

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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Don't forget your membership dues.

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

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Monthly Meeting...

The next PSRHS meeting will be Thursday, February 24 2005, at 7:00 P.M., at the Pilgrim Hall of the First Congregational Church, 710, Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn.

Membership Information

Individual Members = \$20.00
Family Membership = \$25.00

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Monthly Newsletter

President's Corner

Announcements –

- President Roger Staab welcomed the large group in attendance and, for the benefit of guests, discussed the Society's interest and goals in preserving the history of railroading in the Sierras with a focus on the Transcontinental Route over Donner Pass. He invited everyone to pick-up a copy of the "Donner Pass Route Timeline", which he recently prepared. He then reviewed the Society's activities currently underway, including the Colfax passenger depot and cabooses restorations, acquisition of rolling stock, the website and the railcar being restored by the N.C.N.G. group for display in Colfax.
- Member Tony Hesch discussed his interest in producing a "railroad events log" for the Society, which would include a list of such things as excursions, trade shows, modeling clubs, etc., and invited comments and suggestions from the members.

Program –

- Society member and professional videographer Brendan Compton shared the first cut of his current project dealing with U.P.'s snow removal activities over the Sierras this past month. January snowfall turned out to be one of most intense on record. Both flangers and spreaders were shown in dramatic action sequences during blizzard conditions and snow levels at over 20 feet. Coverage, using unique camera locations and angles,

included actual snow removal, equipment derailments and interviews with the crews. Brendan expects his video to be in final form and ready for distribution in June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. Record attendance consisted of at least 20 members and 13 guests.

Sacramento Placer & Nevada Railroad

This was one of the earliest railroads in the west. It only lasted from 1862 to 1864, running from Folsom to Loomis. The planned extension of the line to Auburn was derailed by the construction of the Central Pacific Railroad.

The route of this 11-mile long railroad was recently rediscovered by history buff Chris Graves of Newcastle using an original map of the line and modern GPS surveying. The line is partially under Folsom Lake but much of it is identifiable as running near the existing Auburn Folsom Road. The road ended near the intersection of Auburn Folsom Road and King Road.

Unfortunately there are no known photographs of this railroad and there are few written records about it.

A map overlaying a modern map with the original alignment will eventually be available at various history museums in the area.

This information was gleaned from two articles in the "[Auburn Journal](#)" newspaper issues of February 1 and 3, 2005.

(Lyle Brown, Editor)