



## Feather River Rail Society

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Portola Railroad  
Museum

Preserving

*"The Feather River Route"*

P.O. Box 608  
Portola, California 96122  
(916) 832-4131

The museum is open daily year round from  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM except Christmas Day.  
Entrance to the museum is free, however, we  
have a suggested donation of \$2.00.

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# From the Desk of the President



The end of another busy operating season is at hand. Plans are already in the works for winter preparations - - it'll be here before we know it. This season was notable for its smoothness; most days went as planned, with very few equipment failures, and excellent performance by the operating crews. This makes us look good (competent and professional) to the visiting public, and is a direct result of the focus of available resources for maintenance on the "in-service" locomotives by CMO and Director Hank Stiles, and by attention to detail by each member of the operating department, under Superintendent and Director Gordon Wollesen, and Trainmaster Jim Gidley, Sr. Development of the training, maintenance, and restoration programs has allowed Executive Director Norman Holmes to devote more of his time to other Museum projects on his list, with the end result being that more work is getting done.

Norm and I attended the Pacific Limited Group Board of Directors meeting in Cheyenne in July, representing the FRRS. Our membership in Pacific Limited has the potential to pay off well in 1996 and beyond, as Pacific Limited becomes a known quantity among tour operators, and maintains favored status with Union Pacific as an excursion sponsor. This will result in better, more widespread ticket sales, on more desirable excursion trips. While in Cheyenne, I presented Lynn and Mary Nystrom with a framed photo of our WP 805-A wearing the nose herald they donated, taken at 805-A's re-dedication on May 27, 1995, with a letter thanking them on behalf of the FRRS. It was well received.

The FRRS and the Portola Railroad Museum have become more involved in the communities near the Museum. We now enjoy a good relationship with the Plumas County Visitors Bureau, and the Chambers of Commerce in Quincy and the Portola area. The FRRS has donated funds to the Railroad Days Committee in Portola, and the Timberfest Committee in Loyalton, and we participate actively in both of these annual events.

Through community involvement and continuous improvement, the FRRS is becoming better known around Portola and around the world. It's the support of our members, volunteers, and friends that is making these things happen, and I value it highly. I also ask for your continued support, so that our progress may continue. You, the membership, will determine the future of the Society and our Museum by your degree of that support. Thank you.

Steve Habeck

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