

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 Mills**
- 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, September 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 – September 2009

Announcements/Updates:

Colfax Historic Railroad Days – September 26 & 27:

Our society will host three events on the Colfax Railroad Days event on Saturday and Sunday. These will include motor car rides on the UP spur line in Colfax; railroad films produced by Brendan Compton (aka Donner Rails Videos) in the Colfax Theater; and an open house at the Caboose. We will need help from our members to help staff these events. Call **Jim Wood at (530) 320-1276** if you can help on either Saturday or Sunday.

October Field Trip–Cape Horn Mills:

Our Fall Field Trip will be to Cape Horn Mills to see abandoned Central Pacific Railroad grades as well as the location of the actual Cape Horn Mill (lumber mill) site. This was one of the many lumber mills that supplied lumber for railroad construction, timber for snow sheds and the huge volume of cord wood needed to drive wood burning locomotives over Donner Summit.

Time permitting we may also see the location of the Secret Town Trestle.

Meet in the Colfax Freight Depot parking lot at 9 AM. We'll probably finish about 2 PM. Bring water sunscreen, hat, camera, good walking shoes, etc. Call Jim Wood for further information

Colfax Historical Society Field Trip –

Special tour of mining Museum in Nevada City. PSRHS members are welcome to accompany a Colfax Historical Society tour of a unique mining “museum” at the home of Mike Nevius in Nevada City on Saturday, October 17th. Those wishing to

participate should meet in the Colfax Freight Depot parking lot at 9:15 AM to car pool. Call Jim Wood for information.

September Program:

The September presentation will be a photo show of the snow sheds and tunnels over Donner Summit photographed by our members on a number of visits. Photos will show the variation in tunnel construction required due to the differing type of rock or geology bored through.

August Program:

Brendan Compton honored us with the first showing of his rough cut of his new high definition video documenting the travels of the UP 844 steam locomotive over Donner Summit and through the Feather river Canyon in April. The 844 was the last new steam engine built for Union Pacific, in 1944. Designed for high speed passenger train service the 844 was reassigned to freight hauling from 1957-1959. It has remained in continuous service since it was built, and now is enjoyed by many people as it makes heritage tours across the USA. We thank Brendan for the great video and sound production. We will be looking forward to seeing the final cut of “Big Steam 844” on the large screen at the Colfax Theater during Railroad Days.

Shirley Belleville, Secretary

