

Portola Railroad Museum News

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The first meeting of the new Portola Railroad Historical Society was held February 7, 1983 at the Community Methodist Church in Portola. The weather did not cooperate, producing a heavy snowstorm. Eight persons braved the elements and attended. It was decided to hold off formal *organization* of the club pending some encouragement from the Western Pacific. However, club officers were elected: Norman Holmes, president; John Ryczkowski, vice-president; Mel Moore, secretary-treasurer; Beverly Moore, Mike Merkel, Cal Dorithy Bob Brown and Chris Skow also attended.

Dues in the amount of \$10.00 per year were voted on, but would be held up until the group was formally organized. Chris Skow showed a very interesting film on Main Line Steam in 1982 featuring UP 3985 and C&O 614.

On March 31, WP 917 and 921 were moved from Oroville to North Platt to be repainted. The 917 will be presented to the Bay Area Electric Railroad Assn. for display at Rio Vista Jct. and the 921 will be presented to Portola. This will be our first piece of railroad equipment for the museum. No word has been received regarding land, track or cars that have been requested.

MEETING NOTICE: Our next quarterly meeting will be held at 7:30 PM, May 16 at the Community Methodist Church, Second and Pacific, in Portola. Membership applications will be taken along with dues from all interested parties. Chris Skow will show Reel II of his Main Line Steam -1982 movie.

COMING EVENTS:

May 6-7-8 Sacramento Railroad Museum operation of SP 0-6-0 No. 1269 and WP F-7 No. 913. Passenger train rides on SP's Walnut Grove branch 10-5.

May 7 Western Pacific employees picnic day at Lodi's Micke Grove. A Union Pacific passenger train will operate from Stockton to Tracy for employees.

May 13-15 Sacramento Railroad Museum – U.S. National handcar races.

June 25 Western Pacific employees picnic day at -? It is rumored that another Union Pacific passenger train will operate here also.

July 3-4 Pacific Locomotive Association annual operation at their Richmond Museum featuring a number of steam engines including Clover Valley mallet No. 4 and Quincy Railroad No. 2.

August 8 Next quarterly meeting of Portola Railroad Historical Society.

August 27-28 Portola Railroad Day's celebration, In addition to other activities, Union Pacific will send an "exhibit train".