

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society

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Editor's Comments

NOTICE: NO MEETING IN JUNE!

Field trip to Blue Canyon on Saturday June 24, 2006. Details in this newsletter.

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 in July.

Field trip June 24, 2006 to Blue Canyon.

Membership Information

Individual Members = \$20.00
Family Membership = \$25.00

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Monthly Newsletter ---June 2006

President s Notes:

Announcements / Updates-

Member Brendan Compton s Day of the Spreader DVD was shown at the Colfax theater on June 5th. This was a promotional event and fundraiser for the Society. A good crowd attended and a number of the Donner Rails videos were purchased following the showing.

Thanks to Brendan for showing his video for the benefit of the Society. Most of the funds will be used for restoration expenses at the Depot.

Ron Petersen, Acting Secretary

May 25th. Meeting Minutes:

Presiding over the meeting was Roger Staab

Announcements/Updates-

Colfax Depot The building is nearing completion with some final tile work, fixtures, and flooring to be completed. A National Park Service Grant is coming which will help with site work such as asphalt paving. There is still a need for some custom cabinetry work and we would appreciate hearing from any volunteers who might be able to help.

Rolling Stock: Rio Vista Steam Crane This unit has been offered to PSRHS if we can get it moved. However, it would require some work before it is travel worthy.

Day Of The Spreader: There will be a big screen showing at the Colfax Theater (admission free) of Brendan Compton s film The Day of the Spreader on Monday June 5, 2006 at 7 PM. DVD copies of the film will be sold at the event with proceeds

benefiting the Colfax Depot Renovation Project. This remarkable film shows the challenge and drama faced by Union Pacific work crews to keep Donner Pass rail lines open to train traffic during heavy Sierra snow storms.

No June Meeting: There will not be a regular meeting of the Society in June. Instead there will be a **field trip to Blue Cañon** on Saturday June 24, 2006. We will meet at the Colfax Freight Depot parking lot at 9 AM with a 1 PM return time. This will be an easy walking tour and we invite anyone to join us who is interested in seeing and hearing about an area that is rich in railroading history.

May Program:

Norm Sayler entertained us with some history and stories about Donner Summit. He shared his historical postcard collection from the early 1900 s, which documented many sites and views in this high Sierra region.

Before the roads were easily accessible, people would ride up to the summit on the train. There were a number of Hotels by the tracks for visitors to stay. The Summit has been historically significant over time when one thinks about all that has come over that route from foot traffic to wagons to trains and automobiles.

Thank you Norm for sharing these insights into the Donner area.

Shirley Belleville Secretary

