



Feather River Rail Society

Portola Railroad
Museum

Preserving

"The Feather River Route"

P.O. Box 608
Portola, California 96122
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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 winter season has arrived in Portola and the Sierra, and it blew in with high winds and heavy rain/snow all across Northern California. I have heard of several members who were dealt a serious blow by this storm, and I sympathize with you. Fortunately, the Museum came through with virtually no damage, although we had locomotive stack caps scattered all through the yard.

With the annual Santa Trains behind us, things have been pretty well put away for the winter. All but two of the locomotives are drained, with stacks capped, and all engines with batteries have been spotted near the shop to facilitate keeping the batteries charged. The winter project for this year is upgrading the water system to the restrooms, along with expanding the gas supply system for the Beanery to provide gas for heating the gift shop, office, and ladies' restroom.

With day-to-day activity at the Museum winding down somewhat, I am working with the Directors to address several long-standing issues that have been the concern of many members for some time. Active dialog has already been observed amongst the Directors on several of these issues, which mainly focus on visitor services, volunteer services, and status of the collection. I am interested in hearing from anyone that has opinions on these issues, or on anything concerning the Museum and the FRRS. I can be reached by US Mail in care of the Museum, or by electronic mail at:

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We are still eagerly awaiting the arrival of our WP GP9's; an article on their history and acquisition appears in this issue of the Train Sheet. We are extending our request for donations to defray the expenses incurred in obtaining these valuable additions to our collection; please consider us in your plans, and be as generous as you can. I extend my personal thanks and gratitude to those who have already donated; it is very much appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the calendar that is accompanying this issue of the Train Sheet, and that you find it useful. Directors Wayne Monger and Vic Neves have strived to produce a quality product, and I thank them for their efforts.

Again, I thank everyone for their continued support of the FRRS, and I hope to see many of you at Winterail.

Steve Habeck

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