

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Field trip – June 11, 2005!!

The field trip to the "Texas Hill" area and the Towle Brothers RR site has been rescheduled to this date.

There will be no regular meeting of the PSRHS in June.

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**NO
MEETING
IN
JUNE**

Membership Information

Individual Members = \$20.00

Family Membership = \$25.00

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Monthly Newsletter

Due to room scheduling conflicts, there will not be a regular meeting of the Society in June.

The field trip that was scheduled previously will be held on Saturday **June 11**.

This field trip to the "Texas Hill" area will explore sites of the old Towle Bros. railroad logging operations. This excursion will be lead by Phil Sexton and the Forest District's resident Archaeologist Bill Slater. All participants will be asked to contribute \$5.00 towards the acquisition of a publication being sought by the Forest Service for research purposes.

A carpool will be set up at the Colfax Depot and will leave for the field trip site at 9:00 A.M. Persons wanting to drive to the starting point of the field trip may go directly to the North Fork Campground.

Location: Proceeding east on I-80, take the **Emigrant Gap** exit and turn the right. Continue on that road approximately 5 miles to the **North Fork** campground. Plan to be there by 10:00 A.M. This is approximately 45 minutes from Auburn.

May 26, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Announcements –

President Roger Staab announced that the Society has a vacancy on its Board of Directors and asked that anyone considering an interest in filling the position contact him after the meeting. Roger gave an update on the restoration of the Colfax passenger depot and invited everyone to take a copy of the "Internal Renovation Project" brochure. The project team is still aiming for a September completion date. He also mentioned that the "Abbreviated History of the Donner Route" booklet that he and Tony Hesch are working on is nearing completion and will now contain a map of the region showing all pertinent landmarks, etc.

May 26th Meeting Program –

Jim Wood introduced David Bieber, professional geologist and engineer with Geocon Consultants, the firm responsible for the resurrection of the old Virginia & Truckee RR in Nevada. Dave discussed the environmental and safety issues associated with the 17-mile right-of-way, extending from Virginia City to Carson City, and the technical, political and financial obstacles, as well. The project is divided into 4 sections, with section one being the existing trackage between Virginia City and Gold Hill. The remaining sections are:

Phase II – Gold Hill to Overman Pit (\$4.8M),

Phase III– Overman Pit to Hwy. 50 (\$8.0M),

Phase IV – Hwy. 50 to Deer Run (\$5.8M).

Phase I should be completed by August of this year. Completion of the entire project is expected in 2½ years. It should then become a major tourist attraction in northern Nevada.

Special Board Meeting Minutes May 26, 2005

New Issues –

A discussion was held regarding the replacement of board member Bob Baker, who has resigned due to a conflict with meeting dates. After deciding that it would be better to seek a replacement immediately, rather than wait for the regular elections at the end of the year, Brendan Compton offered to serve the remaining term, and was elected unanimously.

Roger and member Joe Herschs' booklet on the Donner Route history will soon be printed for distribution to the membership and sale to outside sources. It will be free to members and cost \$3.00 for sale to others.

Submitted by: Ron Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer