



Feather River Rail Society

Portola Railroad Museum *Preserving "The Feather River Route"*

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The Feather River Rail Society, a tax exempt public benefit California corporation, is the historical society for the Western Pacific Railroad and operates the Portola Railroad Museum in Portola, California. The FRRS is not associated with the Western Pacific Railroad.

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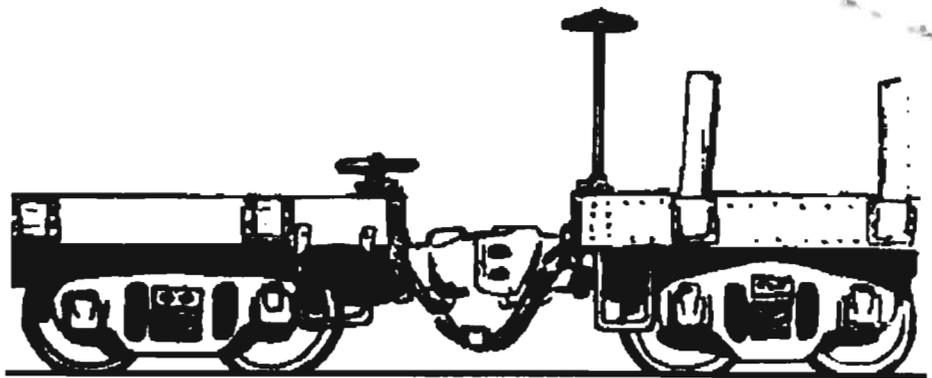
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Dues are paid for 12 months from time of receipt. All memberships have one vote except for Associate. Associate members also do NOT receive the quarterly publication - The Headlight.



From the President's Desk

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, "If it weren't for our loyal and dedicated volunteers, we would not have the great museum we have today." Thank you all for a safe and successful 1990 operating season.

Our museum is relatively new in comparison to other railroad museums, many of which have been around for 20-30 years. Thus when we begin collecting equipment, early diesel locomotives and steel freight cars were all that were available. We have become a railroad museum of the 1950's. Railroading's earlier era was represented by FRRS's steam engine and now with it gone, we will be without that segment of railroad history. The five WP steam engines are all settled in their various locations, but there are other steam engines that may need a new home. We are looking into several possible acquisitions and will keep our membership informed as to progress.

A Word About Visitors

1990 was a very good visitor year. 5,370 people signed our visitor book; but of course not all visitors sign the book. Many local residents bring their visitors to see the museum and repeat visitors usually do not sign in again. Group visits have increased, too. Our usual school groups toured the museum in May, June and October. The American Railroad Club of Switzerland came in June; we had a group of Elks, Methodists, Clampers, Airstream Trailers, and several other camper groups. The Union Pacific United Employees Club came in 2 buses from Sparks, Nevada where they were on convention. Hap Manit usually would give the group a short talk, a tour of the museum and then we would take them on a twice around the balloon track train ride. As we become better known, more people will visit. Visitors help us and help the community. We hope the increasing price of gasoline doesn't hurt our visitor count in 1991.

--Norman W. Holmes

Due to the increasing amount of mail that we receive, we have obtained a much larger post office box. We checked at the Post Office to see which numbers were available on these bigger boxes, and lo and behold, number 608 was available! So from now on, send all of your correspondence (donations, membership renewals, questions, gift shop orders) to us at the new box.

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Since this was such a sudden change, some of our stationery -- membership renewal forms and envelopes -- have the old box number on them. Mail will still be forwarded to us that was addressed to the old box number, but you should make sure that anything mailed to us shows the new box number -- 608.