

FRRS On-Line

- David Epling, FRRS Webmaster

By now, most of you have heard that the PRM now has an online discussion board and webcam. Both can be available via links on the main wplives.org website. The discussion board is powered by Powered by YaBB 1 Gold - SP 1.4. Forums on the board include Feather River Ramblings, Western Pacific sightings, Western Class 1 Railroads, Shortlines & Industrials, Passenger & Tourist Rail, Model Railroading, Portola Railroad Museum, PRM Webcam, and East End Shanty. The East End Shanty section is not for the faint of heart as it is the playground of the board, no rules, just a lot of fun.

Right after the board became active in early August 2005, FRRS Member John Manter came through on his promise to give the museum a working webcam. Initially the camera was placed on the telephone pole just outside the Operations Office and it was pointed northwest. Unfortunately, the late afternoon sun promptly nixed that idea as it burned right into the lens. In September the camera was shifted 45 degrees and now faces Northeast and you can see the UP mainline and parts of the Northeast corner of the museum itself. At press time, John Manter has given the museum 2 more cameras. By the next issue of the train sheet, we will have them installed and working, one will be placed on the southeast corner of the diesel shop and turned to face down 3 rail. The 3rd camera will be installed at the northwest corner of the shop and face southwest, this should give us pretty good online coverage of the museum. Likewise there will be a real-time video feed in the gift shop enabling museum manager John Walker and the staff to observe the museum proper while working in the gift shop.

Finally, a side effect of having the webcam at the museum is the PRM now has DSL access. By the opening of the 2006 Season, we will have DSL access in the Gift Shop, Board room, Operations/Mechanical Office, and the Silver Debris Volunteer Lounge. DSL access will be made available to volunteers so they can check their E-mail while away at the museum doing volunteer stuff. All told, this will allow the PRM better exposure on the internet.

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September 2005 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

1. Consent Motions - Motion 05-09-02

- . Minutes - Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 9, 2005, August 6, 2005 and 2005 Membership meeting.
- . Financial Reports - June - August 2005.

August 6, 2005 minutes, 2005 Membership meeting minutes and Financial Reports removed from the Consent Calendar by motion 05-09-01 for consideration at October meeting.

2. Motions

Motion 05-09-03

Offer to Acquire Central Calif. Traction caboose
Board heard report on offer to trade caboose 24 from WP subsidiary CCT in exchange for SP bay window. Direction to pursue trade offer of SP 1337 caboose for CCT 24 caboose, along with options for movement and truck swap.

. Motion made by Director Vicknair

. Seconded by Director Cochran.

. All Directors present voted in favor - Motion carried.

Actions and Notices

- . Frank Brehm has resigned his seat on the Board and as head of the Publications. He will continue to work with Jeff Asay on the book project. Thank you to Mr. Brehm for his considerable contributions to the Society and many years of fine service.
- . President McClure reported that he and Director Habeck have been on the road with the UP Steam crew representing the museum. A large number of brochures were handed out to the public.
- . We have been recognized by the UP for contributions to the WP Heritage unit.
- . Director Parker asked for special recognition for Loren Ross and Pat Brimmer who were of great assistance during Portola Railroad Days. He also recognized Director Vicknair, David Epling and Tom Carter for their assistance in publicity for the event and the UP 3985 visit
- . Director Vicknair reported that the Silver Lodge has arrived. One of the teardrop dome windows apparently popped out somewhere in transit.
- . The November 2005 Meeting will be held at the Stockton ACE Depot, Saturday, Nov. 5, at 1:00 PM.

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