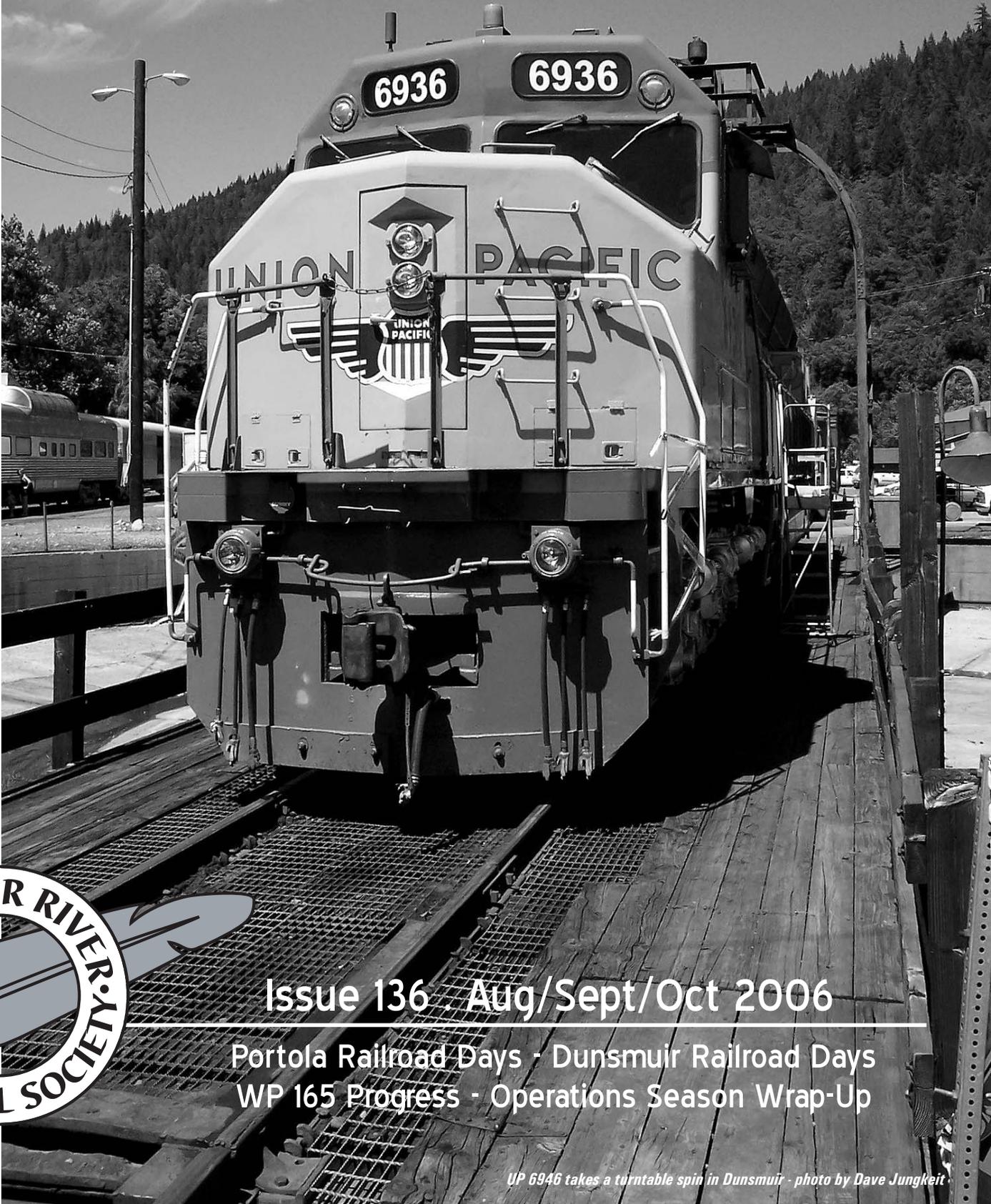


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*UP 6946 takes a turntable spin in Dunsmuir - photo by Dave Jungkeit*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Rod McClure, FRRS President

The end of the season is here again. This year's Railroad Days was very successful and lots of fun for all that attended. Kerry Cochran and his operating department got it done safely and provided non-stop rides for the heavy crowds. This year we had Dave (Motown) McClain and his motorcar providing rides for the public between the cabooses runs, along with two handcars loaned by our friends in Susanville, both of which were a big hit with our visitors. This may become a regular addition to our RR Days operations. I want to note here that McClain had a helper that we have not seen in years: Steve Milward. It is nice to see old members returning to help and be a part of our organization again. Tom Carter helped arrange for a group of Gunfighters from Carson City to come to the Museum and put on some great gunfights and "rob" our caboose trains. This was a huge hit with our younger guests. We had 3 different model railroad groups set up in the shop and a G scale live steam train operating out on the dock. We also had the Union Pacific's Mini Train operating both days, giving people rides from the Museum to Old Town. Unfortunately, the Mini Train's locomotive broke an axle when it was beginning its first run for the Parade. We quickly drafted our "tug" into service with a makeshift drawbar and it pulled the train all weekend. Special thanks goes to Reed Jackson and his wife Martha from the UP Steam crew for bringing the train and sweating their butts off all weekend for us. (Thanks again Boss!) Linda Knudsen and her crew provided great burgers and dogs both days for not only the crews but also the public. Gail McClure cooked up another of her fantastic dinners for the volunteers on Saturday night with Tri Tip and Chicken being the headliners. Great job Gail! (yes, I am partial to her cooking. How do you think I keep my trim figure....) Hank Stiles sat with his recently broken wrist selling RAL raffle tickets with help from Jack Hathaway. Charlie Spikes and Steve Habeck had our Rotary Snowplow open for display and operating, providing a nice breeze to those who watched the big blades spin. Of course, Portola Railroad Days this year would not have been a success without the tireless efforts and work of John Walker. John attended all the RR days meetings

and worked out all the details with the Committee and made sure a thousand details were attended to. Many hours of work goes into planning and setting up for RR days. Thanks to all of you who helped and came to Portola for the weekend to join in. We cannot make events like this happen without ALL of you!

