

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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PSRHS Activities & Events...

Editor's Comments

Scheduled Events:

Dates to Remember

September 27 & 28 - Colfax Railroad Days.

October 11 – fall field trip to Clipper Gap and Applegate.

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, Aug. 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
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 - Display & Restoration Projects
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Monthly Newsletter ---August 2008

Announcements and Schedules

New PSHRS Board Members

Nominees Peter Hills and Bill Yoder were unanimously elected to the PSHRS Board of Directors. The Board of Directors members are:

Jim Wood - President
Shirley Belleville - Secretary
Ken Yeo
Brendan Compton
Peter Hills
Ron Peterson
Tony Hesch
Bill Yoder

Railroad Days in Colfax September 27 & 28. PSRHS will be involved with the annual Railroad Days this year. Our participation will include the following.

- *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.
- *A possible demonstration of scale model trains by the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Organization.
- *Dave McClain is working on getting permission from UPRR to use a spur line for operation of his speeder - a motorized railroad maintenance car.

Other Items

Ken Yeo shared information regarding a program at Colfax High School involving students working with computers and woodworking that has received national recognition.

There was a recent article in the Auburn Journal documenting the history of the old Auburn train depot on Lincoln Way.

A number of members reported increased activity by Union Pacific Security regarding threatening of fines for persons found trespassing on UP property.

July Program

Brendan Compton entertained us with the first public showing of his third video in the series **Winter Rails Over Donner**. This film was made for Union Pacific as a training video to document the operation of the rotary snowplows as most of the current team that have run the rotary plows will be retiring soon. The video detailed the dispatching, start up and operation of the steam boilers, mechanical and electrical equipment.

The rotaries are used as the last line of defense when the snow is too deep for the flangers and spreaders to keep the main line open over Donner Summit throughout the winter. Thank you Brendan for a very interesting look at the big rotaries.

Shirley Belleville, Secretary

August Program

Jim Wood will show some timely and dramatic photos of the recent Colfax wild fire that burned across the mainline near Cape Horn. The photos show what happens when a wild fire engulfs the railroad tracks. These photos were taken by the Auburn Journal photographer in the middle of the burn area during mop up work by the CDF crews. Jim Wood, President

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