

# Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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## *PSRHS Activities & Events...*

Editor's Comments

### ***Scheduled Events:***

**February 28**-Jack Duncan will discuss his research on the railroad construction at Cape Horn.

**March 27**-Ken Yeo will present a program on the railroads of Placer County.

**April 24**-Program pending.

**May**-Field Trip to Newcastle.

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, February 28th. 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

- Monthly Newsletter
  - Member Activities, Presentations and Field Trips
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## February 2008 Newsletter

### *January Meeting Presentations:*

A discussion was held regarding choices for this year's field trips. It was decided that the Spring trip will be to Newcastle. Probable date will be Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>. The second trip will be in the Fall and will be to Tunnel "0" and vicinity. Future choices may include a visit to the Portola Railroad Museum and the Erection Shop at the State Railroad Museum.

Jim Wood presented some slides showing preliminary work on the Colfax caboose. He also briefly discussed the future of the rail coach that has been the home of the Chamber of Commerce, but is now being vacated. A proposal to turn the car into a restaurant appears to have died. It may be possible to eventually have the car reconfigured as a lounge car to be rented out for meetings and other events.

Jim also included in the presentation the use of Google Earth to research historic locations and remains of abandoned railroad facilities and roadbeds.

There was also a presentation of a proposal to participate in a new group that has formed to designate a "Transcontinental Rail Heritage Corridor". It is the purpose of the group to obtain a Historical Transportation Corridor designation from the U.S. Forest Service for the western portion of the original transcontinental railroad route. It was decided that the PSRHS would send a letter to the founding organization, supporting their proposal.

### **New Business:**

Due to low attendance at our monthly meetings, two changes were discussed. The first would be to give the member earlier notice of the meeting's program. Hopefully this would provide the members with additional time to make plans to attend. The second suggestion was to go to bi-monthly meeting instead of monthly. After brief discussion it was decided to continue with the regular monthly meetings.

### *February Meeting Presentation:*

Member **Jack Duncan** will present a program outlining his original research into the 1865-66 construction of the railroad grade around Cape Horn. Jack will profile plausible construction methods as well as the popularized myths and misconceptions of the construction events.

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