

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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Editor's Comments

Brendan Compton will be showing some raw video that he taped this past winter on the **Rotary Snowplow** operating over Donner Summit.

The restored Colfax Passenger Depot was the star of last month's meeting. The Colfax Chamber of Commerce participated and awarded several PSRHS members for their contribution to making the restoration a success.

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 7:00PM Thursday, May 24th, in the Multi-purpose 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

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Monthly Newsletter ---May 2007

May Meeting Program:

Our meeting presentation on May 24th will be made by our Society member Brendan Compton of **BA Productions**—the producer of those great Donner Pass railroad videos. Brendan will show us some preliminary film footage of the recent Rotary Snow Plow training that UP conducted up on the “Hill” back in March. Brendan’s production company is producing a Rotary training video for UP. Both he and our other member, Jay Hansell, are producing the film. The film footage he’ll show us will eventually be incorporated into the last of the Donner Snow Clearing video series about the role of the Rotaries. This film will give us a rarely seen “inside the cab” view of Rotary operations.

April Meeting Minutes April 26, 2007

Program:

In combination with the City of Colfax, a special meeting and recognition ceremony was held at the recently renovated Colfax Depot. With the completion of the Depot project, the numerous volunteers and donors of time and money were thanked and honored for their involvement. PSRHS members provided project management, financial administration, and many, many volunteer hours of construction work.

The Mayor of Colfax recognized members Roger Staab and Tony Hesch for their expertise in managing and administering the project, as evidenced by completion of the renovation significantly under the original projected cost and budget. Special certificates and plaques were given to numerous volunteers and organizations

for donating equipment, construction supplies, job expertise, and hours of work.

Members and guests arriving at the Depot were greeted with live music and a selection of delicious food. The weather was perfect, and as a reminder of our heritage, a couple of trains noisily rolled by during the ceremony.

The restoration of the Depot has been honored with the California Governor’s Award as one of the top 7 historic preservation and restoration projects in the state. We are very proud of this accomplishment as recognition of our efforts to preserve this historic site.

In addition, the town of Colfax has acquired a new asset with the completion of the Depot. With the large grassy areas as a focal point for local activities, the Depot will function as a museum for memorabilia linked to our area, headquarters for the Chamber of Commerce, and as a meeting room. It will provide a gathering place downtown for activities and hopefully encourage others to renovate, restore, and locate in the area.

Tony Hesch shared his vision of train passengers journeying through Colfax, looking out their windows, noticing the friendly scene reminiscent of simpler times gone by, and thinking “Those people look like they are enjoying themselves. What a great place Colfax must be!”

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