In July, we again set out with some of our equipment for Dunsmuir for their annual Dunsmuir Railroad Days. With Gail McClure driving the chase vehicle, Steve Habeck, Phil Schmierer, Ed Dickens and myself departed Portola with the UP 6936 on the point hauling the WP 2001, our baggage car, lounge car, Silver Lodge and the UP105, our box car, the UP 25283 caboose and, bringing up the rear, was the WP 484. Upon our arrival at Dunsmuir and until our departure, Matt Shuman and the Dunsmuir RR Days people took care of all of our needs and made the whole event a pleasure to be at. We had all of our equipment open and on display for many visitors with one of the highlights being the UP 6936 being on the turntable and being spun once an hour for the crowds delight! Gail McClure and Mary Habeck worked the baggage car gift shop, providing us with some tidy sales. Thanks goes to Matt Shuman and his people who worked with me on every little thing, the Union Pacific for allowing us to take our equipment on the road, the people of Dunsmuir for having us, and our members who took the time to drive to Dunsmuir to help out. Besides our road crew mentioned above, Norm and Barbara Holmes, Hank and Janice Stiles, Julie Anderson, Frank Brehm, Jim Ley and Wayne Monger. Thanks to all.

Work continues on the WP 165. Chris Allen brought up the restored headlight and temporarily mounted it and the newly minted Builder's Plates for Railroad Days. It along with Norm Holmes' tender medallion made her look proud. Chris and Charlie Spikes have removed the side rods and other appliances preparing her for asbestos removal and final inspection. She is in much better condition than originally thought and we have great hope that once Chris is done with the final boiler inspection we can put together a complete report on restoring her to operation. Check out the new Steam Page on our Website! (<http://steam.wplives.org>) We still need donations to raise the money for the asbestos removal and any little bit will help.

## NEW MEMBERS

The FRRS would like to acknowledge and welcome the following NEW Members:

Mike Adams . Allen Adkins  
 Kevin & Janet Arendt . Robert Davis  
 K. D. Aylesworth . Brad Culligan  
 Rick Dewar . Daryll & Jean Faust  
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 Ed Weatherbee

Thank you for your commitment to the  
 Feather River Rail Society!

## RECENT DONATIONS

The FRRS would like to thank the following members and supporters:

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## GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

Don't forget! The FRRS is offering its current members the chance to give a gift of membership to their friends and family! For a limited time, certain membership levels are 1/2 off when given as a gift to non-members. See the insert in this issue for more information.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued

I have mentioned before that we need to begin a concerted effort to bring younger people into the organization and, more importantly, we must begin to educate a whole new generation about the WP and its role in history. Many of today's young people have no idea what a train really is, other than a nuisance at crossings and something to throw rocks at when it goes by. I have asked Thom Anderson and the Historical Department to begin planning presentations to school age groups. It is our hope that by aggressively pursuing the younger generation

and enlightening them to the history of the WP and its role in the development of the world they live in, we can keep the passion of the WP alive for generations to come. If any of you would like to help with this project, please contact myself or Thom for more information. We are looking for those of you who are involved with teaching or child development that can help us get our presentation out there to as many places as possible.

Until next time,

WP Lives!

## DEPARTURES

The Feather River Rail Society is saddened to report the passing of several Western Pacific employees and good friends of the museum. Our thoughts are with their family and friends and our thanks go to them for all they shared with us.

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### Dean Hill

Dean passed away October 1, 2006 at his home in Redding, CA. He is survived by his two daughters and two sons. Burial was in the Veterans Cemetery near Redding. He was 80 years old.

He worked for the Southern Pacific as a fireman and as an engineer from 1944 to his retirement in 1988. He also was a trainman for Western Pacific for a short time. This work brought him to Portola where he decided to retire.

Dean was a charter member of the FRRS and was active at the museum until ill health prevented him from further participation.

Dean and Norman Holmes were life long friends from high school days in San Jose and took many railfan trips together. He loved steam but not those ding-dang diesels.

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### Leonard Moser

Leonard passed away October 21st at his home. Leonard was born in Portola in 1937. He served 20 years with the WP and the UP as part of a track maintenance crew, retiring as a foreman.

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### George "The Iron Man" Breitweiser

George passed away November 27th. George and his wife Jan are the proprietors of The Pullman House Bed & Breakfast in Portola. When Jan served on the FRRS Board of Directors, she often "volunteered" George for various jobs at the museum. Even after Jan retired from the management of the gift shop and the Board of Directors, George was always eager to pitch in and help with electrical and telephone line problems, picking up supplies in Reno and helping Museum Manager John Walker with various projects. Thanks George, we're going to miss your smile, your sound advice, your help and especially your friendship.

### Frank Hibbs

Frank, a Western Pacific photographer and modeler, passed away in Texas on November 30th, 2006.

He was a chief refrigeration engineer for Union Ice Company. Being along side the Western Pacific Stockton yard he for many years photographed an extensive collection of WP equipment. His photographs in color, using a medium format camera, are some of the best taken of each diesel locomotive of the Western Pacific. After retiring early with 30 years of employment he moved to Meadow Valley where he still followed the Western Pacific. His wife, Thelma, had passed away in September, 2005 and he then moved closer to his daughter in Texas. A private interment took place alongside his late wife at the Meadow Valley District Cemetery. Condolences to the family are available on line at [www.fehrmanmortuary.com](http://www.fehrmanmortuary.com). The family asks that any remembrances in Frank's name be made to the Feather River Rail Society in which he was a long time member.



Frank Hibbs  
-photo by  
Norm Holmes

**George Oels**

George passed away December 23rd at his home in Portola. He lived most of his life in Plumas County and, after service aboard the USS Carter Hall during WWII, returned to his job as a railroad engineer with the Western Pacific. Mr. Oels was one of the engineers who gave FRRS founder Norman Holmes his orientation trips through the Feather River Canyon. George retired in 1987 after 44 years of service.

George was a volunteer engineer at the museum in the mid 1980's and also served as our first Road Foreman of Engines at the

museum, qualifying many of our early engineers.

