

*Greetings from the Special Fund Chairman,
Skip Englert...*

Thank you for the response to our Special Restoration Fund Drive. Because of your generosity, we are approaching the \$5,000 mark. Keep up the good work. The following is the up-to-the-minute list of supporters:

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In addition, former WP/UP President, Mr. Mike Flannery has made a large donation to the Restoration Fund.

The Feather River Inn Family Camp has made a large donation.

Belden Town and Resort, Belden, CA has donated half of the proceeds of a bike ride trip sponsored by them.

Restoration goes on at the museum at a fast and steady pace. The results are already being seen. We wish to thank all of those who are donating to the fund. Let's keep it going!

We have several locomotive restoration projects that we need to complete in time for the FRRS' 10th Anniversary Celebration (Circling the Wagons) in July 1994. They are ongoing projects that are in dire need of funds to be completed.

We are asking each member for a special one-time donation of \$100 to help complete these projects.

I assure you that this special donation will be used on these projects ONLY.

No exceptions.

If you cannot afford the \$100, we then urge you to give what you can.

Send these donations to:

FRRS Special Fund Account
c/o Skip Englert, Chairman
P. O. Box 608
Portola, CA 96122

All contributions to this fund will be specially acknowledged in the Train Sheet, unless you specify otherwise.

Support your museum!

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What is the Americans With Disabilities Act? How the FRRS is Complying With It By FRRS Facilities Manager Gordon Wollesen

During 1990, Congress passed a law covering people with disabilities. This law was enacted to provide convenient access and services to those with any type of disability. The State of California enacted its own disability law.

Since the enactment of both the federal and state laws, business establishments, museums, transportation, etc., have been required to make changes to provide access for handicapped people to their establishments and to also provide certain services and accommodations. The law states that these changes must be made if they do not cause undue hardship to the organization financially, or do not change the historic value of the establishment.

The Portola Railroad Museum purchased a manual showing just what had to be done (without undue hardship) to provide handicapped access, etc. I made an extensive survey of the building and grounds to determine just what was feasible to do. It was determined that the number one priority was to provide handicapped parking and one barrier-free (wheelchair accessible) drinking fountain and one regular drinking fountain. Will Wollesen, my son, was contacted and asked if he would like to do the project. Will is working for his Eagle Scout (Boy Scouts of America) rank and needed a project to complete the requirements to earn the rank. Will took on the project and did a superb job.

The drinking fountain phase consisted of removing the old wooden partition and wing wall in front of the men's restroom, constructing a new partition and wing wall (different configuration), installing the necessary plumbing and electrical for the ice water fountains, painting the new wall, mounting the drinking fountains and hooking them up to the plumbing and electrical. The handicapped parking area was set up as a temporary parking area so it could be removed for the winter to keep the area clear for snow removal.

The work was completed in time for Railroad Days. The drinking fountains performed well and the parking area looked good. Railroad Days weekend was the acid test. Cold water was available (unlimited supply) without having to keep refilling a five gallon jug every 15 minutes, and the handicapped parking worked. Spot checks were made during the weekend and every vehicle parked in the handicapped area displayed a disabled placard. Will did a great job.

The ADA Survey is still going on to determine what is next. There are a lot of ADA requirements that we cannot comply with, but we will do what we can.
