad that they don't realize some railroad historical society (especially ours) or even a railfan would really appreciate receiving the junk. None of us will live forever on this earth, maybe we should leave a note or tell someone what we would like to have happen to our collections. Rules; Now that we are operating we need them, sorry we have to have them, but just like the railroad on the other side of the fence we have steel

wheels on steel rails. The equipment is heavy and people can get hurt. What ever we do in this life we have to follow rules. Most of them are just good common sense, but if we cannot operate within the rules we won't operate at all. The price of someone getting hurt is not worth the gamble. I have Ski working on a SOP for our operations.

NEXT MEETING

Our next social meeting will be held on Aug 17th in the Diesel shop meeting room at 7:30 pm. A pot luck dinner will proceed the meeting. A program has not been selected but this is the last work weekend before Railroad Days. We could use all the help we can find to get everything in shape for the big event.

FEATHER RIVER RAILROAD DAYS

Portola third annual Railroad Days will be held August 24-25th. A parade will pass through town starting at 11am Sat. and several model railroad layouts will be operating in the high school gym. Food and souvenir stands will be located in the City Park. Our Society will have train rides from 12 to 4pm. On Sunday our Second Annual Motor Car Time Trials will start with a parade using out Velocipede, Handcar and all the participating motor cars. After the time trials rides will be offered to the public until 12, when regular train rides will again be operated until 4pm. A special note Chuck Yeager the pilot who broke the sound barrier and the movie RIGHT STUFF was about will be the Grand Marshal. As a pilot I am looking forward to seeing him in Portola, Ski

MEMBERSHIP

by Bev Moore

We are over the 400 mark with this mailing and hoping to have 500 on board by the end of the summer.

One of our members is 12 years old and lives in Rockwall, Texas. Jack Metcalf Jr. is charter member Frank Hibbs Grandson who lives in Meadow Valley(Quincy) Calif. Jack and his family were here visiting and got to see the museum and Jack was caught up in the excitement we all feel and he decided to join. Welcome Aboard Jack... Lost members.....included in the 400 members are four persons whose addresses have been lost. If you know any of these people please contact the Society as to their addresses, thanks.....

F. Axford	joined 6/6/85
W. Byassee	joined 6/24/85
K. McNeill	joined 6/5/85
E. Wall	joined 5/14/85