

- FRRS Membership -

<i>Yearly Dues</i>		<i>Single Life Membership</i>		<i>Family Life Membership</i>	
Associate	\$20.00	Birth-17 years of age	\$1200.00	Birth-17 years of age	\$1800.00
Active	\$40.00	Age 18-39	\$900.00	Age 18-39	\$1350.00
Family	\$60.00	Age 40-61	\$600.00	Age 40-61	\$900.00
Sustaining	\$100.00	Age 62 and above	\$300.00	Age 62 and above	\$450.00

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment. Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

Associate memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.

Active memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

Family memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have one vote and include all members of ones immediate family.

Sustaining memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, are for a maximum of two persons with one vote each.

Life memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only for life.

Family Life memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, are for a maximum of two people and have two votes (one per member) for life.

Send all applications, renewals and address changes to:

**Feather River Rail Society
Membership Dept.
P.O. Box 608
Portola, CA 96122-0608**

Address changes may also be sent to memberships@wplives.com

A Message From the FRRS President

By Rod McClure

Money! It is something that none of us never has enough of it seems. It makes the world go around, and it is needed to make the FRRS operate. Mr. Steve Lee, Manager of the Union Pacific Steam Program was sitting in the cab of one of the UP heritage fleet steam locomotives one day and was asked by an awed visitor, "hey, what does that thing burn???" Steve's answer was quick, off the cuff, and right to the point, "Money, got some?" My point is that to make the FRRS operate daily we need money. We are lucky in that from Run-A-Locomotive and Gift Shop income, we can pay the monthly bills like electricity, insurance, diesel fuel, oil, and all of the other small but important things it takes to keep us in operation. But this does not give us what we need to continue to improve our Museum. To do the restoration projects we all want to see done, it takes donations from our Members and our visitors. We are applying for grants, and we are beginning to have some success but that is not enough. Did you know it takes right about ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to properly prep and paint one locomotive? A caboose or freight car takes from five to seven thousand dollars to prep and paint. This does not include any repairs that might have to be made to the interior, mechanical, and/or electrical components. We have been and are making some fantastic trades for WP equipment and even this sometimes costs money. Moving anything that does not have modern roller bearings must be trucked or put on a flat car. Loading of these pieces of equipment takes volunteer effort and time or payment to a company to accomplish. Even though we get some of this trans-

portation donated, we still have to at times pay for some of it and it is not cheap.

You have heard us say this before and we will continue to say it, Please donate what you can when you can to help us do the things that need to be done to preserve the equipment we have and continue to make upgrades to our Museum grounds, volunteer areas, and general upkeep of our Museum. I know that many of you always put something extra into your membership renewal every year and that does not go unnoticed, as do some of you who have matching gift programs from your employers who donate monthly. Some cannot donate cash but do donate a lot of their spare time coming to the Museum to help out when they can. That alone is a big feat in light of today's gas prices. To all of you who go that extra mile, Thanks. Sometime soon you will be receiving a mail out fundraiser for the FRRS. If you can, send what you can to help us continue improving and upgrading the FRRS.

August, September, and October promise to be very busy months for us and again we will need all the help we can get. Some of things that will be going on are Portola Railroad Days, Truckee Railroad Days, the movement of equipment to and from the Western Railway Museum in Rio Vista, the movement of the WP 165 from Niles Canyon to Portola, and of course track maintenance, locomotive maintenance and continued Museum clean up.

If you can come up and help, please let me or John Walker know.

Until next time, remember, WPLives.