

# Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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## *PSRHS Activities & Events...*

### Editor's Comments

#### Membership Dues are due!!

For persons who have not yet paid their 2007 dues, this will be their final 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...***

The next PSRHS meeting will be held at 7:00PM Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Multipurpose Senior Citizen Center on D Ave. at the Dewitt Complex in Auburn. Call (530) 346-9607 for more info.

### **Membership Information**

Individual Members = \$20.00

Family Membership = \$25.00

- Monthly Newsletter
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## Monthly Newsletter ---Feb. 2007

### *Meeting of January 25, 2007:*

Member Ken Yeo presented a slide show with his comments about the preparations for opening the Sacramento State Railroad Museum. His comments were entertaining and informative regarding the efforts he and his team went through to restore and display the various pieces of equipment for the museum. The members in attendance enjoyed the show and were made aware of the tremendous effort required to make it all happen.

### *Other Business:*

Nominations are still open for 2007 officers for the Society. The election of officers should be completed at the February meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Jim Wood announced that the Society had a great opportunity to obtain a significant remnant of S. P. railroad history. A small short line railroad in Oregon runs on what used to be a Southern Pacific line. The current operators are now modernizing their railroad signals by installing new light signals in place of the semaphore signals remaining from an earlier era. The contractor for the work is offering to sell the old, still operational semaphore signals to interested parties for \$3,000. Placed on a waiting list, the Society's name recently worked its way up to the top. We only have a couple of weeks to respond with cash in hand, and haul the equipment away. Donations were urgently needed.

It was further noted that a U. P. signal maintainer agreed to check out the equipment and to make the signal work. Discussions amongst U.P. personnel indicated that the signal could be installed

near the existing mainline, and wired into the regular signal circuit. It would not, however, be officially used to signal train crewmen, as it would not be maintained by U.P. This prospect is nevertheless very desirable for our efforts to create a historical museum in Colfax. Further news should be forthcoming at the February meeting.

### *February's Meeting Program:*

Member Phil Sexton of the Forest Service in the Tahoe National Forest will present his research on the Boca-Loyalton Railroad. His talk is titled "A Short Life of a Sort Line". Phil's talk should appeal those interested in the branch logging and short line railroads of the Sierra.

**(EDITORS NOTE:** The latest information I have is that member Dave McClain advanced the funds and made the trip to Oregon to retrieve the semaphore signal for the Society. Further donations would be appreciated.)

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