

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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PSRHS Activities & Events...

Editor's Comments

Our January meeting brought up a number of ideas for the coming year. New projects, field trips and other activities were discussed. It is imperative that the members make suggestions and provide other input to help this organization continue to grow.

One thought that was mentioned was to begin a series of short articles about the individual members. A questionnaire will be developed to obtain information about each member being profiled. Interviews will then be conducted to gain some personal insight into the how and why the member became interested in this railroad and railroads in general. Your cooperation in this effort would be appreciated.

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Monthly Meeting...

PSRHS will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., at the Pilgrim Hall of the First Congregational Church, 710 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn. Phil Sexton will be the featured presenter (see story on page 2).

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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Monthly Newsletter

The President's Corner...

What should the PSRHS Newsletter Contain? As you know, we have changed the newsletter format to be a one page monthly, along with a more extensive quarterly with feature articles. The monthly issue will keep you informed on meeting dates and presentation topics. Other ideas include member profiles (see Meeting Notes), photos, brief items of interest, and schedule of upcoming events. What would you like to see in the monthly newsletter? What can you contribute? We'd like to make the newsletter a useful communication tool for you, our faithful membership. When our new web site is up, we anticipate using the newsletter as a way of telling the rest of the world what we are all about. Please contact editor Lyle Brown or me with your thoughts.

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JAN. MEETING. NOTES:

Various priorities and program ideas for the coming year were discussed. Possible field trips include the Portola RR Museum, Calif. State RR Museum, Cape Horn, Secret Town Trestle and the quarry near Cisco Grove.

Lynn Huber is cataloging the Society's collection of artifacts, photos, books and etc.

Membership renewals were due the end of January.

A web page for the Society is being developed. In addition, a roster will be provided to members only, listing address, phone number and email address for the PSRHS members who have approved the release of their information.

We need to find some funding sources to help initiate several projects. The caboose repairs and the proposed Colfax railcar display will require funding. The caboose repairs are estimated by Ken Yeo to be approx. \$20,000.

Members were also asked to provide suggestions, ideas and contacts for future programs.

Ron Petersen, Secretary-Treasurer

February Meeting Topic: Donner Pass Railroad History

The guest speaker for the February 2004 meeting is Mr. Phil Sexton. Phil is the director of the Big Bend Visitor Center of the Tahoe National Forest east of Cisco Grove. Phil and his staff have recently completed a comprehensive interpretive display at the Big Bend Center documenting the history of transportation through the Donner Pass region including emigrant wagon roads, early automobile roads and highways, and railroad activity. Phil will bring some of the latest "finds" of railroad memorabilia acquired by the Forest Service that document the railroad history in the Donner Pass region. Phil has been a member of our Society since 2002.



Former fire train engine SP2252 is looking polished as it exits the Roseville yards in 1956 in preparation for its move to its new home at the fairgrounds in Roseville. A community coalition hopes to relocate the engine to downtown Roseville in the near future. *1956 photo from the Ken Yeo collection.*
