

# Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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## PSRHS Activities & Events...

### Editor's Comments

Two items of interest in the newspaper this month: First, the Mountain Quarry (No Hands) Railroad Bridge has been included in the National Register of Historic Places.

The second item outlines proposed efforts by the Union Pacific to improve service on the Capitol Corridor trains.

Due to unavoidable circumstances I was unable to begin the member information column this month. I should be able to start it in the April newsletter.

Please forward any comments, suggestions or ideas for trips or other activities to me for consideration and information.

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## In this Issue...

### Monthly Meeting...

PSRHS will meet on Thursday, March, 25, 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. (Delayed from Feb. meeting).

### Membership Information

Individual Members = \$20.00

Family Membership = \$25.00

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## Monthly Newsletter

### ***The President's Corner...***

**PSRHS Web Site** – Thanks to the efforts of Brendan Compton and Jim Wood, we have a new web presence at [www.psrhs.org](http://www.psrhs.org). Currently, information on the web site is limited to our mission statement and a general description of our activities, but it does give interested persons web access to our organization and its goals, along with our mailing address and email contact. Planned future modifications include a schedule of coming events, access to a full-color version of our newsletter, status of PSRHS projects, and links to other sites. If you have any feedback or thoughts to offer, give me a call or send me a note.

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### ***FEB. MEETING. NOTES:***

Ron Petersen gave a brief report on Rocklin's "Front Street Heritage Park" which entails the improvement and beautification of the West side of the railroad right of way adjacent to the new depot now under construction. The master plan includes relocation of the 1883 St. Mary's Catholic Church building and a partial restoration of the old C.P.R.R roundhouse.

Local contractors have expressed a willingness to donate time and materials in the preparation for and installation of a concrete platform alongside the old S.P. Station in Colfax. No timetable is available.  
Business –

The Newsletter will be mailed or electronically transmitted approximately one week prior to the regular monthly meeting, which should also serve as a reminder for the upcoming meeting. Members were requested to send possible inclusions in the Newsletter to the Editor no later than the second week of the month. A suggestion was also made that a column be included to provide "tid-bits" submitted from the memories of members that might be of interest to the readers as a whole.

A subscription to "S.P. Trainline", a quarterly publication of the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society was approved.

Roger reported that the City of Colfax has been briefed on the Society's plans for the rehab of the city

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owned caboose and we have been given the green light to proceed. The project will be done in several phases with the first being to move the caboose to a track to be placed behind the old freight depot. This building was recently purchased by a local businessman who intends to convert it into a retail operation of some kind, possibly an antique mall. Cost for the restoration of the caboose is approximately \$20,000.00. Relative to other rolling stock for display in the downtown area, the Board has expressed its desire to businessman Jim Payne to consider acquiring the two F-7 diesel units and "City of San Francisco" Pullman car which are available at the Golden Gate Railway Club in S.F.

Jim Wood asked the group which month they preferred for the year's first field trip and the consensus of opinion was May. A tentative date of **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** was selected and plans will be formulated accordingly.

### **Program-**

The program was changed as Phil Sexton, the scheduled speaker, was unable to attend. Instead, a video on U.P. flanger operations over the Summit, filmed by our own Brenden Compton, was shown.

**Ron Petersen, Secretary-Treasurer**

### ***March Meeting Topic: Donner Pass Railroad History***

The guest speaker for the March 2004 meeting is Mr. Phil Sexton. His presentation was delayed from the February meeting due to weather condition on the hill. 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.

**March 17, 2004**