

RENEWAL TIME!!!

It is time to renew your memberships. We hope you have enjoyed your association with us during the past year. As you renew please check the mailing label to be sure that all of the information is correct. Should there be an error please let us know.

The goal this year is to get everyone to renew, so far we have 188. Please get your renewals in as your continued support is needed to make the FRRS a success.

To the 24 new members and renewing members, welcome and if you have any problems or questions just contact us.

We would also like ideas from you on how to improve our membership system. What would catch your attention in the Train Sheet and make you want to renew?

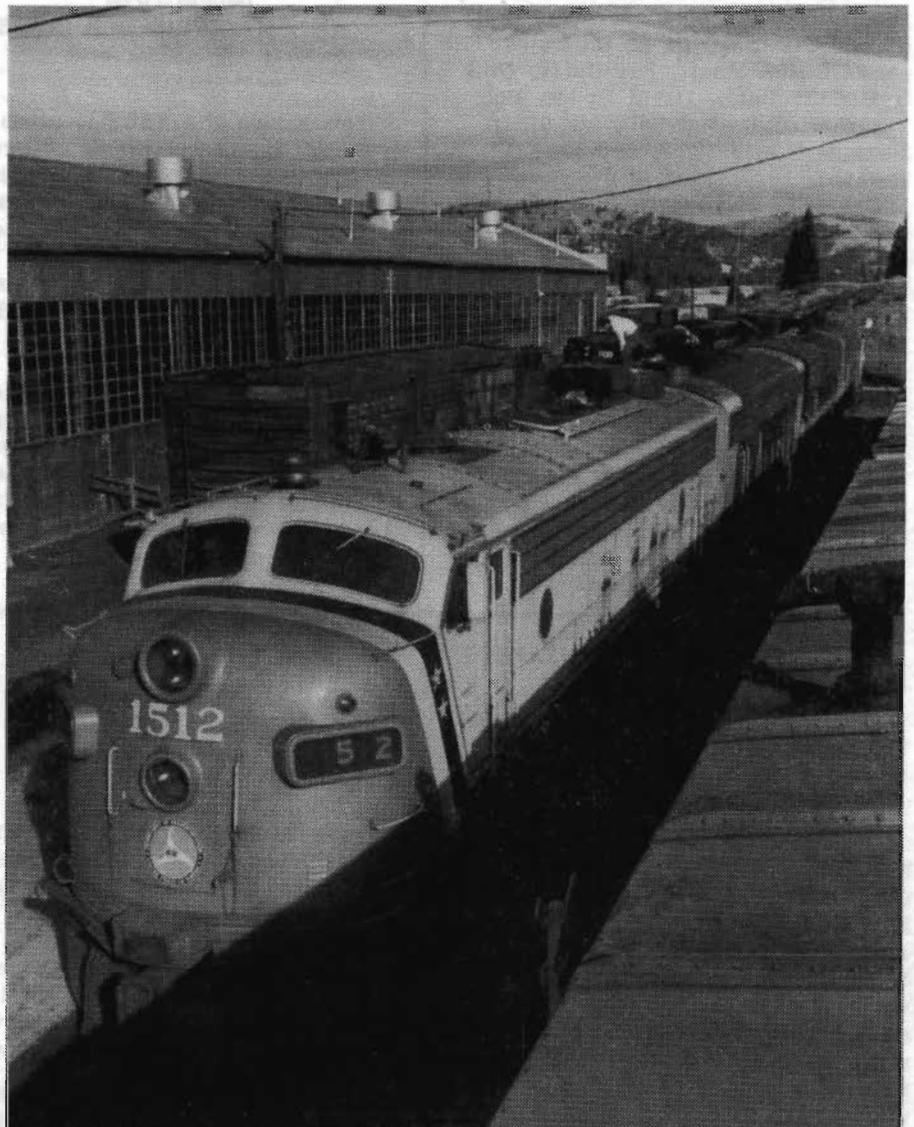
We have just added 8 more members to the Life Members Roll. Last year we had 5 life members.

