

The Feather River Rail Society

The Portola Railroad Museum

Preserving the Memory of

"The Feather River Route"

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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



We are now well into our 12th operating season at the Museum, and things are looking good. Our visitor counts have been steady, and the locomotive rental program is getting into high gear, generating much-needed revenue. Issue #12 of the "Headlight" is at the printer (or maybe even in the mail) as you read this, with work already in progress on #13. The annual meeting was held on June 22, 1996 and, although lightly attended, saw the approval of both Bylaws change proposals and the election of five Directors (see the related story in this issue).

Work is continuing on the shop upgrade; it won't be long now before it's more completely functional. Lolli Bryan has spent many hours in UP business car 105, dealing with the aftermath of a rainy spring and a leaky roof, and has the car looking spiffy inside. Ken Roller continues his work on the model railroad in the back of the Beanery; the scenery isn't done, but trains are running, much to the visitors' delight.

Many other people are working frequently, even daily, to maintain and improve our services and facilities. This is the busy season; it seems as though there's always one more thing to do that has to get done today. But, I'll take the time now to thank all of you for your support of the FRRS, and a special thanks to those members who took the time to fill out and send in their ballots, shaping the future of the FRRS by electing Directors and amending the Bylaws. I especially thank those of you who granted me another term as a Director; your support is my incentive to continue on.

--Steve Habeck

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