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Editor's Comments

**NO OCTOBER MEETING DUE TO TOWLE
FIELD TRIP ON OCTOBER 16, 2010.**

November meeting includes Pot Luck.
Details included herein.

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 6:30 PM Thursday,
Nov. 18, 2010 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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October-November Newsletter

October Field Trip to Towle:

About 20 PSRHS members attended the Oct. 16 field trip to learn more about the history of the Towle Brothers and the town and logging railroad they founded. The group gained a “lay of the land” at the former town of Towle with the aid of Doug Ferrier’s fine collection of historical photos of the town site.

This town was established within the right-of-way of the Central Pacific Railroad about 1 to 2 miles east of Alta as a processing mill to produce finished lumber products. Little of the town site is left today except remnants of roads and railroad grades as well as a few concrete foundations that give one the idea of where some of the major buildings may have been located such as the depot and store.

The second part of the trip, we learned how the Towle Brothers’ Railroad traversed the canyon now occupied by Interstate 80 and climbed the ridge into the Bear River Canyon.

Long after the Towle Brothers’ RR was abandoned, PG&E rebuilt a standard gauge railroad on the old road bed to construct the Drum Power House and the water system that supported it. Ken Yeo was a great source of historical trivia on the latter history as he spent his childhood living at the Drum Power House and riding the incline railroad there to reach his school at Drum Camp. This proved to be a very interesting day.

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 at (530) 320-1276.

November Meeting Reminder:

The November Meeting and pot luck dinner is one week earlier than normal to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM to accommodate the pot luck dinner. For the pot luck dinner, bring your favorite side dish to share. Shirley will bring a ham and beverages as usual.

The meeting presentation will be provided by Peter Hill who will share a video he recently found that features the activities at the Southern Pacific’s Sacramento shops. We’ll also show our members’ photos from the October field trip to Towle. If any members have good photos to share, please bring them on a disc for viewing.