1986 Life Members

- R. G. Flannery
- Robert Dobbins
- R. L. Hussey
- Dave McClain
- E. T. Lavelle

1987 Life Members

- David Dodds
- Larry Hanlon
- Philip L. Wyche Jr.
- Doug Peterson
- Jerry Foote
- Lynn Held
- Fred K. James
- Christopher Young



It has been many years since an A-B-B-A set of EMD F units sat along side the Portola engine house.....

And Around the Museum

December 17th, nineteen preschool children made the trip from Reno to Portola to go for a ride on our train. WP 608 and two cabooses did the honors assisted by Jim Ley, Rose Hersted, Dean Hill, Mel Moore, and Norm Holmes.

Other railroad museums and tourist railways do it, so Jim Ley surmised-why don't we do it....run a Santa train. The Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Christmas Craft Sale on Sat, Dec. 20th. We offered free train rides from noon to 2 pm with Santa Claus riding the train. The weather was cool and clear and a number of children and parents came down for a ride. The gift shop was open, which netted us a good amount of sales. Sometimes something for nothing pays.. Participating in the event were Dean Hill, Norm Holmes, Jim Ley, Steve Milward, and Mel Moore. Hap Manit handled the museum gift shop. Rose Hersted and Barb Holmes were in charge of sales at the craft fair.

1987 TRAINING PROGRAMS

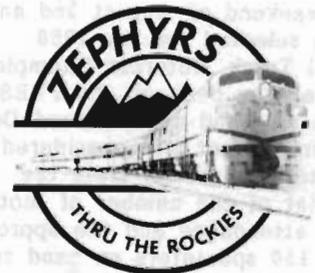
Watch the next issue of the TS for a schedule of the operating crews rules and training classes. We are in need of more members to become part of the operating dept and if interested please write to SKI and be on the list as a operating dept member, we are looking forward to having you. Also member Brian Challander has presented a diesel engine repair class proposal. Please find the info in this issue of the SHEET.....

SALES DEPARTMENT

Chris Skow

SPECIAL

The new ALL COLOR book "Zephyrs Thru The Rockies" is off the press and we have it in stock. This book is a work of art....a must for anyone that loved the old California Zephyr and Rio Grande Zephyr.



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Up coming events include a sales booth at Winterails in Stockton on Feb 28th, and booths at the Great Western Train shows on March 8th and April 5th at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. Also we will have a sales team at the Cornfield Meet 87, on April 25th and 26th at

the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona.

We extend our thanks for the help the following people gave us either at our Gift Shop or at the sales shows: Hap Manitt, Pat Duffy, Nick & Dorothy Baldi, David Dodds, Bob Thrasher, Skip Marshall, Mr & Mrs Hartung, Chris Skow, and Rose Hersted.

Our 1987 catalog is out and a copy of it has been mailed with this issue of the TRAIN SHEET. If you want extra copies or know of someone who would like a copy please let us know. As you can see we have gone all out to bring you some of the best railroad type merchandise on the market today. We are offering you big discounts on the market today. We are offering big discounts on just about everything in the catalog. Order from us and save. You will be helping a great museum grow.

DIESEL-ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE CLASS

This spring the FRRS is presenting a course on Diesel Electric Locomotive Inspection and Maintenance.

The course is designed for people who have little or no experience with EMD locomotive operation and maintenance. If you ever wanted to work on or to know how a modern locomotive works, here is your chance.....

We will run the course on the 3rd weekend in each month, starting April 18th at 9 AM in the museum. The course will end in November.

Students will have the opportunity to work on the museum equipment and learn at the same time.

We are going to limit the class to 25 people and a course fee of \$25 to cover expenses will be required at the time of registration.

If you are interested please write to..... Brian Challander

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More info next sheet.....

