

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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PSRHS Activities & Events...

Editor's Comments

Scheduled Events:

The long anticipated July meeting presentation by Jim "The Bear" Mahon, has been **canceled** due to another commitment.

Brendan Compton will show his new "Rotary Snowplow" video instead.

We were deeply saddened by the death of Gary Todd who died of a heart attack on June 30. Gary restored the Colfax Freight Depot and had been active in preserving the history of the town and it's connection to the railroad.

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, July 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 ---July 2008

Announcements and Schedules

PSRHS will be involved with the annual **Railroad Days** in Colfax, September 27 & 28. We will be presenting information about our caboose restoration project, sponsoring a film fest at the downtown theater featuring Brendan Compton's videos on the history of snow removal over the Donner Route, and offering videos for sale. Also, there will possibly be a demonstration of scale model trains by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Organization.

July 24: The scheduled program by Jim "Bear" Mahon has been canceled. Jim has to postpone his appearance this month due to consulting conflicts for the NWP. He'll come later in the year. Maybe he'll show us photos of his work on rebuilding the NWP.

Election of Board Members: the election for PSRHS Board members will be held during the business portion of the meeting to fill two vacant Board positions. Peter Hills and Bill Yoder have accepted nomination to the Board as of the last meeting in June. Any other members at large who wish to be considered as a nominee for a Board position must contact Jim Wood prior to the meeting to place their name on the slate of nominees. Call Jim at 530 346-9607 prior to Thursday, July 26th

Brendan Compton, our PSRHS Vice-President, will debut his recently completed new film about the operation of the Rotary Snowplow for snow clearing operations over Donner Pass. This film was made as a training video for mainline operations training of personnel who perform the snow service. The film will

show will include interior shots of the operation of the rotary from the engineer's point of view. These views are seldom seen by rail fans. It should be a very interesting program.

October 11 – potential date for our fall field trip.

June Program:

Ken Yeo entertained us with a slide show presentation about building the second set of Donner route track through Auburn, in the early 1900's. He showed pictures of a temporary track in old town Auburn running along the main thoroughfare of Sacramento Street. This was used to haul supplies for construction of the eastbound track. In order to keep from scaring the horses in town, they placed a streetcar body around the locomotive. When this work was completed there were two separate tracks allowing trains to run both uphill and downhill through Auburn at the same time

We thank Ken for an informative and entertaining talk and look forward to his future presentations.
Shirley Belleville, Secretary

Email Newsletter: Efforts to encourage e-mail newsletters has yielded some encouraging results as 17 members now receive their newsletters in this form. We will continue to ask for more use of this method. If you are interested, please send your email address to Editor Lyle Brown at 2lebrown@wavecable.com. We will continue to mail out the newsletter to those who do not have computer email.

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