

Feather River Railroad Days

The Thirteenth Annual Feather River Railroad Days will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20, 1995 in Portola.

The Museum will be mobbed with visitors, and we will shift into high gear for this big event to accommodate large numbers of visitors who attend the festivities in town and at the Museum. There will be a parade on Saturday, August 19, 1995 at 10 AM, followed by other events in the City Park. We will have music and model railroad displays in the museum shop building. We will operate trains all day long each day. The train rides are stepped up to run every 20 minutes. We can use all the help we can get to cover a multitude of jobs both before and during the event. As before, we need volunteers to help on the train crew, ticket sales, parking and food service. Please call or write Gordon Wollesen at the museum if you can help. Come up and join in the fun. Support YOUR Museum.

First Sub Club Meeting

The First Sub Club of the Portola Railroad Museum will hold a meeting on Friday, September 8, 1995 at the historic Niles Depot.

The Niles Depot Museum is located at 36997 Mission Blvd., in the Niles District of Fremont, California.

Besides Feather River Rail Society Members, First Sub Club Meetings 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 other rail historical organizations.

Railfan Photographer's Day

Saturday, September 16, 1995

9:30 AM to Midnight

This popular event will feature trains made up especially for the day and operating on a printed schedule. Trains run in the past have included: 1940's freight train, 1950's freight train, wrecker train, tank car train, streamlined passenger train, "beet" train, military train, and many more. Expect a fantastic night photo shoot, also.

The first train of the day takes spectators to the hill area near the balloon track. This is an excellent vantage point where all of the day's trains can be viewed and photographed in a scenic setting. We put a lot of effort into setting up this event and we really put on a great show.

We need operating people to help with this event. Also needed are ticket sellers and food service volunteers.

For more information, contact Wayne Monger at: 1409 Tillman St., Suisun City, CA 94585, phone (707) 426-5510.

Don't forget...

The Twelfth Annual National Track Motorcar Championships

They will be held later this year than in the past.

Saturday, September 30, 1995

at the
Portola Railroad Museum

Plan now to attend this day of fun, food and friendly competition.

To get details on the event, contact NTMC Chairman Wayne Monger at: 1409 Tillman St., Suisun City, CA 94585, phone (707) 426-5510 or E-mail at 73563.2652@compuserve.com

WP Fans and Modelers.. and Others!

6th Southern Meet

Saturday, October 14, 1995

By Pete Solyom

Over the past two or three years a number of parties have indicated to me and others involved with the FRRS Southern Regional Meet to consider opening the function to other roads. Some have proposed a "joint meet" approach to say western roads. This year the FRRS Southern Regional Meet committee is opening the meet to just that, a prototype modeler's meet featuring western roads. This feature will hopefully bring additional participants to the meet with a greater variety of display and/or contest models. The organizational committee will be notifying the historical Societies of western roads about the meet and hopefully they will be able to publish some sort of notice in their magazine and/or newsletter.

The speakers this year will reflect the opening of the theme. First off, we again have invited Mr. Art Lloyd, who was unable to make it due to a last minute scheduling conflict last year. In addition, Mr. Anthony Thompson, of the Southern Pacific Technical and Historical Society will be a feature speaker. He is the author of the recently published book, "PFE Reefers." And as if that is not enough, Mr. Dave Hussey will be presenting. Dave is a contemporary modeler extraordinaire and his models of locomotives and freight cars have graced the pages of Mainline, RMC, and most recently Model Railroad magazines.

We believe the success of the WP meets in years past has made an impact on the modeling community and now that the meet will entertain all western road themes, there would be no reason not to participate. I hope all of you will encourage not only yourself, but fellow fans and modelers to participate in this meet. I believe the speakers will have something for everyone and there will be many models everywhere to admire throughout the day. I do believe there will be a discount admission price to all who bring contest and/or display models.

This year's meet is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 1995. We will be holding the meet at a new location at the "La Habra Clubhouse" located at 200 W. Greenwood in La Habra. For those of you who are out of towners, a very large well stocked RR swap meet is usually held the same morning by the Pomona Model RR club. We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact me at 310-691-4139 if I can provide any additional information.