He was a good trainer of young, inexperienced brakeman as well. On one occasion, while working with Mr. Oels on the WP 608, a volunteer forgot to close the air valve before cutting the engine away. The engine dynamited and the volunteer reached in to close the angle valve. Mr. Oels taught that young man a very important lesson that day. "Kid" he said, "we can sit here and pump up more air all day. But I can't grow you a new arm if that glad hand flies up and catches you in the elbow".

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## WP 165 FUNDRAISER

The FRRS is now on its way toward achieving the first stage of restoring 0-6-0 165 to operation. Donations are coming in fast and furious for the remediation and inspection work that is required. As of December, 2006, we have received just shy of \$7000! Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far!

Richard Brannan  
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## DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DAYS 2006

- Matthew S. Shuman, President - SCRPS

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2006 was a great success. Many thanks go to the Union Pacific Railroad, Feather River Rail Society, Southwest Railcars Ltd., Live Steamers from Rancho Cordova (yes, we had live steam engines there this last year, just in G-Scale!), the City of Dunsmuir, Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, Amtrak, Go-Rail and others for their participation and assistance in such a wonderful community and North State event.

Union Pacific was very generous in sending their massive, operating Centennial 6936 locomotive to Dunsmuir for display. To see her running in the Sacramento River Canyon was a spectacular site. Without the generosity of the UPRR in contributions and hosting the trains from the FRRS, this event would not be possible. I cannot express enough gratitude to them and the individuals within their organizations that I work with personally on this annual event.

I would especially like to thank all that worked with us in the yard for event security this last year. We had on beautiful lime green vests generously donated by Paul Ogden of SECO Manufacturing with SECURITY and SCRPS silk-screened on the backs. Daily 'Job Briefs' with UPRR, radios to keep in touch with each other and law enforcement from UPRR and Siskiyou County was present as well as many other security and safety items in place that were lacking last year as we grow and learn how to handle such a large event.



FRRS member Ed Dickens mans the rear of WP 484 as the FRRS train heads for Dunsmuir.

- photo by Matt Shuman

The crowds were slightly down from last year, we guess from the extremely high, record gas prices and warm... ok, hot temperatures, but it was another wonderful event for Rail Buffs and "Foamer's" alike. FRRS, SCRPS and the Dunsmuir Depot Historical Society all did well on sales despite the lower turnout. The other street vendors also did well, I hear.

This year's event will be held July 6, 7 and 8, 2007 and promises to be even bigger and better. We are already planning many more children's events and activities, more vendors and just so much more in general. The community of Dunsmuir and all the sponsors of RR Days are striving hard to make this a family event, full of activities for all to taste and enjoy, of course with the center piece being the TRAINS.



Young Briana enjoys the chance to sit in UP 6936, the most powerful operating diesel locomotive in the world.

- photo by Matt Shuman

As the yard coordinator with UPRR, my task is to make sure all is well in the yard at all times. First to arrive and last to leave, but with this job comes the joy and wonder that I see on the children's faces as they experience the true railroading experience that they can never feel otherwise. The smiles and amazement that they

## OPERATING DEPARTMENT 2006

- Kerry Cochran, Superintendent of Operations

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Operating Department and the rest of the FRRS volunteers for your help with the 2006 Operating Season.

The operating season completed with our Santa Trains in December. What a great way to enjoy the museum in the wintertime and end the year.

As always we need help around the museum in getting everything ready for any of our events, so if you have time give a call to the museum and check with Museum Manager John Walker to see who's in charge of the various projects and I am sure John can direct you to the right person or he may just have work for you.

I appreciate all the support from all the members of the museum and the Operating Department this last year and hope that all operating department members will consider returning and volunteering for this years season.

There are so many volunteers who help the Operating Department get through the season each year, and this year was no exception. From Linda and Brittany Knudson with lunches, Hank Stiles, Rick Edwards and Ed Powell and the mechanical department keeping the engines

running, John Walker, the Museum Manager who answers a ton of questions and Rod McClure with track maintenance.

Without the help of all the Museum volunteers, we would not be able to keep the caboose train running each weekend.

And what about the RAL Engineers. Without them we would not have a successful rental program to keep us working at the museum all year. The support of the RAL program helps us continue our operation each year and keep the museum open for all.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

There are many volunteers who help the Ops Department out during the year and without their help we just would not be able to handle all that need to be done. THANKS to everyone.

I would ask that you check the FRRS website, [www.wplives.org](http://www.wplives.org), and use the link to crew pages. Check to see weekends we are short on members and try to sign-up for that weekend.

Should you have any questions about the Operating Department please contact me.  
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## DUNSMUIR RR DAYS 2006 *continued..*

display as they touch these massive machines that they only see from a distance, to be able to walk on and in them, the feel of the power rumbling under their feet, the riding in a spinning turntable. These are just a few of the wonders that I observe during my tasks in the yard, but worth every moment of those wondrous smiles and awed looks of amazement.

A letter and photos by "Grandma" can and will explain more than I can about this wondrous family event from a spectators view. This says it all. We do it for the children, young and old in order to "Preserve Our Railroad Heritage".

In closing, the pictures from last year's event are just a small taste of the overall event. For more

pictures, please visit Doc's website below. As you can tell, we had a hard time getting out of the yard to see the other street events and activities.

So, plan on coming and joining the festivities of Dunsmuir RR Days 2007 this July 6, 7 & 8th. Saturday will be the biggest day along with Sunday morning and early afternoon.

Happy Railroading!

Visit Doc's website for more beautiful photos of last year's event, trains and the surrounding countryside at: <http://www.dochemp.com/traindays.html>  
(Thank You, Doc!)

Keep an eye on the Dunsmuir RR Days Website for updates at: <http://www.dunsmuirrailroaddays.com>

## DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DAYS 2006

- "A Grandma"

Last July, I took two of my grandchildren to Railroad Days in Dunsmuir. It was a beautiful drive into the mountains just north of Redding. When we arrived, my grandchildren were already jumping with excitement at the sight of the trains parked nearby. Belle, age 3, repeatedly called out to her younger brother, "See, Bubba. See the big trains?" Skyler (Bubba), who has a fascination with all forms of transportation, smiled widely.

