

work and it is almost new.

My new assistant Rick Edwards and I have made several trips to Rio Vista jct. in the last few weeks to inspect and service the equipment that we acquired in our historic trade with The Western Railway Museum (Rio Vista). All is well with the flat car, both cabooses, the WP 712 and the WP 917-A. We were not so lucky with the Amtrak F3-B, as the brakes will set but not release. When Amtrak made the F3-B into a power car they put all the brake equipment in one of the battery boxes using a #6-K distributing valve and that valve has been identified as the problem. So we are now looking for a replacement valve. When we find and install a replacement valve it should be good to go.

Things at the museum are pretty well bedded down for the winter but as you all know the list never ends. Having John Walker there full time has been one of the best things that we have done for the museum. Having someone there all the time gives us a continuity that we have never had. It makes everyone's time more productive while they are at the museum and while we are not there to oversee jobs when someone comes up to work.

Next year we will be truing the wheels on the WP 512, a job that has already started, we will also be working on the WP 501 ( SW-1) with the goal of putting it back in service. I hope to have the WP 731 (GP-9) in service in 2005.

Please come up to Portola and see all the improvements that we have made lately, we are getting a lot of positive feedback from our members and visitors.

See you in Portola.

## Winter Hours

The Portola Railroad Museum is open 10-5 daily March thru October. As we are coming up to the end of the tourist season, and winter has come early to the Sierra's, we will soon begin our winter schedule. Before traveling a long distance to the museum, please be aware of our winter hours.

Between November and December 15th, the museum will be open between 11 and 4 daily, weather permitting. On days when it is raining or snowing, we will probably be closed. The museum may be closed temporarily while our staff runs errands in town or attends to other museum business. Please call 530-832-4131 between 11 and 4 to find out if the museum will be open during this time.

The museum will be closed from Dec 16th to January 30th.

The museum will be open again in February, 11-4 daily, weather permitting.

The museum will resume normal 10-5 hours daily in March, as soon as the snow melts.

## Summary of Recent Board Meetings

*Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs. Full minutes are posted on the FRRSlist hosted by Yahoo Groups.*

### July 10, 2004

**Installation of New FRRS Board:** Wayne Monger, newly elected FRRS Board Member, was welcomed to the Board of Directors.

**Correspondence:** None at this time

### Consent Calendar:

Motion # 04-07-01 – Removal of financial reports from consent calendar. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-02 — Approval of consent calendar as amended. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director McClure. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Motions and Actions:

Motion # 04-07-03 – Authorization to proceed with printing services for the purposes of sale in the gift shop and fundraising. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-04 – Motion to approve Internet fundraiser to raise loading/transportation costs for donated Tidewater Southern Bunk Car. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Monger who voted against. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-05 – Agreement to participate in Truckee Railroad Days 2004 with authority given to President McClure to complete negotiations with the representatives of Truckee Railroad Days 2004. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Monger. Vote was taken by a show of hands at the request of Director Stiles. Directors Brehm, Holmes, McClure, Monger and Vicknair voted in favor. Director Stiles voted against. Director Cochran abstained. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-06 – Support to send one or two FRRS representatives to the FRA Conference, scheduled August 10-12, 2004 and with particular attention to gathering information for the possibility of sponsoring the Seminar in 2005, with a budget of no more than \$1,500 to be funded from budget line item 67310 – Administrative Support, Travel & Meals. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Monger. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-07-07 – Acceptance of offer to purchase SP 4004 RS-32 Locomotive from the Feather River Rail Society by the Southwest Railroad Museum for the amount of \$10,000, FOB Portola, pending inspection and acceptance of condition of said locomotive, and final contract review by legal counsel and Board of Directors. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Cochran. A hand vote was taken at the request of President McClure. Directors Brehm, Cochran, McClure, Stiles, and Vicknair voted in favor. Directors Holmes and Monger voted against. Motion carried.

**Closed Session:**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:26 pm and re-adjourned to open session at 9:07.

Legal Counsel reported out as to the first item of business considered in closed session, the Board heard from counsel regarding the status of the Chicago lawsuit. The Board by consensus authorized the President to attend settlement discussions in Chicago, IL and gave direction as to how those negotiations should proceed. No reportable action was taken by the Board.

As to the second item of business, the Board heard from counsel regarding its obligations to provide business records and the obligations of Directors and their authority as individuals, as a group and as officers. Information and advice was provided by counsel. No reportable action was taken by the Board.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

### **August 7, 2004**

#### **Consent Calendar:**

Motion # 04-08-01 – Removal of the minutes from the regular meeting held July 10, 2004 from the Consent Calendar. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-08-02 — Approval of Consent Calendar as amended. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Election of New Officers:**

*President* – Floor opened to nominations. Rod McClure was nominated for President and no further nominations were offered. All Directors present voted in favor. Rod McClure reinstated for another term as FRRS President.

*Vice-President* – Floor opened to nominations. Frank Brehm was nominated for Vice-President and no further nominations were offered. All Directors present voted in favor. Frank Brehm reinstated for another term as FRRS Vice-President.

*Secretary* – Floor opened to nominations. Eugene Vicknair was nominated for Secretary. Gail McClure was nominated for Secretary and respect-

### **PRESERVING “THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE”**

### **WP Lives, in Portola!**

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the history of the Western Pacific Railroad. The secondary mission is to preserve the history of the subsidiary and inter-change railroads within the territories it served.

#### **Mission Goals**

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the “Willing People” as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP’s influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP’s influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah

fully declined the nomination. No further nominations were offered. All Directors present voted in favor. Eugene Vicknair reinstated for another term as FRRS Secretary.

*Treasurer* – Floor opened to nominations. Dan Brady was nominated for Treasurer and no further nominations were offered. All Directors present voted in favor. Dan Brady reinstated for another term as FRRS Treasurer.

**Closed Session:** Adjourned to closed session at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 8:55 p.m. President McClure reported as to the only item of business considered in closed session, the Board heard from President McClure regarding the possible acquisition of equipment beneficial to the organization. No reportable action was taken.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm p.m.

### **September 11, 2004**

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion # 04-08-01 — Approval of consent agenda reports as presented. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Motions and Actions:**

Motion # 04-08-02 – Agreement to purchase Greenville Depot semaphore for the amount of \$2,500 with funding to be provided from a line item 13360 – Historical Collection. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 04-08-03 – Agreement to Sell KCC RS-3 #3 for the sum of \$12,000 to San Diego Railroad Museum with shipping FOB Portola, subject to contract review by legal counsel and the FRRS Board of Directors. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Monger. Directors Cochran, Holmes, McClure and Monger voted in favor. Directors Brehm, Habeck and Stiles voted against. Director Vicknair abstained. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Santa Trains**

**December 4th and 11th.**

**Join us for these festive activities.**