

From the Chairman

By Andy Anderson

As the end of our tourist season creeps nearer many thoughts present themselves. Uppermost, is the sadness in the loss of the two gentlemen who were so involved in the Run-A-Locomotive program, Bruce Cooper and Skip Englert. They will be kindly remembered and sorely missed.

On a brighter note, we were most fortunate to have Ken Iverson take on the responsibilities of Facility Manager. Also a thank-you to all whom were involved in Railroad Days in Portola. A longtime volunteer and certainly a familiar face to many; Lolli Bryan is leaving the area for her new home in Arizona and we certainly wish her well.

One of the things most obvious and unfortunate is lack of members volunteering to help at the Museum. I realize it is quite a distance to travel for some but any effort by any member would be really helpful and appreciated. Although we have seen a lack of volunteers some projects received many hours of work this year and are complete or nearly so. Started last year, the library car is now in service and our paper collection is being sorted, cataloged and stored for easier retrieval when needed. Most locomotives have received some well-deserved attention but the mechanical department is operating with limited manpower and could always use more help. Volunteer quarters also received many hours of work this past season and are very near completion. I am positive we will see many more volunteers in the future. I would like to thank those who have assisted at the museum this season your help is most appreciated.

The Run-A-Locomotive program has been very active and visitors seem to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Museum. We also need people to help out in the Run-A-Locomotive program. As of now we have only three that can be contacted during the week and that's asking a lot for a whole season. Please contact me at 530-283-0863 if you can find time to help out in any way. Thank You!!!

I encourage our membership, when they can, to come visit the Museum and be a part of the activities.

Member Addresses

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Emergency Board Meeting

On the evening of August 30th at 7 p.m. an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors of F.R.R.S. was held by a teleconference. All Board Members were present. The purpose of the meeting was to resolve the issue of whether or not rolling stock from the Museum would be allowed to be transported to the Truckee Railroad Days Event. Prior to anything being discussed a previous motion in which only one unit (SP4404) was to be taken was rescinded by voice vote. After much exchange among some of the Board members and the Truckee delegation a final consist of 14 units was approved by the Union Pacific and arrangements made for the move. Prior to a vote, the issue of the ownership of Engine 244 arose and at the conclusion of the discussion a motion was presented as follows:

Due to the dispute of the ownership of Engine 244, this unit is to be deleted from the consist going to Truckee. Separate arrangements for this unit will be made. MOTION 56/8-2000 Yes-5, No-4. Following this action a MOTION 57/8-2000 states:

To allow the shipment of the consist made up of the following units to be transported to Truckee:

SP 4404
 WP 805A
 WP 925C
 WP 501
 WP 2001
 WP 707
 UP BUSINESS CAR 105
 WP LOUNGE/DOME 832
 VIA RAIL SLEEPING CAR 1112
 VIA RAIL LOUNGE CAR 754
 SP CABOOSE 4107
 UP CABOOSE 903005
 MOPAC CABOOSE 13878
 Motion Passed. Yes-5, No-2, Abstain-2

Due to the lack of communication, lateness of effort and misunderstanding which resulted in confusion and dissention among the Board and some F.R.R.S. members, the only way to resolve and bring to a conclusion the situation was by this emergency meeting. Those members who opposed the movement of equipment to Truckee did so not because of their objection to the event but to the large number of units committed. Each Board Member expressed the desire to see the event be a success. All felt that it could indeed be a boon to the Museum.

Due to the large number of Directors who will be participating at the event in Truckee the September Board Meeting, scheduled for September 9th, has been cancelled. The next regular Board meeting will be October 14, 1 p.m., Portola Railroad Museum. All members are encouraged to attend.

Andy Anderson, President.