Walking through the exhibits that lined the quaint streets, the vendors were friendly and welcoming. There were many hand-crafted items for sale and my daughter and I couldn't help but to stop and purchase a few things.

Along the fence, there were black and white photos on display of all types of trains. Belle ran from one picture to the next, stopping on one of an old steam engine. She called to me, waving me over impatiently, and announced, "This is the one I like, Grandma. It's big and pretty."

We continued walking toward the train yard, making our way through the variety of food vendors. The smells tantalized our noses, reminding me of the hot summer days spent at the county fair as a young child.

We were cordially greeted by volunteers who quickly loaded the children up with complimentary coloring books, crayons, and other railroad memorabilia. We purchased our official Dunsmuir Railroad Days button, at an affordable rate of \$1.00 each, and pinned them on our shirts.

We entered the trains, exploring each one from front to back. It was fascinating to see the older trains, and you could almost see and hear the fun and excitement that once filled the cars. One of the trains housed a store inside where the children each purchased a book, a conductor hat, and a train whistle.

Next, we stood in line to ride the speeders. These small railcars hold three or four people, including the driver. Belle and I sat in one car, and Autum (mother) and Skyler took another car positioned just in front of us. The children waived back and forth to each other as the speeders traveled down the tracks.

Back in the train yard, we were invited to bring the kids onto a locomotive that sat on a large turntable. It was explained to us that locomotives would pull onto one of these turntables, and the table would rotate to turn the locomotive around and send it back on the tracks in the opposite direction. Inside the locomotive, the children were allowed to sit in the conductor's seat, where grandma took pictures of them! As we exited the locomotive, we were asked to remain standing along the railing on the train while the turntable moved.

Standing just down from us was a reporter from the Record Searchlight. He asked permission to photograph us and use the picture in his newspaper article. We granted him permission and then suddenly the large locomotive shifted as the turntable began to move. A smile crept across the faces of my grandchildren as the turntable began to slowly spin.

I want to give a big shout out to the outstanding, friendly volunteers that put their time and energy into Dunsmuir's Railroad Days. The event provides families a place to go where they can experience a fun-filled day at a minuscule cost. In a world that has become so fast-paced, it was nice to slow down and spend some quality time with family. I would love to see more events like this all year long in and around the Redding area.

This July, I will be taking all of my grandchildren to Dunsmuir. For just one day, there will be no video games and no television. Instead, we will spend time together eating a hot dog, listening to a live band, shopping from local vendors, and exploring the wonderful world of trains, all while enjoying the fresh mountain air. We will create lasting memories to re-live time and time again. I encourage others to do the same.



## PORTOLA RAILROAD DAYS 2006

- John Walker, Museum Manager

Portola Railroad Days was August 24th through the 27th this year. This was the 24th annual event and it was the biggest in many years.

For several years, Railroad Days had been drifting downward with less and less participation and fewer venues. The City of Portola hired a promoter to run the event the last three years and she tried hard to keep it going with uneven results. After a lot of consideration, several community leaders had a meeting in September 2005 to try and revitalize Railroad Days and turn it back into the huge community event it once was.

After a lot of discussion, and on more than one occasion, telling people to put up or shut up, the town rallied together and took back control of their event. WPRM agreed to become a one fifth partner along with the City, two chambers of commerce and the Portola Business Improvement Association in the planning and administration of the event and John Walker began attending weekly meetings with the other partners to work out the details.

The results of the new planning organization were fantastic! A year ago, many of the service organizations in town would not participate in the event. Now they are fighting over who is going to run different venues! In past years, merchants closed their doors instead of staying open. Now they are adding more stock and sprucing up their stores in anticipation of this year's event. Lots of new sponsorships have also come in which helped pay for new attractions this year. And for the first time in many years, we had advertising outside the immediate area, even radio stations in the Reno-Sparks market and the central valley. In previous years, it was hard to get a vendor to sign up before August 1st. This year, we had 39 already signed up before August and over 60 by Railroad Days! Our museum also had to break out of its funk and try to do some new things this year as well.

The theme of this year's event was History and Heritage. Railroad Days began on Thursday night with a semi-formal dinner (there was some confusion over just what "semi-formal" actually meant – it was later determined that in Portola, "Semi-formal" meant that you were suppose to wear shoes and socks – seriously!), dance, silent auction and a living history

presentation by Jim Beckwourth. The parade entries begin setting up in the museum parking lot Friday afternoon and after the judging, a street dance was held downtown at the WP caboose in the parking lot on Commercial Street (John Walker and local citizens spruced up the caboose. Norman Holmes repaired the WP logo on the side of the car). Chris Skow's Trains Unlimited Tours brought another 70+ people up to Portola on Saturday.

On Saturday, the parade began at the museum at 11:00 am with a record number of entries! The sound of the museum's locomotives blowing their horns started the parade. Abe Lincoln, the "Barbie Brigade," Tribal Mountain Belly Dancers, Barstool Racers and Llamas and many classic cars were just some of the entries featured in the parade. Our President Rod McClure secured the presence of the Union Pacific's "mini train" to participate in the parade this year. The "mini-train" has not been back to Portola in nearly twenty years and we we're very excited to have it back this year. Reed Jackson of the UP Steam crew supervised the unloading and set-up of the train and along with his wife Martha had the train operating in no time at all.

Other venues in town included wild animals, a 25-foot climbing wall and other attractions for the kids in the City Park, vendors along Commercial Street and another street dance



Dave McClean and Terry Decottingies with UP 849.

- photo by Gail McClure

that was so successful, that 200 people refused to let the band go home that evening and the party continued on into the early morning!

On Sunday, the featured attractions included the traditional Willie Tate Memorial 5 and 10K run, fishing derby for kids, the traditional "Lucky Duck" races (with another record number of participants) and a freestyle motocross jumping show. A notorious group of gunfighters was also seen accosting people and having shootouts on the city streets, the museum parking lot and jumping the train and asking for donations (One of whom looked suspiciously like known desperado Tom Carter).



