

The Train Sheet



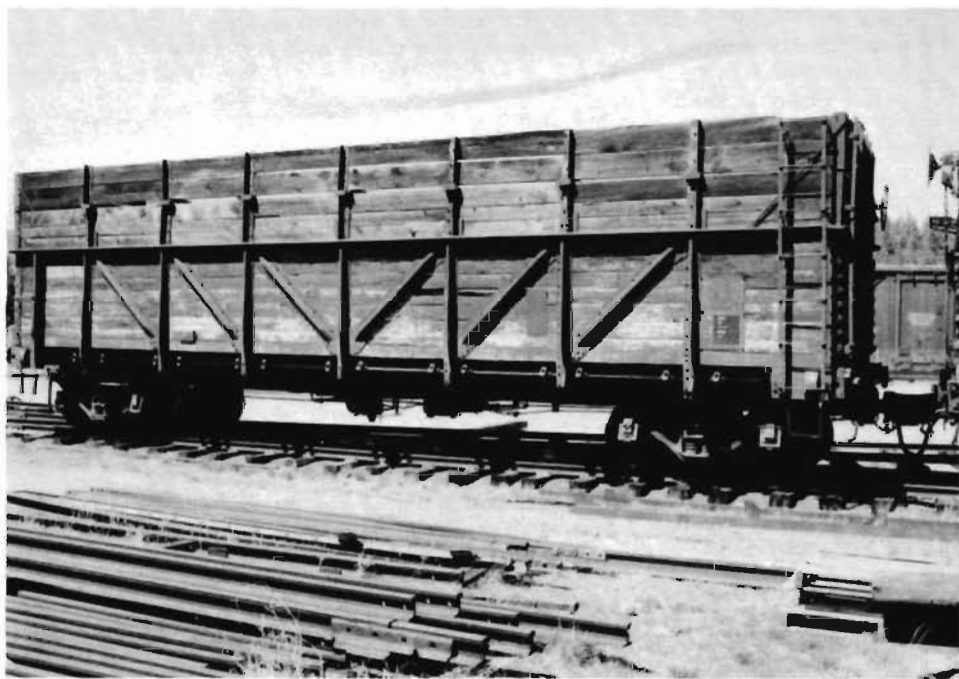
Preserving "The Feather River Route"

...news from The Feather River Rail Society and The Portola Railroad Museum

Issue No. 66

March/April 1994

The BEET Goes On...



The three sugar beet cars that we have received, USGX 60 - ex SP 358262, USGX 149 - ex SP 358646, and USGX 322 - ex SP 359246, represent three variations of composite wood gons. The top extensions were added in the sixties to increase capacity. Shown here at the museum is the oldest of the three, USGX 60, the former SP 358262, built 5/48, which has the inside plank/outside frame extension. These composite sugar beet gondolas survived countless decades of reliable service and were an anachronism in today's railroading. Their dedicated service will be missed but not forgotten. These three will be remembered at our museum and it's a sure bet that one of the trains at this year's Railfan Photographer's Day will be a sugar beet train. Photo by Ed Warren.

Don't Forget Our Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Less than 30 days remain before our giant Tenth Anniversary event that we are calling, "Circle the Wagons." At this time we have two units coming from California State Railroad museum, F7A WP 913 and E8A SP 6051; a privately owned E3A will probably be coming from Wisconsin, and Nevada State Railroad Museum is sending their 4-4-0 steamer. We may have one or two other units, one or two dome coaches and other equipment.

The pageant is coming along; there will be cowboys, Indians, a hobo, one or more horse drawn wagons and others. This event will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3, 1994. We will need help with parking, crowd control, food service, clean up, etc. Please, if possible, let us know if you are coming up to help, so we can assign jobs. Come and join the fun!

Inside this Issue:

- Story of Our Beet Cars.
- Reports on Restoration Work.
- Circle the Wagons Schedule of Events.