

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS DAY**

Saturday, April 26th, will be our first operating day for 1986. Two groups will be visiting the museum and have requested that our train be in operation. The Elks will have a convention in the area and a railfan group from Salt Lake City will arrive on Amtrak in Reno, rent vans and tour the museum and the Feather River Country. We will need a full crew to operate the train. Please let Norm Holmes know by April 25th if you are going to be able to help.

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**TELEPHONE AT MUSEUM**

We now have a telephone at the museum. The number is 916-832-4131. Phones are located in the gift shop, the main shop area and in Jim Ley's outfit car. Jim will be answering the phones and glad to answer your questions and give museum updates as to activities.....

Later an answering machine will be installed with a recorded message about museum hours, etc.....

**MEMBERSHIP**

All members that have not sent in your 1986 dues this is the last issue you will get until you renew. We hope all 1985 members will send in their 86 dues as you'll be missing some great articles coming up in the SHEET and we need your help to keep WP alive in 86 and the future.....

**WP LIVES.....SEE YOU IN PORTOLA....**

**And Around The Museum.....**

With all bad weather very little is being done around Portola, other than on good days. Much track work needs to be done and with more equipment coming we will be needing the space. On April 3rd Union Pacific Caboose #25049 rolled into the museum, it needs some work, paint inside and out, windows, plus one body panel is rusted out. One more project.....On projects later in this issue member Jack Palmer is going to handle coordinating projects, please answer Jack if you would like to help.....

Also we now have a out side braced WP box car body thanks to the efforts of John Ryczkowski and the City Of Tracy, Calif. This car converted into a outfit car from a 15000 series O/B box car blt in 1916 by Pullman, has been used as a stor age shed at the Tracy Police Pistol Range. We hope to have the car moved by mid May up to Portola and set on a Flat car. It's only the body but it's in good shape and all the hardware is in place. By welding it to the frame of a flat car we'll have an instant box car. The box car doors will need to be rebuilt and with Norms wooden box car, the FRRS has both types of early WP wooden box cars.....