*The handcar rides were a big hit with visitors.  
- photo by Gail McClure*

The Western Pacific Railroad Museum hosted four model railroads. The Truckee Meadows N-Trak, the Carson City Railroad Association, and the Donner Pass Gandy Dancers were inside the engine house and the Van Tresse Family live steam layout was out on the dock. The Knudson family provided food service for the visitors and crews. Linda Brimmer and Linda Knudson handled the gift shop with flair – thanks Ladies. Janice and Hank Stiles sold raffle tickets while Jack Hathaway returned to sell train ride tickets.

A new thing for the museum this year was opening up our passenger cars for walk through tours. Sally Thomas and Norman and Barbara Holmes watched over the cars and answered questions. Steve Habeck and Charlie Spikes had the rotary running (several people have suggested that we could make money by allowing people to throw stuff into the rotary blades, watermelons, Styrofoam, anything that will break into pieces and make a mess – what do you think?)

Another new event for us was David Sowers and Duane Vanderveen running hand cars, which we borrowed from Susanville. This was very popular and we want to do this again next year. Dave McClain and Steve Milward brought up their motorcars and also gave rides around the balloon track in between caboose trains (why don't any of our motor cars run?). And yet another new venue was the first annual Railroad Days Photo Contest with a \$100 cash prize! Ed Wagner of Fremont's photo of our equipment out on the road took top honors and will be published in an upcoming issue of The Headlight. Ed was also very generous in donating the prize money back to the FRRS.

Back inside the engine house, Sandy Coots and the guys restoring the Spanish Creek Lumber Company No. 2 over in Quincy were on hand to show off their progress and answer questions about their efforts. Bill Strahle, Chris Dow and Gene Bridgman represented Operation Lifesaver and actually brought the simulator this year (Thanks to John Ryczkowski for his help in lining this up). The kids had a lot of fun with the simulator and learned the importance of safety around the railroads. Chris Allan and his family were answering questions about the restoration of WP steam locomotive 165 (Chris's wife Rita also cleaned up the shower car – you slobs owe her a big thanks). Carl Allen Walker also visited with his family and autographed copies of his WP Steam CD. Mr. Walker also donated a unique WP tie that was given out as an employee recognition award.

The Operating Department handled our usual Caboose train rides. With the anticipated increase in attendance a sixth car was added to the train. John Buberniak, Ed Powell, and Seth Adams stood by in case of mechanical problems and gave tours of the UP GP30 849 when not needed. Many of the train crews took turns sitting in locomotives and cabooses answering questions and giving tours. Vintage WP railroad movies were shown in the SN 1652 caboose.

Gail McClure prepared a sumptuous meal for all the volunteers on Saturday evening and it was great to have 60-70 old friends sitting down and enjoying a great dinner and catching up with each other after a good days work.

Plans to have several "special" pieces of equipment on display from the Union Pacific Railroad fell apart at the last moment. UP6936 was already here but was shipped out a few days before Railroad Days. We we're also hoping to have the WP Heritage unit back again this year but that fell through as well.

Still, the City of Portola and the FRRS put on a tremendous show for Railroad Days this year. Everyone is looking forward to Railroad Days 2007 and preparations are already underway with plans for an even bigger, better event in 2007. If you didn't make it this year, you really missed out on a great party! So make plans to be in Portola August 23rd -26th for the Silver Anniversary of Railroad Days 2007!

If you haven't been to the museum in awhile (and I haven't seen some of you in a long while),

please come for Railroad Days and see the work we've been doing. Catch up with friends and former RR employees. Drop a couple of hundred dollars in the gift shop, grab some great food, have a beer, watch the parade or kick back and enjoy the bands that will be playing, renew your membership and have a great time!

As always, we're going to need volunteers. We're going to need weed cutters, painters, sweepers, bug killers, cleaners, sign makers, and strong backs with weak minds. During the event, we'll need greeters, sweepers, car attendants, ticket sellers, train crews, crossing guards, electricians, security, runners and "Go Fer's". Do you like to talk? We need people to greet our visitors and tell them about our equipment. Lunches will be provided by the museum. Overnight accommodations are available.

This is our single biggest event of the year and the best opportunity we have of showcasing our collection, our work over the last year and get together and have some fun. Invite your friends and bring up a carload and join us for a great time!



Visitors admire WP GP7 707 during Portola Railroad Days

- photo by Gail McClure

## CABOOSING AROUND THE MUSEUM

- John Walker, Museum Manager

Ok, where did we leave off last time? Oh that's right. We had just headed into July and things were getting busy at the museum. Here we go...

7.10

Jack Zygnier ran RAL's. Norman Holmes has been working on cleaning up Sacramento Northern Bay Window Caboose 1642 which is being readied for possible use as a "Birthday Party" car. Norman Stuart delivered a cement mixer, which he donated to the museum.

7.11-7.14

Brutally hot with temperatures over 100 degrees! The high temps brought on a rash of track problems. And here is a good opportunity to talk about safety and teamwork. Chris Boza was walking around the west end of the museum when he noticed a broken angle bar (the piece that bolts on both sides of a rail joint). After marking it, he started walking the track. Chris found another broken angle bar and a couple that had minor cracks. Chris also found a crack in the end of one of the frogs on track one (which I'm told is kind of a normal occurrence with this type of frog). Chris called Museum Manager John Walker out to look at these items. UP Engineer and FRRS member Roy Lopez was visiting the gift shop and John asked Roy to join him in making an assessment of the situation. While walking out to look at the broken angle bars, John noticed the ground under the rail coming off the cracked frog was disturbed. Upon closer examination, it was obvious that the rail had shifted and sheared a couple of spikes holding it down right out of the ties! Roy nudged the rail with his boot – and it moved!

After considering all of the good advice from Chris and Roy, John decided to red flag the west end of track one all the way out to Malfunction Junction until a more qualified track inspector could look at the track. John phoned Roadmaster Rod McClure and explained the situation. Like a good leader, Rod said "It's your call John, you're the one on the ground looking at it. Do what you think is right. Whether you're right or wrong I'll support your decision".

