

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society



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October 2012 Newsletter

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Plaque presented by UP on Oct. 4, 2012 to the City of Colfax. Photo by Roger Staab



Scheduled Events & Notices



Oct 25 Monthly Meeting & Presentation, 7pm
 – Share your photos of the UP 844 visits and Colfax Railroad Days 2012

Nov 10-11 International Railfair Model Railroad Show, Placer County Fairgrounds, Roseville
 – <http://www.internationalrailfair.com/>

Nov 15 Potluck Dinner and Meeting
 – Program TBD

No Meeting in December

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October Meeting – Thursday, 25 October, 7:00PM - DeWitt Senior Center

October Program: Recap of Colfax Railroad Days and visits of UP 844 to the Donner Route. Meeting attendees will be treated to members' photos of the 844 visits and Railroad Days activities.

UP Steam Returns to Donner

UP 844 made two visits to the Donner Route, heading westbound toward Sacramento on September 27, and returning eastbound on October 4. On both days the 844 and its excursion train stopped in Colfax, and large crowds gathered to view it up close and personal.

During the return trip on October 4, Union Pacific made a special presentation in Colfax, honoring the city as a Train Town USA for its role in the building of the transcontinental railroad. Special thanks to Liisa Stark and UP officials for bringing the UP 844 to Colfax and for the Train Town USA recognition.



Above: PSRHS and Colfax city council member Tony Hesch holds the "Train Town USA" plaque presented by UP to the City of Colfax.

Below: Part of the crowd greeting the 844 in Colfax.



Photos by Roger Staab

Colfax Railroad Days Oct. 6-7

Another successful Colfax Railroad Days is now behind us. This one was a bit tenuous since we did not have a commitment of railroad equipment for display until a week before the event. We were pleased when UP agreed to send up some of its premier snow-fighting equipment, a newly rebuilt spreader and flanger.

In addition to the UP snow-fighting equipment and Operation Lifesaver, we also had Mountain Quarries engine 202 on display. Other activities included Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, antique engines, caboose tour, quilt show, car show, railroad movies, kids zone, railroad art, model railroad, music & numerous vendors.

Our club-sponsored raffle of railroad memorabilia drew a lot of interest, with donated prizes including railroad prints of UP 844 in 1950 provided by Jim Wood, UP 844 at Verdi from Steve Chandler, Santa Fe 3751 courtesy of Peter Hills, a railroad apron made by Jennifer Wood, railroad quilt by Renee (Sam) Hills, UP 844 DVD from Brendan Compton, and an out-of-print Beebe railroad book purchased by the club on eBay. We also sold a switch stand by silent auction. The switch stand was nicely spruced up by Ken Yeo.

The other hallmark of this year's event was excellent volunteer support. At the event we were able to give each volunteer free time to wander through the venues and enjoy chatting with new and old friends. Several people toiled in the background on insurance issues, advertising, donations, maps, etc. A big thank you to all of you who volunteered your time, with special thanks to Jim Wood for his many hours dealing with last minute details and once again pulling it all together.

One disappointment this year was the necessity of canceling the motor car rides due to excessive cost of liability insurance. Malcolm Frost displayed his motor car near our booth and it was a big hit with the kids.

Another thanks to UP's Liisa Stark for her efforts on our behalf, to Dennis Maguires for putting together the snow equipment display and getting it to Colfax, and to current and former railroad employees who provided entertaining and informative commentary for visitors..

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Views of Colfax Railroad Days 2012 *(FROM THE ARCHIVES WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH)*



Walt's story time



Toy for big boys



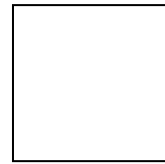
Talkin' 'bout trains



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To:

Passing Scene – UP 844 steams uphill toward Colfax on its October 4th eastbound run, in this dramatic photo by member *Jay Hansell*. The train stopped in Colfax for about 45 minutes, and served as an impressive backdrop for presentation of UP’s “Train Town USA” designation to the City of Colfax, recognizing the town’s role in the building of the transcontinental railroad. Great photo, Jay.



Monthly Meeting...

The next PSRHS meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on **Thursday, October 25th** in the Multi-purpose Senior Citizen Center at the Dewitt Complex in Auburn (enter on D Ave.). See Extra Board section on web site for map and directions.

Membership Information

Individual Members = \$25.00/yr
Each Additional Member Card = \$5.00/yr

- Monthly Meetings (4th Thursday) and Newsletter
- Member Activities, Presentations and Field Trips
- Display and Restoration Projects

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