

New FRRS Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new FRRS members:

Thomas Andrews
Reno, NV

Patrick Brimmer
Sandy, UT

John Cameron
Adrian, MI

Bob Combs
Tome, NM

Jay & Kathy Krumholtz
Perris, CA

Gary Lindgren
Palo Alto, CA

Anson Perkins
Alamo, CA

James Somerville
Anchorage, AK

John Spray
Santa Clara, CA

The FRRS First Sub Club

By Rich Canino

This March, The FRRS First Sub Club will begin its sixth year of conducting meetings in the Bay Area.

The First Sub Club is a group of Bay Area members of the FRRS with an interest in planning trips to, and projects at the museum in Portola. It is NOT a separate organization with dues or voting rights. First Sub Club meetings, always free of charge, are open to anyone interested in the activities of the Portola Railroad Museum, fans of the Western Pacific Railroad, or current Union Pacific operations on the WP, modelers, and members of other rail historic organizations.

The main goals of the First Sub Club include informing Bay Area members of the activities at the museum, developing a ride and accommodation message line, planning for future museum events and restoration projects.

The First Sub Club has recruited new FRRS members, encouraged donations for projects, and generated more interest in the museum and its activities. Each meeting is attended by an average of 25 to 30 people and features special programs and/or railroad slide presentations.

The First Sub Club name was adopted from the First Subdivision of the Western Pacific Railroad, which included the Bay Area territory.

Just as the Portola Railroad Museum is unique in its operations and equipment roster, the FRRS is one of the only rail museums to form "sub" organizations to keep members who live distant from the museum informed and involved in its endeavors.

The next First Sub Club meeting will be on Friday, March 24, 1995 at 7:30 PM at the Niles Depot Museum, 36997 Mission Blvd., in the Niles district of Fremont, CA. All meetings are held at this location.

Anyone wishing to be on the First Sub Club mailing list may contact Rich Canino at (415) 591-4997.

Report from the Board of Directors

as transcribed by Peter Langdon.

Board Of Directors Meeting December 18, 1994.

On the publicity report, Norm Holmes requested that we place a half page ad in Feather Publishing's 1995 Tourism in Plumas County Paper on behalf of the Museum, similar to the one in the 1994 issue. Hank Stiles requested that we continue to place ads in Recreational Railroading, and Trains. The Board approved both requests.

Norm Holmes and Steve Habeck reported on grants, that the Bank of America has given us a \$500.00 grant towards the "Circle the Wagons" expenses.

Hank Stiles reported on the CMO report that the starting problem on engine 512 been traced to an incorrectly adjusted tip gap on the battery contactor #2 interlock. Also, Hank reported that the 197 caboose suffered a fire recently, caused by a malfunction of the heater. Fortunately, the caboose has not suffered any major damage.

Acquisition of the dome car Silver Scene was discussed at length. As a result of this discussion, the flyer was mailed out to all members.

On the Museum Executive Director report, Norm Holmes mentioned that he has acquired some items from State Surplus, including wrenches and some boat tarps which he has used to cover some of our traction motors and other items stored outside.

The re-dedication ceremony for the 805-A was discussed at some length.

The Board agreed to the purchase of the new backhoe tractor and to the sale of the old loader.

The Board discussed the acquisition of a VIA lounge car, as well as an ex New Haven RDC-1. The RDC "Budd Car" is of interest because WP operated RDC-2's on the "Zephyrette" service and Budd loaned an RDC-1 demonstrator to WP. [Current update: The VIA lounge car has been purchased and is on its way to Portola. Look for complete details on it in the next Train Sheet. The Budd RDC is not attainable at this time.]

The board discussed the acquisition of a second WPMW 37-7, which is an outside braced boxcar converted for use as a dining/lounge car on the Oroville derrick before the WPMW 37-7 that we have at Portola was used for this purpose.

Ken Roller presented a proposal to expand the model railroad located in the Beanery. As well as enlarging the layout, additional storage space for the Beanery would be provided. The board approved, and work is underway.

Board of Directors Meeting, January 1995, was canceled due to severe weather conditions, heavy snow and flooding.

Computer Donation

Roger Kemis has donated two Compaq portable computers. They are older models, but appear to be in fine condition. One will be used in our operations office to supplement our equipment and operations computer that Mardi Langdon keeps up to date for us. The donation was timely as we were considering purchasing a computer for use in the operations office. Thanks!

Information Needed

For sometime we have been collecting material for an issue of the Headlight that would cover all Western Pacific, Sacramento Northern and Tidewater Southern cabooses. We are asking our members to send us information as to location, ownership and condition of any existing cabooses that they know of so that a reasonably accurate list can be published.