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Editor's Comments

NOTICE:

The next meeting will be held at the Senior Citizen Center at the Dewitt Complex in Auburn.

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 held on 7:00PM Thursday January 26th in the Multipurpose Senior Citizen Center at the Dewitt Complex in Auburn. Directions included herein.

Membership Information

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

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Monthly Newsletter

President's Column:

Looking Ahead to 2006

I feel privileged to succeed Roger Staab as the President of the PSRHS organization for 2006. Roger, and Mike Ramsey before him, has done a marvelous job in moving our group forward in the last two years of existence as a historical society. I will attempt to equal their performance.

This January 2006 marks the beginning of the fifth year since our incorporation. Up to now we have been involved with many interesting and important activities related to the PSRHS Mission which is the preservation and interpretation of the history of railroading in the Placer County area of the Sierras and in particular the Donner Pass Route of the Transcontinental Railroad. These diverse activities have included:

- Many field trips to relocate historic and forgotten locales of the Central Pacific Railroad.
- Research and reproduction of historic photos of the railroads in our area of interest for public display and education.
- Publication of local railroad history in booklets for distribution to the public.
- Direct involvement in the restoration of important railroad structures, i.e., the Colfax Depot.
- Establishment of an attractive website publicizing our activities in railroad history preservation.
- Monthly meetings with presentations of interesting railroad history.
- Focus on the restoration of railroad rolling stock.

Not because of lack of interest, our group has been involved in rolling stock restoration up to this time as we have been focused on getting our organization well established and building credibility in the

local region as a respectable historic society. Our philosophy has been to not overextend ourselves and take one step at a time. Now appears to be the time to go to the next step.

2006 could bring a big change in our involvement in this last type of activity and take our organization in new directions. As our membership has grown to between 40 and 50 individual members, we have collected people with the desire and skills required to tackle rolling stock restoration. Circumstances in Colfax may allow our group to finally establish ourselves in the business of railroad equipment restoration.

Late last year we sent Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha a proposal for PSRHS to enter into a joint land use agreement to create an outdoor railroad museum for the purpose of restoring and displaying railroad equipment. The initial response from UP has been favorable to our proposal. We have been benefited in our request to UP by the overwhelming support of the City of Colfax.

We are hopeful that in 2006 our negotiations with UP will conclude. We will then be in a position to acquire railroad equipment and rolling stock with important relevance to the Donner Pass Route or the Transcontinental Railroad or to railroading in the Central Sierras in general.

Many of our members have been looking forward to the day when our organization could be involved in eliminating the void in this type of activity for preserving the history of the Donner Pass Route. We believe that if we can get established in this type of activity and attract the public's attention, our organization's membership will rapidly grow. Here's hoping for another productive year in 2006 for PSRHS.

Regards, Jim Wood, President

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January 26, Meeting Site

Commencing with January 26th, regular 4th Thursday meetings will be held at the Multipurpose Senior Center at the Dewitt Complex in Auburn.

To get there, take Bell Rd. west from the Grass Valley Hwy, Hwy.49, 2 blocks to 1st St. Turn left and proceed 4 blocks to "D" Ave. Turn right at "D". Our meeting place will be in the first building on the left marked "314 A". This is actually the rear of the Senior Center, as the building fronts on "E" Ave. You will find adequate parking in the vicinity.

I don't think a map is necessary, but I can provide one if you would like to include one with the directions.

(Ron Peterson)

January Program:

A presentation will be made of our October field trip to Gold Run and American . Various slides will be included showing various sites through this area. The areas visited included Gold Run, the hydraulic mining areas between Gold Run and Dutch Flat, Alta, the old Towle community site, and finally the site of American . Discussion and photos of some of the old highway grades will be included with comments by member Jack Duncan. Jack is an acknowledged authority and author on the Sierra highways that predated Interstate 80.

(Jim Wood)

Editors Notes:

In December's Newsletter I inadvertently printed the Membership Renewal Form on the opposite side of a page of the newsletter. (This occurred when the printers informed me that they couldn't print a page of text on the opposite side of the color Christmas Greeting sheet.)

This caused some problems, as members had to recopy the form, or lose a portion of the newsletter. I am correcting this with the attached Renewal Form.

There has been discussions with some of the officers that the newsletter be changed in its content. The monthly letter would be concerned with the meetings and presentations, but would not carry additional historical or stories of interest. The idea is to limit the monthly letter to no more than two sheets or four pages, in size. These other items would be combined and sent out in a quarterly newsletter, up to four or six pages, as the amount of information requires. Please contact Roger Staab if you wish to comment on this.

(Lyle Brown) Ed.

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Membership Renewal Form (2006)*

Individual (\$20) _____

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Check activities below you are particularly interested in.

Please Mail Renewal Check to:
Ron Petersen, PSRHS Treasurer
5341 Brookfield Circle
Rocklin, CA 95677

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___ Archiving of railroad books, photos,
and other items.

___ Guest lectures

___ Restoration of rolling stock

___ Public education

___ Restoration/curating RR memorabilia

___ Other: _____

Personal Information

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List past or present memberships in other
railroad clubs, historical or preservation
organizations:

* This is for members who have not yet paid
2006 dues and still want to receive the monthly
newsletter and maintain their PSRHS pass
sequence priority. If you joined or renewed
since September 1, 2005, your membership is
current through 2006.
