

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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Editor's Comments

NOTICE: Meeting: May 25, 2006

Program: Norm Saylor presents his collection of Donner area post cards, resort brochures and other information.

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, May 25, in the Multipurpose Senior Citizen Center at the Dewitt Complex in Auburn.

Membership Information

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

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Monthly Newsletter ---May 2006

President's Notes:

Announcements / Updates-

Jim Wood described his motor car adventure with member Dave McClain, a roundtrip between Williams and Davis this past weekend, and encouraged others to enjoy the same kind of experience on future excursions.

Roger Staab announced that the Society's new periodical entitled *Donner Crossings* has been sent to all members as a feature of their membership, and will be issued 2 to 3 times a year.

Member Brendan Compton's *Day of the Spreader* DVD is available for sale to members at \$17.00.

A showing of *Day of the Spreader* is scheduled for the Colfax Theatre in the near future. Society members are invited to act as hosts and assist in selling copies of the film to those in attendance.

A portion of the old N.C.N.G. grade between Chicago Park and its extension eastward will be developed as an historic trail of this once prominent railroad. Volunteers are being recruited to help clear and improve the old right of way on Saturday, May 13th.

The Society's May meeting on the 25th will feature Norm Saylor and his fabulous collection of Donner area postcards, photos and resort pamphlets.

The June meeting will be devoted to a field trip to Blue Canyon on Saturday, the 24th.

April Program-

Member Ken Yeo presented a program that gave us a rare glimpse into the construction of the concrete snow sheds at Norden in the mid 1920s. A Sacramento resident gave the photos used in his program to him while Ken was employed in supervising the creation of the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento. This individual had found a photo album devoted to the snow-shed project while cleaning out an old office and thought the Museum would be interested in having it.

Roger Staab scanned the photos for Ken to project during his presentation. It turns out that the concrete components used to build the sheds were actually fabricated in the railroad yards in Colfax, probably beginning in 1924. The contractor hired by S.P. was the Bectel Corp.

Photos of every phase of the project were shown, including the actual erection of the sheds and the walls and roof structure used over the turntable.

This project was completed sometime around 1925 and served to protect the various railroad operations that took place at this location. These structures were either removed or replaced with superior construction some years later as operations changed.

Ron Petersen, Acting Secretary

