

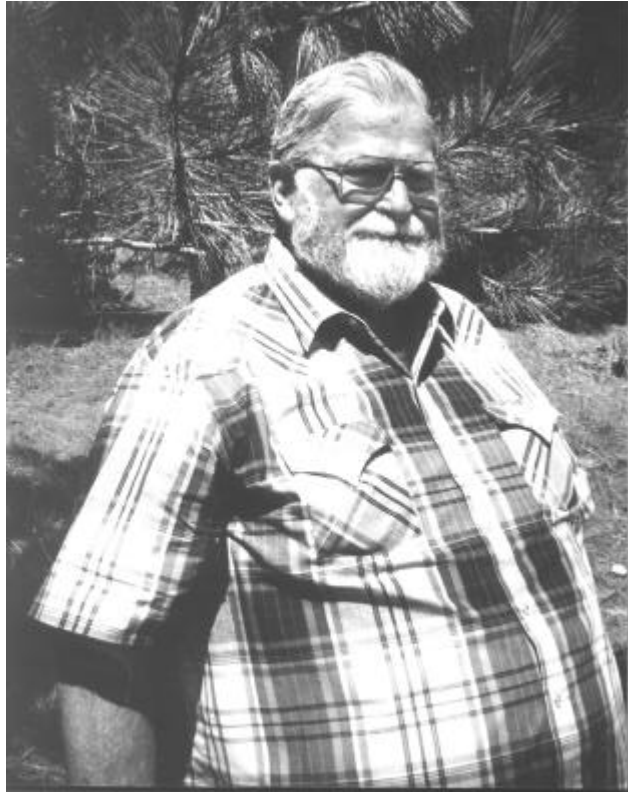
## Member Portrait, fourth in a series

Born on November 24, 1933 Gordon Wollesen was raised and attended school in Oakland, CA. After graduating from High School Gordon continued his education at Lassen College in Susanville, CA. Joining the Air Force in February 1953 he served in South Korea and West Germany until discharged in November 1956. He married Diane in June 1962, and they have five children.

Gordon went to work for the California Division of Forestry in 1957 as an engineer and was promoted to Captain while assigned to Nevada County. The family lived in Nevada City and Foresthill while Gordon was assigned to the Nevada, Yuba, Placer Ranger Unit. During this assignment Gordon assisted with the complete mapping of the district.

The family started visiting Plumas County on vacations in 1978, camping in commercial campgrounds just west of Portola. Always interested in the Railroads that operated in the region the family happened to be in Portola for the first Feather River Railroad Days in 1983, liked what

they saw and joined our organization as charter members.



Gordon retired from the CDF in December 1986 completing his fire service career as a dispatcher in Auburn, CA, and moved to Portola in July 1987. He became a member of the Board of Directors in 1988 and soon was appointed Treasurer. Gordon was head of the operating department and also held the title of facilities manager until health problems forced his retirement from those positions. Almost everyday for eleven years Gordon would be at the museum work-

ing, answering the telephone and greeting visitors. Although not as active as in the past he continues to participate in museum activities.

## From the Editor

This issue is late, very late. The reasons being that during the change of Editorship from Bill Shippen to myself a few very important items were overlooked, confusion as to who was going to do what and an unexpected job related trip to Alabama by me.

Recently Kerry Cochran took over the position of Membership Coordinator. Due to some software incompatibility problems the membership list that Bill Shippen had maintained would not load

correctly on Kerry's computer. That has now been resolved and Kerry is working to bring the list up to date. Both Kerry and myself now have the same software used by Bill for the membership/ mailing list. Kerry will maintain the list and provide updates on a regular basis. I will print labels for any Society mailings including The Train Sheet and The Headlight.

Another delay came into play when I had a

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## CZ "Silver Hostel" Purchased

As of May 13, 1999 the FRRS owns in full the Western Pacific Passenger Car Silver Hostel. The Bill of Sale and Sales Agreement were endorsed on May 12 by President Englert and signed on May 13 by Les Kastin of Illinois Transit Assembly Corp. Mr. Kastin received a cashiers check on May 13, 1999 along with his endorsed copy of the agreement. I personally want to thank Eugene Vicknair who discovered the car, the Board of Directors and especially the membership of the FRRS that supported the effort to save this car from a fate suffered by to many other cars from the CZ. It will become a centerpiece in our collection. We have a long road ahead with restoration but I believe it is a do-able project. With this car and our FP-7A #805A we will be able to start telling the story of the California Zephyr in a real and tangible way for the first time.

- Doug Morgan

## Quincy RR #3

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bly so the railroad would not be confused with its larger connecting line. This unit, along with the later acquired 1942 Alco S-1, were donated to the Feather River Rail Society in 1997 by Sierra Pacific Industries after being replaced with an EMD SW-1200. The Alco S-1 No. 4 is the former WP 504 and SN 405.

Because of their friction bearing trucks they were not moveable on their own wheels to Portola and had to be loaded on flat cars for the movement. QRR No. 3 was loaded on our former HTTX flat car on May 15, 1998, using a borrowed set of Whiting jacks. The car was held at Quincy with the hope that the QRR No. 4 could be loaded on another car and the two moved to Portola together.

For a number of reasons the QRR No. 4 was not loaded and finally on March 27, 1999, the QRR No. 3 arrived in Portola. It was placed on our interchange track and entered the museum on April 7. The move for QRR No. 4 is still pending.

- Norm Holmes

## From the Editor

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short notice trip to Alabama for job required training. Hopefully this won't happen again in the near future. Myself and the rest of the volunteer staff are working diligently to bring all of our publications back on a realistic and timely schedule. We all appreciate your patience during this transition.

We are always looking for member comments and input for our publications. If you have ideas or content for our publications please contact us.

- Frank Brehm

## Year 2000 Calendar

The year 2000 Calendar project is now underway. Management of the project is under the WPRRHS. We are asking for WP related photos for possible inclusion in the calendar. If you would like to contribute a photo please send it to either

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## Obituaries

We have lost two members recently, A. S. Kasper from Boise, Idaho and Earl McKenzie from Sacramento. Both were former Western Pacific employees. Mr. Kasper was purchasing manager and Mr. McKenzie was a machinist in the Sacramento shops.

It is also with a heavy heart that we report Life member, Peter Lyman's wife passed away. You may recognize Peter's name as head of the A&D committee.

Another member has also lost a loved one. CMO Hank Stiles' mother passed away recently after a long illness.

Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences go out to the families.