Phil Schmeier, Chris Boza, Terry Decottingies and Charlie Spikes rallied together the next day and began working on the defects. Most were corrected that day and the red flag was lifted. A

2-3 M.P.H. speed restriction remained on one section until eventually repaired by Roadmaster Rod McClure and crew.

This was a great example of cooperation and teamwork. Our Operating Dept. rulebook often refers to "Higher Authority" and "When in doubt – choose the safest course of action". In this case, a safety problem was discovered and quickly repaired following the chain of command (Higher Authority) and choosing the safest course of action.

7.15-7.16

Chris Boza worked on the volunteer lounge car while Ed Powell serviced the air conditioning unit on the Edenwold sleeper.

Over the last twenty something years, the museum has acquired a lot of "stuff". Tables, chairs, desks, mop buckets, nuts & bolts, nails, Styrofoam food containers, heaters, lamps, old picture frames, paperback books, old computers, stereo speakers, etc, etc. Most of the stuff was acquired with the good intention of using it somewhere, someday. But over time, we just never found a use for some items and they began taking up valuable storage space.

Norman Holmes and John Walker began gathering and setting up for our first annual "Yard Sale". We set up several tables in the parking lot and Norman and Barbara Holmes, along with Duane Vanderveen braved blistering heat for two days and managed to sell \$100 worth of stuff (that we hope no one will donate back to us). While the results were a little disappointing, it was a good start and it did bring in a lot of people who also looked around the museum and rode the passenger train. It also helped us make a little room in our storage.

All good stuff left over was stored in a special place and will be easy to find when we do this again next spring when it's a little cooler. Some stuff was deemed totally worthless and a pickup truck load was taken to the dump. With disposal costs on some items going up (\$13 for a mattress, \$10-15 for a TV monitor) we're going to have to start being a little more judicious on accepting some donations in the future.

7.17- 7.21

Jack Zygnier, Ken Iverson and Charlie Spikes running RAL's. Norman and Duane working on getting power to the SN 1652 caboose. Mike

Barlow, Chris Boza and Jay Sidney working on various projects.

7.22 – 7.23

Linda Brimmer and Gail McClure helping out in the gift shop despite sweltering heat. July has been a busy month with lots of visitors despite the high temperatures and high gas prices.

We enjoyed a visit from Barbara Flannery and family. The Flannery's were impressed with the new displays in the engine house and overall appearance of the museum. They left a very nice donation towards our continued progress.

7.24-7.27

Seth Adams working on the SP SD9 4404. RAL's slowed down this week giving our track crews some time to finish up repairs and maintenance to our tracks. Phil Schmeier single handedly changed out several angle bars and drove a lot of spikes. Thanks Sluggo!

Despite high gas prices the museum has remained very busy as we head into August. Much better than last year. RAL's remain steady. Lot's of preparation work for the upcoming Railroad Days celebration.

Steve Habeck, Rod and Gail McClure, Charlie Spikes, Duane Vanderveen and Norman Holmes have committed several days of good hard work (well into the evenings) rearranging equipment, putting things away and straightening up the building and grounds. Paul Lanyi donated a lawn mower and made a big dent in the weeds and grass around the balloon track. Jay Sidney has worked on various sorting and cleaning projects and Seth Adams has spent a week at the museum helping John with various projects.

Phil Schmeier returned to work on mechanical issues and helped with other projects. James Mason came from Pasadena to work on the volunteer lounge car. Doug Morgan cleaned and straightened up the shop area and with Phil Schmeier, drove to Susanville to pick up two handcars for Railroad Days.

August 24 – 27th Railroad Days!  
(See special report)

Craig Simmons, Steve Ross, Duane Vanderveen, Norman Holmes, Paul Lanyi and Jay Sidney pitched in and got all of the mess from Railroad Days cleaned up in short order and tables and

chairs put away. Thanks to them the museum was returned to normal in just a few days.

Labor Day weekend operations went off flawlessly. Good, steady crowds saw operations continue through the entire weekend (unlike last year when operations were annulled on Monday for lack of visitors). Another Safe and successful Operating Season!

Dave Pires and his kids have done a great job working in the Archives and rearranging a lot of stuff in our storage cars this year. Mark Granados also pitched in with cleaning and rearranging the Display Room.

9.07 – 9.13

Steve Habeck has been working on an electrical project on WP caboose 484. Norman and Charlie running RAL's while everyone else is on vacation. Hank Stiles and Doug Morgan working on mechanical items. Norman Holmes beginning the repainting of WP Alco S4 563, which has been in red primer since it was acquired from Foster Farms many years ago. The locomotive doesn't run (yet) but was in need of a paint job as many people mistook the red primer as rust. The goal is to make it look presentable and get everyone to quit complaining about the supposed "rust".

Seth Adams working on the SP SD9 4404 and UP GP30 849 with mixed results. We're still running "push-Pull" train rides on weekends thanks to Charlie Spikes, Cody Wilson, Rick Gruninger, Tom Andrews, Ed Powell, Tom Potts, Norman Holmes and Craig Simmons.

9.14-25

Visitors remain strong. Still running a few passenger trains on weekends. Ken Iverson, "Terrible Terry D.," Charlie and Andy Anderson running RAL's.

We closed out September with Norman Holmes running RAL's and finishing up the restoration of Alco 563. The repainted engine looks wonderful and awaits lettering (many of our volunteers don't even recognize it and keep asking where the "new" engine came from). John and Linda are mailing out a Mail order catalog for the gift shop. Phil Schmeier returned yet again to work on vehicle maintenance, track inspection and tried to repair the broken web cam CPU. Unfortunately, Phil failed gallantly on the CPU but it was a good try – Thanks again Phil.

10.7 – 10.10

Work Weekend. Paul Jarmusz of Portland Oregon repainted the women's room; sorted nuts and bolts and helped John and Jay Sarno clean out some boxcars. Jay also constructed some new boxcar steps, which will make climbing in and out of the cars safer for everyone. Ed Powell checked and serviced caboose stoves and did maintenance on RAL engines. Chris Allan, Doug Morgan, Bruce Veilleux and Eugene Vicknair tarped the camp car and Silver Lodge and Bruce and Eugene worked on the roof of the volunteer Lounge car.

