

# Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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## *PSRHS Activities & Events...*

### Editor's Comments

April meeting will be at the restored PASSENGER DEPOT in Colfax. Plan to attend.

***Note earlier starting time!***

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 at **6:00PM Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, at the newly restored **Passenger Depot** in Colfax. Car-pooling will be available. Call (530) 346-9607 for more info.

### **Membership Information**

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

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## Monthly Newsletter ---April 2007

### *Meeting of April:*

#### **The BIG Event we've been waiting for!**

Our April meeting will be held in conjunction with a Special Party to celebrate the completion of the **Colfax Depot Renovation Project**. The occasion will allow PSRHS members to get to see the finished depot building which our members have been involved with for the last 3 years. The event will also serve to recognize and honor the generous efforts of the construction volunteers and donors who made the renovation of the interior of the Depot building a success.

Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres' will be served during the event. **The event will be held from 6pm to 9pm.**

You may wish to bring a camera.

We encourage carpooling from the Auburn area. If you can take extra passengers in your car or if you wish to ride with someone else, please call **Shirley Belleville at 887-1493 or Jim Wood at 346-9607.**

*We hope to see you there!*

### ***March's' Meeting Program:***

Presiding over the meeting was Roger Staab. Roger reported that UP took the rotary snow plows up the mountain in March to blow some snow. This is the first time in many years that they have been taken out of the Roseville Yards to go up on the hill. Evidently there are not many operators left who know how to run and maintain the rotaries, so they needed to train some new

staff. Our own Brendan Compton was able to go along and film them in action. We are all looking forward to seeing some of the video.

Member Phil Sexton presented a very interesting talk with slides titled the "**Short Life of a Short Line; the History of the Boca and Loyalton Logging Railroad**".

Phil has spent considerable time researching the history of this railroad. Using old newspaper articles, notes and letters, plus topographical maps and satellite photographs he has found considerable evidence of the old right-of-way and important points along the route.

Around 1900 the town of Loyalton experienced a boom time for about 20 years by providing lumber for the building of the railroads. The railroad was the mainstay of the region, and the town depended on it to get supplies, ship livestock, and transport the trees to the mills and to move the lumber out for the building of railroads throughout the West. Phil's slides showed the old grade, still clearly visible from satellite photos. Thank you Phil for this informative presentation about railroad history in our region.

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