

Eleventh Annual National Track Motorcar Championships

Saturday, August 6, 1994; 12 Noon at the Portola Railroad Museum.
Presented by the FRRS and Motorcar Operators West.

All owners and operators of railroad motorcars are hereby challenged to a day of friendly competition! If you are willing to pit your knowledge of motorcar safety rules and your motorcar operational skills against others, you are invited to bring your machine. Plan now to attend this one day of fun, food and friendly competition. Learn tips and mechanical trouble-shooting from fellow MOW "experts." This is the ideal event for "rookies" and "old heads" alike.

On a trial basis, the format of the NTMC will change in this, the 11th year of the event. Using 2,000 feet of museum trackage, each motorcar operator will be tested and judged on compliance to/knowledge of MOW operating book of rules as well as general railroad operating rules. Judging will include proper flagging at road crossings, proper throwing of switches, use of track repair tools and safe handling of motorcars. Each participant will be allowed two separate runs over this closed section of museum trackage to try for a best time. The best times of all motorcars in each class will be compared at the end of the race. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners plus all participants will be awarded ribbons during the awards ceremony following the conclusion of the NTMC. New in 1994 will be separate awards for "Best of Show" and "Ugly Duckling" as determined by popular vote of the participants!

In 1994, the NTMC will be divided into the following classes:

1. Belt-drive cars (Fairmont M-series).
2. Gear-drive cars (Fairmont MT-series cars and others) Men only.
3. Gear-drive cars (Fairmont MT-series cars and others) Women only.
4. Exhibition class - includes all cars that do not fall into above classes, as judged by FRRS and MOW personnel, such as: all homebuilt cars, alternate powered cars, rail bikes, hi-rail equipped vehicles and anyone wishing not to compete for time in this event.

Once the NTMC is done, the fun isn't! Everyone is invited to a pot-luck Bar-B-Q at the museum's picnic area near the finish line. We supply the soft drinks and side dishes, you bring something to throw onto the grill for yourself and your family. Museum trackage is open to motorcar operation until 9 PM. Also, MOW director Gary Cousin and other MOW officers will be holding a motorcar repair clinic for the assembled motorcar operators.

NTMC entry fee = \$20 per operator
Signing an FRRS liability waiver is required.

There will be a motorcar excursion on Sunday, August 7, 1994 over the 14-mile long Almanor Railroad at Chester, CA. MOW organization rulebook will apply. Signing a liability waiver before entrance onto the railroad is required! Total cost for BOTH the NTMC and Almanor trip is \$55.00.

For entry forms and information contact NTMC Chairman Wayne Monger at: 1409 Tillman St., Suisun City, CA 94585 phone (707) 426-5510 or E-mail at CompuServe #73563,2652.

Feather River Railroad Days

Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 1994

Our second biggest event this year will be the community's Feather River Railroad Days. This annual event has a parade on Saturday, August 20, 1994 at 10 AM, followed by other events in the City Park. We will have music and model railroad displays in the museum shop building and will for the first time operate a passenger car train along with our regular caboose train. The train rides are stepped up to run every 20 minutes. As before, we need volunteers to help on the train crew, ticket sales, parking and food service. We are charging admission this year - \$5 for adults, \$2.50 children and \$15 for a family ticket. The ticket is good for admission and unlimited train rides. Please call or write Gordon Wollesen at the museum if you can help.

9th Annual FRRS Railfan Photographer's Day

Saturday, September 17, 1994
9:30 AM to Midnight

This popular event will feature a number of trains operating on a printed schedule and will include:

- Restored ex-California Zephyr FP7 WP 805-A on A-B-A set pulling freight and passenger trains.
- The only 1994 SP sugar beet train using wood beet cars.
- Operational VIA Rail passenger train with ALCO FPA-4, ALCO FPB-4, 2 coaches and a sleeper car. (More on the ALCO's in the next Train Sheet.)
- Four Baldwin diesels in use on freight trains.
- Group night photo session.
- Multi-media shows.
- Locomotive cab and caboose rides.
- Spaghetti dinner.

Every diesel unit that is operational will be running. Last year we had 11. Come out this year to see us establish a new record. We need operating people to help with this event. Also needed are ticket sellers and food service volunteers. Admission will be \$12 advance or \$15 day of event per person (under 16 yrs. old is free). Working members, of course, will be admitted free. We put a lot of effort into setting up this event and we really put on a great show.

FRRS Southern Regional Meet

Saturday, October 8, 1994
La Habra Senior Citizen's Center
La Habra, CA

Featured Speakers this year are:

- Art Lloyd; his background is late 40's early 50's with WP in public relations. He was primarily responsible for the California Zephyr promotion.
- Dave Stanley; with 20 years of assorted duties with WP/UP.
- Norm Holmes; he is FRRS president with over 40 years WP/UP engine service.

See next issue of the Train Sheet for further details and/or call Pete Solyom at 310-691-4139.