

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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PSRHS Activities & Events...

Editor's Comments:

NOTE:

Dates to Remember:

- 1. September 26 & 27 - Colfax Railroad Days**
- 2. October 3 - Fall Field Trip to Cape Horn**
- 3. October 17 – Colfax Historical Society fieldtrip to Mining Equipment Museum**

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, August 27th. 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 – August 2009

Announcements/Updates:

New Business:

New PSRHS Board Member
Walt Wilson was voted unanimously to become the newest member to our Board of Directors. He will be replacing Ron Petersen, who has retired after many years as Treasurer. Thank you Ron for your years of service, and Welcome Walt!

Current Board Members:

President/Treasurer: Jim Wood
Vice President: Brendan Compton
Secretary: Shirley Belleville
Members: Ken Yeo, Walt Wilson,
Peter Hills, and Bill Yoder

Colfax Historic Railroad Days – September 26 & 27. PSRHS will have our restored caboos open to the public during RR Days. We may have the use of the Colfax Theater and run RR films like last year. Brendan Compton will have his new 844 film complete by then. We may also run motor cars on the Spur line this year which will be a first. Members interested in participating should contact Jim Wood. We will definitely need help from our members.

Negotiations continue with Union Pacific for the spur line in the Colfax Yards for use for Railroad Days in September.

Fall Field Trip Discussion – Projected date for our next Field Trip is Saturday, October 3, 2009, with an alternate rain date of October 10. We will be exploring the historic Cape Horn area near Colfax.

Colfax Historical Society Field Trip – Interested PSRHS members have been invited to join the Colfax Historical Society on their next outing, October 17th. to see historical mining equipment. Mike Nevius has collected old mining equipment and created a Mining Museum at his home, restoring some machinery to working order.

August Program:

Showing of Brendan Compton's (Donner Rails) video of the UP 844 steam train trip over Donner Pass. The video is nearing completion and will be in HD. This is the first public debut of the film. It may be ready to run at the Colfax RR Days Celebration in September.

July Program:

Members and guests were treated to a number of videos about the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad, running between Nevada City and Colfax from 1876 – 1942. It hauled out more than \$200,000,000 worth of gold over its 22.5 miles of track, and never had a robbery or attempted robbery during its 66 year history.

The NCNGRR boasted first class passenger trains, mixed trains, and the occasional excursion train. The amount of time to make the trip varied according to the number of stops, with a minimum travel time of about 4 hours and a maximum of a lot longer! Affectionately known as the "Never Come – Never Go" Railroad, the NCNGRR was noted for its many stops and diversions along the route.

One photo from the 1930s showed a young boy holding a camera - that was our own Ken Yeo, when he was a young lad on one of the special excursion trains. Another shot showed him waving to his Dad in his car at one of the railroad crossings.

The videos were enjoyed by all as we explore the personal recollections and stories of the rich history of railroading in our own region. (Shirley Belleville, Secretary)



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IN MEMORANDUM

On July 22, 2009, member **Don Huber** passed away suddenly from a stroke. Don was 69 years old and was an avid rail fan. He and his wife, Lynn, volunteered for many years to work for the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad in Chama, NM.

Don will be missed by his family and friends, as well as the members of the PSRHS.