

# Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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## *PSRHS Activities & Events...*

Editor's Comments

**Items of interest:**

**Sept 25 and 26:** Colfax Railroad Days.

**Saturday, October 16:** another look at the Towle Brothers railroad and its history.

**Board of Directors Election:**

Two Board members will be elected or re-elected at November 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, Sept. 23<sup>rd</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

- Monthly Newsletter
- Member Activities, Presentations and Field Trips
- Display & Restoration Projects  
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## September Newsletter

### September Announcements:

#### Colfax Caboose Project:

The next item on the project list is to replace the exterior wood siding. Work sessions are on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday of each month starting about 9:30 AM. Contact Jim Wood for details. (530) 320-1276).

#### Polo Shirts:

Member Ron Wong has provided us with an opportunity to have our PSRHS logo embroidered onto polo shirts. The shirts would be available for purchase.

#### Collection of historic drawings on CD:

The Society has scanned and made available on CD Rom, a collection of 39 large size engineering drawings of the historic original alignments and old depots along the SP route from Colfax to the Nevada state line. Members may obtain their own copies of the disk.

#### PSRHS Board of Directors:

Two Board Member positions are up for re-election at the November meeting. Two current board members that wish to continue serving are Ken Yeo and Tony Hesch. If any others wish to be considered for nomination, please let President Jim Wood know by the Nov. meeting.

#### Treasury Report:

Treasurer Peter Hills reported he now has our financial activities entered onto a Quicken program, which will provide ready access to our treasury report.

#### Calendar items: Sept 25 and 26:

Colfax Railroad Days. PSRHS will be participating along with Operation Lifesaver to assist with that event. We will sponsor motor car rides, caboose tours, and railroad films by Brendan Compton. Contact Jim Wood (530-320-1276) for details or if you can volunteer a couple of hours of your time.

#### Fall Field Trip: Sat. Oct. 16.

An exploration of the history of the Towle Brothers Narrow Gauge Railroad. The Towle Brothers built a number of sawmills beginning in the 1860's and shipped lumber to meet the needs of the expanding Central Pacific RR and the Virginia City mining operations. Attendees should gather in the normal parking lot in Colfax a 9AM to get instructions for caravanning.

#### September Program:

A recap of the field trips we conducted in June and July. We'll view the various members' photographs who participated in the fieldtrips to the UP Roseville Yard tour and V&T tour. If you wish to share your photos with the group, please call Roger Staab at (530) 346-6277 to discuss the disk format for viewing on our projection system. Many of you took some great photos on these trips, so hopefully we'll see some good scenes to share with the members who couldn't make these outings.

#### August Motor Car Video Presentation:

A thoroughly enjoyable presentation was shared by all as we viewed a video of motor car trips by member Peter Hills. With the video cam filming as the car sped along, it gave the feeling of actually being on the motor car as it went down the track and around the curves. We were treated to track side views of the scenery along the Skunk train route, the Oakdale Grand Canyon area, and other locations. There also was a video clip of the California Western Railroads Skunk Train steam engine moving along the tracks in the redwoods near Willits. Thank you Peter for a very enjoyable program. (Shirley Belleville-Secretary)

