

# Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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## PSRHS Activities & Events...

### **Monthly Meeting...**

PSRHS will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2004, at the Pilgrim Hall of the First Congregational Church, 710 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn. We will discuss projects, plans and priorities for 2004.

## In this Issue...

***Introduction of new Editor;***

***New Officers;***

***Membership Renewals***

### ***From the Editors Desk ...***

Jim Patterson wanted some relief from the editor's duties, and I (foolishly) volunteered. It may take several months to decipher various computer commands to make this newsletter distinctive.

I am a native of northern California having been born and raised in Redding. Some of my earliest RR memories are of waving at the cab-forwards and other steam locomotives crossing the Redding trestle.

For 26 years before retirement I worked for the Placer County Department of Public Works as a Civil Engineer. Occasionally I dealt with the RR as the tracks often cross the County roads.

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## Monthly Newsletter

### The President's Corner...

As we start 2004, we can look back on a successful year for PSRHS. We have over 40 members, a new slate of officers and board members, and increasing visibility in the surrounding communities. Our November dinner meeting at the Nevada County Narrow Gauge museum in Nevada City was enjoyed by a large number of our members and guests (thanks to all those who brought the great food!). We have offered and will continue to offer a slate of guest speakers to enlighten us on both historic and contemporary railroad operations along the Donner Pass route. More field trips are planned to see first-hand the remnants of this route's early history.

Our members have assisted the City of Colfax in establishing proper historic colors and signage for the 1905-vintage passenger depot. We have initiated a project to restore the Colfax NWP wood-sided cabooses, and are seeking rolling stock which will aid in the display of the railroad heritage of the city. We need to identify potential historic preservation opportunities for other communities and locations along the route, and pursue them wherever practical.

We plan to devote our January meeting to a discussion of projects, plans and priorities for the coming year. I encourage you to come with your list of potential projects, whether they are archiving photos, capturing narrative histories, or saving soon-to-be lost artifacts, historic sites or facilities. We will then establish a list of priorities for our group efforts for 2004 and beyond.

PSRHS is a group-participation organization. I invite you to enjoy our meetings and activities, but also encourage you to get involved in helping shape our efforts to capture and preserve railroad history on the Donner Pass route. Feel free to call or email me if you have ideas or questions.

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### PSRHS Officers 2004

**President:** Roger Staab, Colfax.  
**Vice President:** Jim Wood, Colfax  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Ron Petersen, Rocklin  
(This is now a combined position.)

**Board Members:** Ken Yeo, Auburn  
Bob Baker, Colfax  
Tony Hesch, Colfax  
Dave McClain, Colfax

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### PSRHS Membership Passes

PSRHS membership "passes" will be re-issued in February 2004.

Because the passes are numbered according to when each member joined, with the first member receiving pass #1, **it is essential that you renew your membership by the end of January to ensure that you preserve your "place in line"**.

If a current member does not renew by January 31st, all that joined after that person will move up one spot in the pass number sequence

#### **Membership Information**

Individual Members = \$20.00

Family Membership = \$25.00

- Monthly Newsletter
  - Member Activities, Presentations and Field Trips
  - Display & Restoration Projects
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### Submissions Welcome

If you have stories, recollections, photographs, maps or other artifacts to share please contact Lyle Brown at (530) 885-6997,

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