

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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Editor's Comments

We are looking forward to another year of interesting field trips and informative and enjoyable presentations concerning the Donner Summit railroad route.

Please join us for a very interesting adventure.

Please pay your dues no later than this meeting to ensure your name remains on our membership roll.

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, February 25th. 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 - February 2010

Announcements:

Membership renewal dues for 2010 are now being accepted. \$20 individual member; \$25 family membership

Colfax caboos – work continues on updating the electrical system.

Planning for the 2010 spring and fall field trips are under way. Possible sites include the Towle Brothers Railroad and the community of Towle and a trip to Virginia City, Nevada for a private tour of the rebuilding of the V&T Railroad.

Board of Directors Re-Election Process

In a discussion and vote by the members present, a new policy will be implemented in 2010 changing the term of service for Board Members from 1 to 3 years with terms staggered such that every year a set of 3 board member positions will be due for re-election. After discussion, PSRHS members unanimously re-elected the current slate of board members to staggered terms with the three longest serving members due for re-election later this year. The Board of Directors include:

Officers: President Jim Wood, Vice President Brendan Compton, Secretary Shirley Belleville, and Treasurer Peter Hills

General Directors are Ken Yeo, Walt Wilson, Bill Yoder, and Tony Hesch

January Program:

In keeping in tune with the winter season, members were shown photos and new video of snow removal equipment used over Donner Summit. Brendan Compton documented the refurbishing process for two retired ex-SP spreaders, with interviews of UP crews who were doing the rebuilding work. There was footage of the first trial trip over the Hill using the new spreaders for snow removal. The video presentation culminated with snippets of Brendan's

newest film – Big Steam 844 of the Heritage Tour of the Union Pacific locomotive to California last year.

Shirley Belleville, Secretary

February Meeting Program:

Railroad artist Gary Symington will bring many pieces of his railroad artwork to show us. Some of Gary's favorite scenes are of historic steam locomotives along the Donner Pass Route. Gary's striking paintings of railroad settings have received public acclaim when recently exhibited in local art galleries. Gary will tell us how he chooses the scenes that appeal to him for his artwork.

In other news...

If you missed our monthly meeting last year when Ken Yeo presented his great slide show of his involvement with the restoration of the rolling stock and locomotive collection of the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento...you'll get another chance to see it. Ken will present a reprise of his presentation on Feb 27 at 3pm at the Pharmacy Café on North Main Street in Colfax. That is across the street from the SP freight depot. For more information call Ken at 887-1430.

We recently learned that long time member Vi White, now living in Reno (now 92!), is recuperating from a hip injury and surgery. Well-wishers can send cards to her at: Rosewood Rehabilitation Center, 2045 Silverada Blvd, Reno, NV 89512. Her email is viwhite@charter.net

Welcome to our newest members...

John and Claudia Fulton of Colfax
Tim Fagan of Alta
Teri Andrews-Murch of Colfax
Richard and Jean Barlow of Grass Valley
Gerald Nelson of Colfax
Brian Rutz of Auburn
Larry Hersh of Fernley, Nevada

