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The **November** meeting will be at the First Congregational Church, on Thursday the 17th. The change from the 24th is due to Thanksgiving.

The Fall Field Trip will be held on **October 22, 2005**. We will meet at the Colfax freight depot and travel east to various historical sites. The information on the Field Trip follows in this newsletter.

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PSRHS will have a Field Trip on October 22, 2005.

The November meeting will be at the **Pilgrim Hall of the First Congregational Church**, 710 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn.

Membership Information

Individual Members = \$20.00

Family Membership = \$25.00

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Monthly Newsletter



November Meeting Date Change

November's meeting will be held at the usual location, the **Pilgrim Hall of the First Congregational Church**, 710 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn. The meeting is being changed from November 24th due to Thanksgiving.

President's Corner October 2005

Officers for 2006 A reminder that we are soliciting nominations for PSRHS officers for 2006. If you or someone you know is interested in serving your organization as an officer next year, please contact Jim Wood, head of the nominating committee, at (530) 346-9607, or email Jim at jlwood@idaho-maryland.com

Colfax Passenger Depot Museum

Opening November 5 -- After many months of work, renovation of the museum portion of the Colfax Passenger Depot is nearly complete. The museum will occupy the former baggage room, which retains its original tongue-and-groove interior wall covering. Both period lighting and track lighting have been installed, to provide flexibility for changing exhibits. The room sports a new coat of pale yellow paint with black wainscot, true to the colors previously used in the baggage room.

By the time you read this, the museum portion will be under the control of the Colfax Area Historical Society, who will begin setting up exhibits. However, the museum cannot be open for business until the rest of the building is complete and the Colfax Building Official has certified building occupancy and the Fire Marshal. Drywall will soon be applied to the ceilings and some walls in the remainder of the building. This will enable installation of

remaining components for the fire and security alarm systems. To complete the public bathrooms, tile needs to be installed, followed by placement of bathroom fixtures. New exterior and interior doors need to be set in place, interior trim installed around windows and doors, and final finish coats applied to the interior of the remaining rooms.

Placer-Sierra Railroad Heritage Society has taken the lead in coordinating this project, and in performing several of the renovation tasks. As indicated above, there is still much to be completed to get the entire building ready for occupancy. If you know anyone with construction skills who is willing to lend a hand in completing these tasks, please contact Tony Hesch (530-346-9179) or Roger Staab (530-346-6722). We would welcome assistance in the timely completion of this important project.

To commemorate the completion of the museum and the 100th birthday of the Passenger Depot (it was built in 1905, and went into operation in November of that year).

Colfax will hold a grand opening ceremony on **November 5**. A plaque will be dedicated, honoring the Depot's status on the National Register of Historic Places. Work of the many volunteers and organizations who have contributed to the project will be recognized. Please join us in Colfax on November 5, view the progress on the building renovation, and help celebrate this piece of local railroad history. Events will get underway around 10AM.

Roger Staab, PSRHS President: rsrr@news.com

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Fall Field Trip- October 22, 2005

Our fall field trip will continue our search for historic railroad sites east of Colfax. We'll visit places around Gold Run, Dutch Flat, Alta, and American Canyon.

Let's meet in the Colfax freight depot parking lot at about 8:30am as in the past and be prepared to depart from there at 9am. We'll try to car pool if possible.

Our expected finish time is about 2pm. Bottled water will be provided. Bring snacks or lunch if you wish. Jack Duncan will be with us to add insight into the early wagon and highways that parallel the rail lines. Hope you can join us. Call me if you have questions 346-9607.

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TONY HESCH PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON MUSEUM TRACK LIGHTING.



PROJECT BANNER HIGHLIGHTING PSRHS INVOLVEMENT IN DEPOT RESTORATION.



NEWLY PAINTED TONGUE-AND-GROOVE AND BLACK WAINSCOT IN MUSEUM AREA.