We're running short of RAL engineers again and we even pressed FRRS President Rod McClure and Museum Manager John Walker into service! Rod, Norman Holmes, John and UP Engineer Greg Elems of Reno filled the gaps and helped keep our customers happy. David Elems worked on several projects. Wayne Monger worked on extending "Dodgepole Siding". James Mason worked on the "Silver Debris" with Eugene and Bruce. Gail McClure prepared another great dinner for the BOD meeting and all the volunteers. Wayne Monger also donated some photos to the archives. We enjoyed seeing FRRS Life Member Richard Woods visiting from Phoenix, Arizona.

10.11 – 10.13

John cleaning up around the museum while James Mason continues work on the "Silver Debris" (we're gonna have to change the name of this car as it is really beginning to look nice in there). Jeff Sanders textured the inside of the car and welded up the outside access cover.

Norman, Craig Simmons, Charlie, James and Jeff Sanders pitched in to form an ad hoc crew to run a push-pull caboose train for the benefit of a bus tour. The folks had a great time and promised to come back again!

10.13 Friday the 13th! Nothing happened! And this has nothing to do with the fact that the web cam is broken – honest!

10.14 – 10.18

Some rain and a cold wave moving through the area. Several bus tours and school groups coming to visit. The Fall Colors are Gorgeous and we're still getting a steady stream of visitors.

10.19 – 10.31

Ken, Norm, Jack, Charlie and even John are

running RAL's. Getting colder with some rain. Lots of cleanup projects, boxcar cleaning, grounds keeping, etc.

Duane Vanderveen has been working on several electrical projects including installation of several new security lights and ceiling fans in the gift shop.

John finally found some time to overhaul the old storeroom located next to the gift shop. The old wooden shelves in there were drooping and the space was not being used as well as it could be. With the help of Duane and Charlie, the old shelves were ripped out and new metal shelving and a filing cabinet were installed. The modifications also resulted in much better lighting and a much cleaner, well-organized storage room.

Steve and Charlie have been fueling locomotives and checking batteries on our locomotives. Parts of the water system have also been shut down to prevent freezing.

The California Conservation Corp visited again on the 22nd and cleared several acres of brush on the south side of our property, which is adjacent to the senior citizens complex on the hill. Boy is it great to have these kids around! It was a great relief to finally cut back this potential fire hazard. Several trees around the balloon track were "limbed up" again eliminating some blind spots and reducing potential fire danger (looks neater too). There has long been an old tree along Dodgepole siding that has never been trimmed. The tree was growing in all directions and was a real eyesore.

The CCC crews got in there and limbed some twenty feet up the tree removing almost a cord of wood – and the tree is still standing! The area looks a lot better now and hopefully we can now use this area for additional volunteer parking next year.

Still a good stream of visitors. RAL's have slowed down quite a bit but we're still having a better month than last year. Larry Hanlon and John Ryczkowski working on the electrical system of the WP FP7 805.

And that's all for now. Remember: "WP" means "Willing People".

## August 2006 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Election of Officers

Rod McClure - President  
Steve Habeck - Vice-President  
Eugene Vicknair - Secretary  
Dan Brady - Treasurer

### Motions Passed

#### 1. Consent Motions - Motion 06-08-01

. Minutes - Minutes from the July 2006 General Meeting.

. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end July 2006.

#### 2. Motions

##### **Motion 06-01-03**

Membership Drive

Acceptance of report recommendations and authorization to proceed with same, with a budget of \$1,500 on a funds available basis with funding from line item 67184 - Membership Expense. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Holmes. All Directors present voted in favor.

##### **Motion 06-08-02**

Silver Plate/Boxcab Trade Agreement

Approval of IR Boxcab / Silver Plate Trade agreement and MRS-1 612 agreement as presented, and authority to President McClure to complete of the Flat Car Use agreement for movement of MRS-1 612 from Sacramento, CA to Jamestown, CA by the California State Railroad Museum, pending legal review of same. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director McClure. All Directors present voted in favor with the exception of Director Parker who abstained. Motion carried.

##### **Motion 06-08-03**

ARM/TRAIN Convention

Approval for President and Director McClure to attend the ARM/TRAIN Convention with a budget of \$1,000 from budgetary line item 67310 - Administrative Support, Travel & Meals. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in

favor with the exception of Director McClure who abstained. Motion carried.

### Actions and Notices

. Dunsmuir Railroad Days Report - President McClure advised that the equipment movement went very well. Attendance appeared lighter than last year, but revenue from the gift shop and RAL raffles was up considerably. The Union Pacific and the Dunsmuir RR Days Committee have already extended an invitation to participate again next year.

. Portola Railroad Days Update - Museum Manager John Walker advised that he has been working with the Portola RR Days Committee regarding proposed events and how the Museum can participate. Events currently scheduled include displays of three different model railroads, Operation Lifesaver Display, a table representing the Western Pacific RR Historical Society, handcar and motorcar rides, and food for sale. The organizer of the horseshoe tournament has graciously offered to have the net proceeds from the event go to the Museum in support of Santa Trains.

. President McClure reported numerous complaints regarding parking in the fire lane behind the building. Effective immediately, there will be NO parking behind the building of any personal or Museum vehicles or equipment. He would like to see anyone parking behind the building receive one written warning and then the vehicle will be towed.

. Director Vicknair thanked Member James Mason and Member Terry Decottignies and his construction crew for all of their hard work on the renovation of the Silver Debris.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session 9:01 p.m. and reconvened at 11:33 p.m. The Board reported the following out of closed session:

The Board heard an update regarding the ongoing legal issue of FRRS vs. Les Kasten and Illinois Transit Assembly Corp. No action was taken. The Board was presented information regarding two ongoing equipment issues. No action taken. The Board received information regarding a possible proprietary business partnership opportunity. No action taken. Lastly, the Board heard information regarding a personnel issue. Consensus direction was given to the President. No action was taken.

## September 2006 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 06-09-02.

. Minutes - Minutes from the August 2006 General Meeting and corrected minutes from July 2006 General Meeting.

