

BUY A HOUSE – HELP THE SOCIETY

The FRRS has received the donation of a residence in Portola for resale, proceeds to go to support the Society's efforts. The property is located a few blocks from the museum just above Old Town Portola.

The home is a one bed, one bath layout with a kitchen, family room and front room, as well as a yard with alley access and a garage in the back. Condition is as-is. It does require work, mainly in the roof, but will make someone a nice vacation home or mountain residence.

The Society thanks Gary Yee for his generous donation to help our preservation efforts. If you would like more information on the property or would like to make an offer, please contact Eugene Vicknair (via email at eugene.vicknair@gmail.com) or Rod McClure (via email at president@wplives.org). We currently have a real estate agent working on the sale, so if you are interested, please don't wait.

Caboose Train operations start May 25!

SANTA TRAINS 2012

December 1st and 8th, 2012 saw Santa Trains return again to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum. While the weather didn't grant us much snow, the crowds seemed to enjoy themselves anyway. Trains were pulled by SP GP9 2873, decked out in lights thanks to hard work by the Habeck Family. Inside the baggage car, hot coffee, cider and chocolate accompanied homemade cookies and baked goods. And, Santa and Mrs. Claus were also in attendance.

Thanks to the Habeck Family, Alicia LaBreque, Louise Dunbar, Gail McClure, Mary Ann Vicknair and everyone who provided treats and staffing for this year.

For 2013, we are exploring expanding Santa Train to three Saturdays, but this will only happen if we get additional volunteers. If you would like to make homemade treats, help with decorating, be an event volunteer, promote Santa Train or just help where you can, please contact Gail McClure at the museum: 530-832-4131, or via email at info@wplives.org. The dates for 2013 Santa Trains will be December 7 and 14 with a possible third Saturday to be announced later in the year.



SP GP9 2873 prepares to pull our Santa Train around the balloon with a full load of passengers. - Eugene Vicknair photo