

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society



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August 2015 Newsletter

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Another view of UP 1989, D&RGW Heritage Locomotive, as it left Colfas. See larger photo on page 3. Mike Haire Photo

Scheduled Events & Notices



Aug 27 PSRHS Meeting and Presentation – 7 pm
– Auburn Airport Terminal Bldg – Program - Roger Staab
– Colfax and its Railroads – A Look Back in Time. Details on page 2.

Aug 31 Colfax RR Days Planning Meeting – 7 pm – Colfax City Council Chambers

*****Colfax Railroad Days Sept. 12-13*****

No Member Meeting in September

Oct 22 PSRHS Meeting and Presentation – 7 pm
– Auburn Airport Terminal Bldg
– Program - William Burg – 1894 Pullman Strike



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**Next meeting 7:00PM, Thursday August 27.
Auburn Airport Terminal Building**

*****NOTE: Access to parking in front of building has changed. Turn right at sign for Arbogast Body Shop or continue to parking lot at rear of building.*****

Program: Railroad Days – Final details will be discussed with the membership.

Colfax and Its Railroads – A Look Back in Time
Roger Staab will present his updated slide show on railroad related changes in Colfax through the earlier years, a special tribute for the 150 year celebration.

Colfax Railroad Days Sept. 12-13

The next Railroad Days planning meeting will be held on **Monday, August 31, 7pm, at the Colfax City Hall Council Chambers.** There is still plenty to do in preparation for Colfax's celebration of 150 years as a railroad town.

Specific items of discussion at the August 17 meeting included:

Friday Night Dinner Sept. 11

- Lions Club will coordinate the event/supplies/drinks/ raffle ticket sales. Mahan's have agreed to handle the BBQ with pulled pork and chicken on the menu. Walt Wilson will provide tables/chairs. Tickets \$20 per person with 1 drink ticket and 1 raffle ticket provide for each dinner ticket sold.
- This year's event raffle will be held at the dinner. **Raffle prizes are being sought for the dinner raffle.**
- Historical minute tidbits will be read during each pause for raffle ticket drawings

RR Days Saturday and Sunday Sept. 12-13

- Grand Prize will be the only raffle held during the Sat/Sun event. Tickets \$1/ticket, 6 tickets for \$5, 25 tickets for \$20. Tickets for sale at the PSRHS booth.
- **Motor cars will run on the spur track** behind freight depot next to Operation Lifesaver booth
- Community center is handling/coordinating all activities at the the center including the Kid's zone.

- Event entertainment will be relocated to the depot area.
- 5-6 model railway clubs have committed to the event. Sacramento Valley Live Steamers will attend and provide rides.
- People Mover has been scheduled. It will transport guests between the OL booth and community center
- Food booths and craft booths in the freight depot lot
- Chuck Spinks has invited several antique car clubs to participate - N. Main St. To be closed for the car displays.
- Both Siemens and California High Speed Rail will have displays at the passenger depot.
- RR movies will be shown in the Colfax Theatre - Brendan Compton coordinating.
- Lonnie Dickson coordinating with UPRR for the equipment display. Snow equipment and possibly UP 1996 Heritage Locomotive to be on display. A locomotive simulator may also be available.
- Tony Hesch is building RR type directional signs for locations around the event site.
- Peter Hills is building several additional "donation" boxes for key sites around the event.
- Poster-size event map will be displayed at several locations around the depot and downtown.
- T-shirts and other railroad items will be sold at the PSRHS booth at the passenger depot. Historical photos also on display at the PSRHS booth.

Volunteers are needed to help put on this event. Volunteer shifts and duties include:

- Friday, Sept. 11 -- afternoon
Prepping area, security fencing, dinner setup
- Saturday, Sept. 12 & Sunday, Sept. 13
Morning and afternoon shifts
Staff PSRHS booth, caboose tours, motor car rides, help inside and outside UP equipment

If you would like to volunteer for one of these shifts, please indicate shift preference in an email to Roger at rsrr@exwire.com

If you would like to help with planning, come to the Aug. 31 planning meeting.



Passing Scene



Here is another excellent Mike Haire view of UP 1989, D&RGW Heritage Locomotive, as it leaves Colfax leading an eastbound consist earlier this summer. *Photo by Mike Haire*

Colfax Caboose Note

Good progress is being made on the caboose renovation. Tony and crew are completing the exterior work and painting the interior. Plan is to have the caboose spruced up and ready to show off to the public for tours during Railroad Days.

Amazon Smile Fund Raising

We are now part of the Amazon Smile fund raising campaign. We receive a donation to the society based on your purchases. Please feel free to copy and past the link below and include it in all your emails.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0488569>

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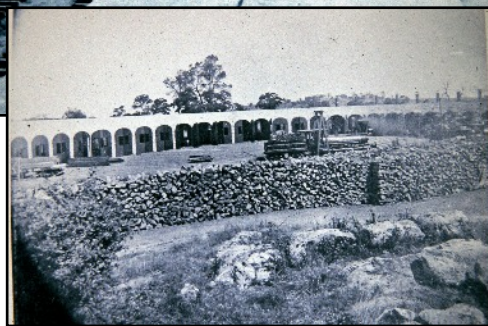
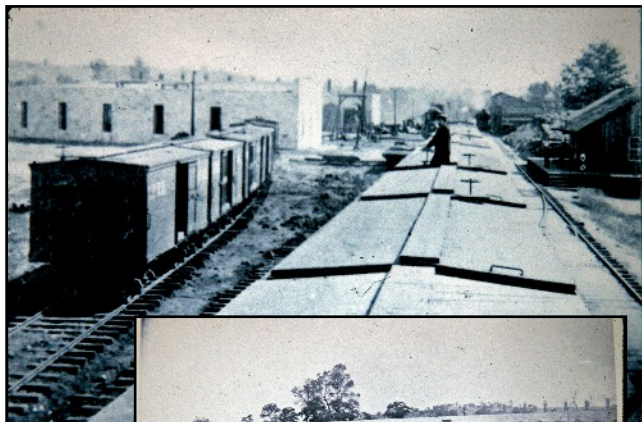


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From the Archives

July Mystery Photo:

The view at right is looking eastbound past the Rocklin depot on the right and the roundhouse on the left. At lower right is the roundhouse as seen from the mainline tracks, while the view below shows that only part of the foundation remains today. *Ken Yeo Collection*



August Mystery Photo:

Here is another easy one. Where was this photo taken and what prominent feature is visible? *Ken Yeo Collection*

CPRR/SP Donner Route Timeline: 1910-15 Double Tracking. In 1910 local newspapers contained the first talk of double-tracking work commencing above Colfax. However, the work stalled and in December 1910 a newspaper reported that SP might be planning to standard-gauge the route from Colfax to Grass Valley, then continue through Beckworth Pass to Reno, bypassing the route above Cape Horn. Rumors of surveyors in the Grass Valley area kept this story alive until late 1912 when work began in earnest above Colfax. In 1913 removal began on the hill in Colfax east of the tracks and beyond Grass Valley St. By 1914 double track was complete from Colfax to Wirt near Long Ravine, with only yard alignment to be rectified in Colfax.

Membership Information

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

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

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