

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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Editor's Comments

Thank you Shirley for standing in for Jim at the March meeting.

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, April 22nd. 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 – April 2010

March meeting notes:

Secretary Shirley Belleville did an admirable job of conducting the meeting after it was learned that Jim Wood would be unable to attend and preside. Other members had several comments to add on topics of interest to the Society.

Caboose: The caboose restoration is progressing. As soon as some electrical trenching is completed and electrical components installed the caboose will have its own incoming circuit. The next step will be replacing the siding. Volunteers are welcome each month on the second Saturday to help with the restoration.

Spur Track: The latest word is that the UP will only deed over to the city the portion of the spur that lies beyond the length of a container railcar if one needed to be set out due to a problem with the car. (Bad order car).

March Program:

Tom Towner presented a very enjoyable slide show of photographs from the 1930s of the NCNG Railroad. The photos showed everyday life, as it happened around the comings and goings of the train. We saw where the train pulled into Colfax next to the main line, and were able to see some landmarks that we can still identify today. We also got a good look at the different locomotives that were in use at that time. It was interesting to see the people riding on top of the cars during the excursion runs. Many comments were made about how much fun that must have been, but it could never happen today!

Tom also showed us pictures of the NCNG model train layout that he constructed. The scenery, figures, and

rolling stock were incredibly detailed and looked real enough to want to climb aboard. His model train layout work shows great artistic talent. Thank you Tom for sharing your collection of photos. They gave us a real look back in time at what life was like along the NCNG.

April Program:

At our April meeting, Roger Staab will present a slide show that looks at the two railroads that have run through Colfax, and how their changes over time have helped shape and define the town through the years.

In honor of Colfax's centennial celebration as an incorporated city, the Spring 2010 issue of Donner Crossings has been devoted to a historical look at Colfax and its railroads, from 1865 to the present day. Copies of the new issue of Donner Crossings will be distributed at the meeting.