. Financial Reports - removed motion 06-09-01.

Copies of organizational tax returns for year ending December 2005, financial statements for year ending December 2005, and profit/loss and balance sheet through end of month August 2006 presented by Treasurer Dan Brady.

2. Motions

#### **Motion 06-09-03**

##### WP 165 Fundraiser

Authorization for an internet fundraiser for the purposes of raising money for WP 165 Steam Project with a budget of \$1,000 from budgetary line item 56600 - Fundraising Expense. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 06-09-04**

##### Winter Fundraiser

Authorization for the Winter 2006 Fundraiser for the purposes of raising money for the General Fund with a budget of \$2,400 from budgetary line item 56600 - Fundraising Expense. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 06-09-05**

##### Private Equipment on FRRS Property

Acceptance of change in Private Equipment Policy to reflect rent in the amount of \$100 per month for railcars and \$25 per month for motorcars, and implementation effective January 1, 2007. Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 06-09-06**

##### Caboose Rental Plan

Acceptance of Western Pacific Railroad Museum Party Car Business Plan as presented. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried. At Board direction, David Epling and Director Holmes will draft a set of guidelines/rules for use, contract for use, and liability release. Drafts will be forwarded to President McClure for legal.

### Actions and Notices

- President McClure is in receipt of an e-mail from Mike Tackett/CEO of the Feather River Short Line advising their intent to remove the "pink" caboose and Ammo/Pay car from the property no later than Nov. 1, 2006 under the terms of our recent correspondence with them.
- The Board provided consensus direction to President McClure to pursue possible sale of MILW U25B #5057 to Milwaukee Road 261 Organization. It is their intent to restore it to operational condition. A&D Committee determined the equipment surplus some time ago.
- Director McClure requested special acknowledgement for John Walker, Museum Manager for his efforts in making Portola Railroad Days such a great success for both the Museum and the community.
- Director Vicknair reported Member James Mason donated \$2,000 for Silver Debris Project.
- Manager John Walker reported that several members have been working in the Archives car and thanked them for their assistance.
- Director Cochran thanked all for their support in making operations a success despite low volunteer numbers.
- President McClure reported all current department and committee heads are reaffirmed for the coming year.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:45 PM and reconvened at 9:40 PM. The following was reported out of Closed Session.

Proprietary Business Issue. Presented by President McClure. Consensus direction given. No reportable action. V&T Railroad Cars. Report on status by President McClure. Consensus direction given. No reportable action. FRRS v. Kasten, Illinois Transit Assembly Corp (case no. 00-L-742). Report on status by President McClure and Director McClure. Consensus direction given. No reportable action. Legal recommendation regarding minutes reporting. Presented by Director McClure at the request of corporate counsel. Motion #06-09-07CS - Recommendation to change from full reporting minutes to action minutes as a trial until the end of year, at which time final determination of the approved format will be made. Motion carried. Legal recommendation regarding recording disposal. Presented by Director McClure at the request of corporate counsel. Consensus direction given. No reportable action.

## October 2006 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 06-10-02.

. Minutes - Minutes from the September 2006 General Meeting.

. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end September 2006.

. 2007 Calendar - removed motion 06-10-01.

### 2. Motions

#### Motion 06-10-03

##### Add Item of Urgency

Addition of Item of Urgency to the agenda regarding immediate need to replace webcam CPU. Aye - 8, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0.

#### Motion 06-10-04

##### Webcam Computer Replacement

Authorization for expenditure in the amount of \$500 from budgetary line item number 67600 -- Website Expenses, for the purpose of purchase of new webcam CPU. Aye - 7, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1.

### Actions and Notices

. Report of \$1,000 donation from the Will and Barbara Wood Charitable Fund through the Vanguard Charitable Trust. Jay Sarno volunteered to promote development and execution of a planned giving campaign to benefit the endowment fund.

. Reported death of former member and Museum volunteer Dean Hill. Board expressed sympathy for Mr. Hill's family's loss.

. Due to concerns expressed regarding unnecessary expenses and lack of coordination of website services, the position of Website Presence Coordinator was created and Director Brehm appointed to same.

. Consensus direction by the Board to pursue partnerships with local enterprise regarding purchase of booth space at the Las Vegas Sportsman and RV show.

. The Board discussed arrangements for the joint ARM / TRAIN Pre-convention tour that includes the Museum. President McClure, Museum Manager John Walker, Director Monger and Director Habeck comprise the team

handling planning and execution of the event.

. The Board was presented with information regarding a party interested in purchase of SP 4404 and surplus parts. The Board provided consensus direction for Director Stiles to investigate fair market value of the locomotive and report back to the Board at the November meeting for further consideration.

. The Board was presented with a proposed new logo for the museum and it was recommended that the membership be solicited for their ideas.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 9:36 p.m. President McClure reported the following out of closed session:

The Board was provided a report regarding an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten, Illinois Transit Assembly Corp. No reportable action was taken. The Board heard reports regarding two confidential equipment issues. No reportable action was taken.

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*Congratulations to Ed Wagner, winner of the First Annual Railroad Days Photo Award!*

## - FRRS Membership -

### Yearly Dues

Associate \$20.00  
 Active \$40.00  
 Family \$60.00  
 Sustaining \$100.00

### Single Life Membership

Birth-17 years of age \$1200.00  
 Age 18-39 \$900.00  
 Age 40-61 \$600.00  
 Age 62 and above \$300.00

### Family Life Membership

Birth-17 years of age \$1800.00  
 Age 18-39 \$1350.00  
 Age 40-61 \$900.00  
 Age 62 and above \$450.00

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment. Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

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### A Friend in Need pt 3

Ex-WP GP40-2 3555 leads a GGRM Hospital Train through Newark, CA on a cold New Year's Eve. WP 2001 pitches in 3rd back in the consist, no doubt happy to be once again working with her younger sister, no matter how briefly.

- photo by Richard Silagi, Dec 31, 2006

## Mission Statement

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"The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public, as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad."

## Mission Goals

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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.



*The Portola RR Days volunteers strike a pose for one big group photo*

*- photo by Gail McClure*

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