

Membership Services

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With the year 2000 gone, and now getting into 2001, we still have some baggage left over from last year.

In issue 103 of *The Train Sheet*, it was reported for members to be on the lookout for new membership cards which were expected to be in the mail very shortly after that issue was printed. Well guess what? Problems were encountered and we have not yet received them from the printer. Eugene Vicknair, is having some trouble with the printer he has been using, and we may have to move to another printer.

As we make progress with getting the new membership cards printed, I will try to have an update with each *Train Sheet*.

We are still struggling with address changes. It seems that just when you think you have all the new addresses of members, a new Post Office change card comes in the mail, or a *Train Sheet* or envelope is returned with a new address. Some members have sent in several address changes, and by some indications, we did not have the correct address. The entire Membership Data Base was checked in December 2000 to make sure all the changes were made.

If you change your address, move, or Heaven forbid, someone passes away, please make sure that you send the FRRS a change of address card. All United States Post Offices should have a small change of address kit or have one delivered to you in a short amount of time. This kit includes material that allows you to provide notification of your recent or upcoming address change which you should use for your correspondence and publications to ensure uninterrupted service.

Again those with email capability, you can send your email to me at KC6KNT@compuserve.com otherwise please contact us via US Mail at FRRS * Member Services * P.O. Box 608 * Portola, Ca. 96122-0608.

Membership records normally include name, address, phone number, e-mail addresses, membership numbers, expiration dates, and possibly some notes on the date when a member joined, and their occupation.

Feather River Rail Society does not sell or give away our membership list to other marketing or advertising companies. We do occasionally use the membership list to send out notices to our members about FRRS sponsored events. If you have any questions about your membership record, please contact us, and we will be glad to talk to you about the information it may contain.

One quick way to check on your membership status, is to look at the mailing label on the *Train Sheet* or any correspondence you receive from the membership department.

The mailing label should have the following information on it: (foreign members may have more address information)

Name (First, Initial, Last) Membership Date and a Code
Address
City, State, and Zip Code + 4

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Information on the Label

Name:

Please note that not all members have supplied us with middle initials so this may be missing.

Date:

The date your current membership expires (for Life members and Family Life there will be a L or LF in this position)

Code:

The code after the date stands for the following:
TSH Active members (Active, Family, Life, Family Life and Sustaining) who receive the *Train Sheet* and the *Headlight*,
TS for Associate members who receive the *Train Sheet* only, and
H for Historical members who receive the *Headlight* only.

Address:

The current address we have on file for you.

City, State and Zip Code:

Please make sure we have your Zip Code + 4, as the Post Office delays the mail without the Zip+4.

Your Mailing label should look something like this:

John Q. Public 5/01 TSH
700 Western Pacific Way
Portola, Ca. 946122-0000

If you have not received a Train Sheet in awhile or know of someone who has not please contact us so we can confirm the information in your file.

As always, should you have any questions, please contact me by email or US Mail.

THE FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY



After a long wait new and renewing members should start receiving their new membership cards (shown above) in the mail. The card has been totally redesigned and is now part of a welcoming letter. We thank the members for understanding while we completed the task of getting the new cards designed, printed, and mailed.