



## Feather River Rail Society

Preserving "The Feather River Route"

The FRRS, a tax exempt public benefit California Corporation, is the HISTORICAL SOCIETY for the WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD and operates the PORTOLA RAILROAD MUSEUM in Portola, Calif.

Formed in February, 1983 with the purpose of preserving railroad history in general and Western Pacific Railroad history in particular. The WP LIVES in Portola for the benefit of the friends of the late great FEATHER RIVER ROUTE.

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Single membership dues are \$15.00 per Calendar Year. Life memberships are \$300.00.

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### From the PRESIDENT'S Desk

Norman Holmes

What happened to our volunteers and visitors this year??? Did cheap gas invite longer trips? Did EXPO 86 syphon off some? Did the Feather River Highway closure discourage some from coming up? Who knows. We were hoping to get a lot accomplished this year- quite a bit was done, but not as much as we would have liked. Even on operating days we barely had enough train crew members to have a full crew. Where did everybody go???

Our list of accomplishments are something to be proud of, however. A concrete walkway has been installed, the exterior of the Shop was painted, the meeting room and two other rooms painted, the east side fence installed and 908 -2001 were made operable. New equipment arrivals included Business car 105 and GP-30, 849 both courtesy of the UP. Many smaller projects were finished also, but much more remains, with new ones everyday. Those of you who visit the museum, why not plan to spend a few days helping to make it more attractive. If you can't come, your donation of a few dollars will help all projects and buy supplies, etc.....

### About the Feather River Short Line An Editorial

Due to the sudden emergence of the Short Line at the museum many questions have been raised. This is a brief explanation.

The Feather River Short Line is a group that has been around for some time with many members in the Portola-Quincy area, their equipment, #8, sat in the fairgrounds at Quincy until the Feather River Rail Society was formed and started the museum as we know it in Portola. At that time the FRSL was invited to relocate their equipment in Portola for restoration and operation on society trackage. The move and the restoration has been funded by Short Line funds and their sudden socialization for members, donations and letters proclaiming the Short Line while on Feather River Rail Society grounds is in support of the restoration of the #8. Many members of the FRRS are assisting in the restoration and we are happy to let the FRSL use a section of our engine house, as their future participation will be of great benefit not only to the Short Line but to the FRRS. When operating the #8 will run under an operating agreement with the FRRS and under our rules.....

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### CALENDAR

Dec 8 Special movie nite at the United Methodist Church, 27555 E Baseline in Highland, Cal.

Dec 13 Annual FRRS membership meeting

Jan 3-4 Booth at Great American Train Show, Shrine Civic Auditorium in Los Angeles

Jan 10-11 Booth at Great American Train Show, Oakland Coliseum

Feb 8 Booth at Great Western Train Show, Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, California

Feb 21 Members social meeting

Feb 28 Booth at WinterRail, Stockton

Mar 8 Booth at Great Western Train Show Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, California

### OCTOBER 19th MEETING

Some 20 members attended our fall social meeting. A museum progress report was presented by Dept heads, then Dale Sanders and Mark Hemphill announced they formed a group to buy six of the seven F units from the Alaska Railroad. They will be stored at our museum on a long term lease and will be available for operation and display. This will give our museum more F units than any other museum in the country and more diesels than any other museum in the west.

John Walker reported that a coalition group of Northern Calif RR Preservation groups has been formed as a mutual aid organization and to foster cooperation among the 8 or more groups in the area.