

# Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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## *PSRHS Activities & Events...*

Editor's Comments

### **Welcome to 2009!**

Looking forward to a new year of railroad history programs and field trips.

Please submit your annual dues as soon as possible.

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, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 – January 2009

### Announcements:

#### PSRHS in 2008

2008 was a very busy year as far as activities for our organization with two field trips plus our involvement in the Colfax Railroad Days and inauguration of the Caboose restoration. However, 2009 may be a major turning point for our organization.

In December, representatives of our organization had a meeting with some Union Pacific Railroad executives to discuss our plans of creating a railroad museum in Colfax on UP property. We had a very positive response to our museum concept from the UP people. We will submit a formal proposal to UP in the first half of 2009 and we'll see how it all progresses.

The Colfax Caboose restoration effort is progressing. That working group has performed some paint stripping and removal of some windows and siding material and determined that all the siding on the car will have to be replaced because of sun or water damage, or both. The group made a trip in November to visit the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Society to view the restoration efforts on one of their historic cabooses. Some good research information was obtained to benefit the Colfax work.

In response to the very popular Fall fieldtrip from Clipper Gap to Applegate, we may move up the hill to the Colfax area for one of our next fieldtrips to walk out the original Central Pacific Railroad grades between the Lower Illinoistown Gap and Colfax. We've identified at least 6 sections of abandoned grades along there for a

combined total of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of old CPRR grades.

I'd like to thank all the society members for their continued support of our organization through membership dues. This is our principle source of funds for activities so if you haven't yet sent in your dues, please do so soon. Our membership roll continues to increase which is a positive sign that our activities are hitting people's interest in railroad history preservation on this important Transcontinental Railroad Route.

All the best for 2009,  
Jim Wood, President

### January Meeting Program:

Member Peter Hills will give the January meeting presentation with a slide show of his many visits to British Railroad Museums and Historic Railway Preservation Societies. Being originally from Britain, Peter has visited many preservation organizations over the years. British and European Railway Preservation efforts differ in many ways from our American counterparts. One, there are more of them, and two, British preservation efforts more often involve operating historic railway equipment on restored sections of abandoned railroad lines. Peter's photos of the British railroad preservation efforts will probably show this contrast to the American RR museum style that you saw in Jay Hansel's presentation at one of our 2008 meetings. Hope to see you there.

(Jim Wood, Pres.)

