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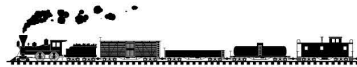
April 2011 Newsletter



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To:

Scheduled Events



- April 20 Caboose Work Party 9am at the caboose
April 23 Caboose Work Party
- April 28 Monthly Meeting – Rotaries
(see inside for details)
- May 4 Caboose Work Party
May 7 Caboose Work Party
- May 18 Caboose Work Party
May 21 Caboose Work Party
- May 25 Field Trip – Siemens Rail Car
Manufacturing Facility,
South Sacramento (details inside)
(No Regular Meeting in May)

Monthly Meeting...

The next PSRHS meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on **Thursday, April 28th** in the Multi-purpose Senior Citizen Center at the Dewitt Complex in Auburn (enter on D Ave.). See Calendar section on web site for map and directions.

Membership Information

- Individual Members = \$20.00
Family Membership = \$25.00
- Monthly Newsletter
 - Member Activities, Presentations and Field Trips
 - Display & Restoration Projects
- PSRHS, P.O. Box 1776
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April Meeting Presentation. The rotaries are back!! The heavy snows of March and April brought the Union Pacific rotaries back into action over Donner. Many of our members captured scenes of the rotaries at various places along the Donner route. We invite you to bring your photos or video clips to the April meeting and share them with our members.

The simplest way to participate is to bring your photos in JPG format on CD or flash drive. We will provide a laptop PC, projector and screen, and DVD player. If you have prepared a slide show using a program such as powerpoint, please be aware that your photos may not display properly unless our computer is running the same software and version. Programs and versions currently supported on our laptop include PowerPoint Viewer 2003 and 2007, Quicktime Player 7, and Windows Media Player 11.



Rotary in Action - April 2011 *Brendan Compton*

May Field Trip - Save the Date. In lieu of a May meeting, PSRHS will host a field trip on May 25 to the Siemens Rail Car Manufacturing Facility in South Sacramento. Siemens builds rail cars for light rail systems, and locomotives for AMTRAK. We will meet at the Siemens facility at 9 AM on May 25. Further details will be provided in the May newsletter.

Colfax Railroad Days. Jim Wood reports that UP has given approval for our plan for the expanded Railroad Days event in Colfax. Dave McClain says the Portola museum people are enthusiastic about bringing their display train to Colfax. There are still details to work out, but it looks like a go. Planning session meetings will be scheduled soon. All Aboard!

Summary of March Meeting.

News announcements: *Peter Hills*

- Malcolm Frost is currently developing a new web page for the Society. Besides a new format, web visitors will also be able to sign up for memberships and purchase sale items directly from the web-page thru PayPal.
- Bill George is planning to conduct his "Transcon Chautauqua" in Colfax during Railroad Days.
- Train Event on traintrips.biz - Oakland/Oroville/Feather River/Klamath Falls - June 2011.
- Tony Hesch reported that work is progressing on the Colfax caboos. Structural members are being replaced on one side before new siding is applied. Work parties meet at the caboos at 9am on the first and third Wednesdays and Saturdays of each month.
- Jay Hansell fabricated a ticket window grill for the Colfax depot from aluminum. After some final prep work it will be installed at the depot.

March Program

Roger Staab showed photos and video clips from two excursion trips he took in July 1994 aboard vintage streamliner cars powered by UP's newly refurbished E-9's. The first trip, from Portola to Keddie and return, was offered as part of Portola's Circle the Wagons celebration on the 4th of July weekend. The second trip, on July 9, was a morning run up the Feather River Canyon from Oroville, across the Keddie Wye bridge onto the highline or inland gateway route to Westwood, CA, then back to Oroville that evening.

A commercial video, "UP's Elegant E-9's", available from Pentrex, has footage of these two excursions.



WP museum display train at Spring Garden. The train may appear at 2011 Colfax RR Days. *Paul Lanyi photo*

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FROM THE ARCHIVES



Do you recognize this scene? Where was the photo taken, and what makes this image somewhat unique on the Donner Route? Details in next month's newsletter. *Ken Yeo Collection.*

I plan to include a "mystery photo" in future issues of the monthly newsletter, and provide details on the photo in the following month's issue. If you have a photo you would like to make available for this section, please email the photo to me along with a description of the known details shown in the photo. Alternatively, if you have a photo taken along the Donner Route or a piece of memorabilia that is a mystery to you, we can run a photo in this section and ask for help from our members in identifying it. *Roger Staab, editor.*

CPRR/SP Donner Route Timeline: January 8, 1863: Ground breaking ceremonies take place at Sacramento, California, at the foot of "K" Street at the waterfront of the Sacramento River

Please forward any comments, suggestions or information for inclusion in future issues of the newsletter.
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