

UNION PACIFIC STEAM VISIT

As we go to press, news has been released that Union Pacific will be operating one of their steam trains through northern Nevada and California in April and May. The train is scheduled to run up the Feather River Canyon on May 2 and arrive in Portola for a visit at our museum. The train will be on display May 3-4 and depart for Winnemucca on May 5.

We invite all FRRS members and their families and friends to join us at the museum for this rare visit. Also, there is a lot of work to be done to get the museum ready for the expected visitors. If you can volunteer time or make a donation to assist in getting the grounds ready, it would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming the UP steam crew to the WPRM and to seeing our members join in the event.

FRRS MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

For the first time in over 5 years, the FRRS will be instituting major changes in our membership dues and structure. This is being done in response to rising costs as well as a desire to streamline and rationalize our membership levels based on input from members. Life levels will revert to single cost, but current Life installment payers will be unaffected.

These changes will become effective on June 1, 2009. All existing Life memberships are grandfathered. Dues increases for non-life members will be instituted with the next renewal after June 1.

New membership level structure and dues:

Associate (entry-level/student membership)

- No vote
- receives The Train Sheet
- does not receive The Headlight
- free train rides
- \$25.00 annually (40.00 foreign)

Active

- Voting rights
- receives The Train Sheet and The Headlight
- 10% discount in the Gift Shop
- free train rides
- \$50.00 annually (65.00 foreign)

Institutional

- open to other 501c(3) organizations or enthusiast clubs only
- No voting rights
- receives 2 copies each of The Train Sheet and The Headlight
- given 20 free train ride coupons annually
- \$60.00 annually (75.00 foreign)

Family

- Voting rights for two adults at the same address (receives 2 membership cards)
- receives 1 copy each of The Train Sheet and The Headlight
- 10% discount in the Gift Shop
- free train rides for immediate family
- \$80.00 annually (95.00 foreign)

Sustaining (premium membership level)

- Voting rights (single vote)
- receives The Train Sheet and The Headlight
- 15% discount in the Gift Shop
- free train rides
- 8 free train ride tickets for non-member friends and family
- special recognition pin
- priority tickets/notice on special museum events
- \$150.00 annually (165.00 foreign)

Life

- Voting rights
- receives The Train Sheet and The Headlight
- 15% discount in the Gift Shop
- free train rides
- special recognition pin and laminated membership card
- priority tickets/notice on special museum events
- \$1800.00 one time (can be paid in installments). \$1000 goes to FRRS Endowment Fund.

Family Life

- Voting rights for two adults at the same address (receives 2 membership cards)
- receives 1 copy each of The Train Sheet and The Headlight
- 15% discount in the Gift Shop
- free train rides for immediate family
- special recognition pin and laminated membership cards for two adults
- priority tickets/notice on special museum events
- \$3000.00 one time (can be paid in installments). \$1500 goes to FRRS Endowment Fund.

A special WP Centennial Level will be announced in the next issue. If you have any questions, please contact membership chair Eugene Vicknair via the museum or by email at membership@wplives.org.