

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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Editor's Comments

In an effort to reduce expenses, we would like to start sending this newsletter out as e-mail. There are over 50 members and the printing and postage are using much of our operating budget. The letter would also be available on the Society website. Please express your opinion to me or Jim Wood.

Scheduled Events:

April 24-George Lay, PCHS, will present a history of Clipper Gap and Applegate.

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, April 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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March Meeting Minutes:

Announcements/Updates:

Colfax Caboose

Renovation: There is a work group meeting on Saturday mornings at 9 am. Call Jim Wood for details if interested in helping. The caboose now has a new temporary roof to keep out the rain. The next project will be to install siding. Electrical wiring updates are also planned. There are efforts underway to receive official approval to change the caboose lettering from Northwestern Pacific to Southern Pacific as it is a standard SP C30-1 caboose design of the era.

Fieldtrips

The spring fieldtrip will be in May to the Newcastle and Applegate areas including visiting Tunnel #10. Finalized carpool and times will be announced.

March Program

Ken Yeo presented a very informative slide show about the history of railroad lines in Placer County.

The line between Sacramento and Folsom was the first documented railroad in the county. Folsom was an important jumping off spot for the gold country in the mid-1800's. The California Central eventually went from Folsom to Lincoln. A line from Folsom toward Auburn was constructed as far as a quarry near the present Auburn Folsom Road and King Road area. Further extension to Auburn was canceled by the Central Pacific construction into Auburn from Roseville.

Unfortunately I did not catch all of the RR names that Ken mentioned. But they included Lincoln Pottery (Gladding-

McBean), Placer Sierra Nevada RR, Mountain Quarry RR, Nevada County Narrow Gauge, Towle Brothers RR, Truckee and Lake Tahoe RR and two PG&E railroads used for construction of dams. I believe there were at least two more railroads that Ken mentioned.

Roseville was an important railroad site because this is where the Central Pacific and California Central crossed. In fact, Roseville was originally known as Junction. The line between Rocklin and the Bay Area saw a lot of granite hauled for the many beautiful buildings of San Francisco. And of course, western end of the transcontinental route through Auburn, Colfax and over Donner Summit travels through Placer County.

Members counted at the number of different railroads mentioned by Ken—there have been over 10 different railroads in Placer County.

Thank you Ken for lots of interesting details and pictures. We look forward to more of your slide presentations!

Shirley Belleville, Secretary

April Meeting Program:

Local historian George Lay will present a historical view of Clipper Gap and Applegate. These communities were developed when construction of the Central Pacific Railroad extended beyond Auburn in 1865.

Passing

It was with sadness that we report the passing of long time member Nick Poppelreiter. Our condolences to his wife Mary and their family. Nick and Mary have been members since April of 2002.

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