News of the "FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"

Wayne Monger
Union Pacific News Editor
CTC BOARD Magazine



Once again in 1986 your Society hosted the National Track Motorcar Championship Races at the Portola Railroad Museum during the month of August. Due to operational conflicts and limited time when the 1985 races were held during Railroad Days, the 1986 races were scheduled on a separate weekend. This created an opportunity to see how well the event would do on its own, attracting visitors to the museum and the Portola area for the weekend.

The weekend of August 2nd and 3rd was selected for the 1986 National Track Motorcar Championships, halfway between the FRRS Railfans weekend and Railroad Days. The overall event was considered moderately successful from the standpoint of the number of motorcars in attendance and the approximately 150 spectators on hand to view the races Sunday morning. The 1986 races found 8 of the 13 participants from the 1985 races returning to try their cars against the clock and each other over the 300 meter length of museum trackage. They were FRRS members; Steve Milward of Portola, Vic Neves from San Leandro, Ca., Jim Atkins of Sacramento, Dale Wyant of Oaji, Ca., Tom Mougovan of Sebastopol, Ca., Steve Bush of Colfax, Ca., and Richard Brickell of Reno, plus motorcar owner Davis Rangel and crew from Fresno, Ca. The 1986 races had 5 new participants; FRRS president Norm Holmes, Robert

Fansler of Sebastopol, Jon Kirchanski of Woodacre, Ca., Steve Santos of Fresno, Ca., and Robert Mahan of Oxnard Ca. FRRS members John Ryczkowski, Dave McClain, Greg Brahms, and Wayne Monger did not actively participate in the Motorcar Races this year with their cars as they did in the 1985 races.

We also had a very special 14th entry in the races (thanks to Bill Timmons and the Ca. State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento), an all-star team with official handcar from the U.S. National Handcar Races. The efforts of the California team, the FRRS, and the National Track Motorcar Championship netted some good publicity before the event of August 3, as the CSRM people held a mock race between the handcar and a motorcar for the cameras of the Sacramento TV stations. This TV plug plus several newspaper notices in California and Nevada provided a good level of advance publicity, but unfortunately, there were no TV crews to cover the actual event. A contributing factor to the low spectator attendance was the draw of the American Association of Railroads special passenger train run westbound through the Feather River Canyon.

The 1986 competition was broken down into three different categories to make the competition more even. The three classes of motorcars were; one-cylinder, two-cylinder, and the unlimited class of four cylinders or more. Due to safety

considerations discovered during the 1985 races, the starting area was at the new concrete walkway near the engine house while the finish line was out at the beginning of the balloon loop. As before, each motorcar and operator/owner was given the chance to make three runs over the 300 meter long track for the best time.

Eight of the 14 competitors were in the one-cylinder class. Coming in first place with a time of 33.16 seconds was Robert Mahan of Oxnard, with his former Ventura County Railway Fairmont S-2. Second place went to Norm Holmes with a time of 35.29 seconds in his "little buttercup", a Fairmont F-9 previously owned by the WP. Third place went to Steve Milward with a time of 35.79 seconds in his former WP Fairmont M-19. Fourth place went to Dale Wyant with a time of 40.50 seconds, operating his Fairmont M-9, which is still used on the Ventura County Railway. Fifth place went to Steve Bush of Colfax, who had two runs with the same time of 41.45 sec. in his Fairmont M-19, built for the Sacramento Northern Railway. Wayne Monger did not operate his Fairmont M-19 in the races because of his master of ceremonies duty.

In the two-cylinder class there were four cars competing. Once again this year Richard Brickell with his repowered Buda from the Virginia and Truckee won first place with a best time of 33.05 seconds. Close behind in second place was Tom Mougovan with a time of 33.64 seconds in his Fairmont M-19-AA, formerly from the WP. In third place with a time of 36.04 seconds was new entrant Jon Kirchanski, with his former WP Fairmont M-19-AA. In fourth place was another new entrant, Steve Santos of Fresno. Steve had a best time of 38.87 seconds with his former Cotton Belt Fairmont MT-19.