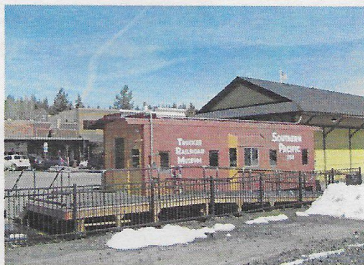


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# Snowshed

SPECIAL EDITION



## TRUCKEE DONNER RAILROAD SOCIETY OPENS INTERIM RAILROAD MUSEUM IN DOWNTOWN TRUCKEE

After months of planning and hard work by an incredible number of volunteers and local businesses, the Truckee Donner Railroad Society opened its interim railroad museum in downtown Truckee on May 8, 2010 - fittingly, National Train Day.

The museum, which is a work in progress, is housed in a 1950's era Southern Pacific caboose located next to the train depot. Included in the new museum are various artifacts, pictures and displays depicting the impact of local railroading activities on Truckee and the surrounding area. The first Transcontinental Railroad as well as local narrow gauge logging and tourist lines are included. In addition to the exhibits, the museum will serve as a base of operations for various educational programs including area Trestle Tours and educational outreach activities. Future Society focus will be on the creation of a permanent, world class museum within the proposed Rail Yard development east of downtown's commercial row.

In addition to the Caboose Museum, the society has four other pieces of equipment available for viewing (see map below). The equipment includes an 80 ton GE center cab switcher, a Southern Pacific 1950 Pullman Sleeper, 1905 10 ton, self propelled Brown hoisting crane and a SP Rotary Snowplow. The fence around this equipment is there for your safety. Please do not attempt to gain access to this equipment.



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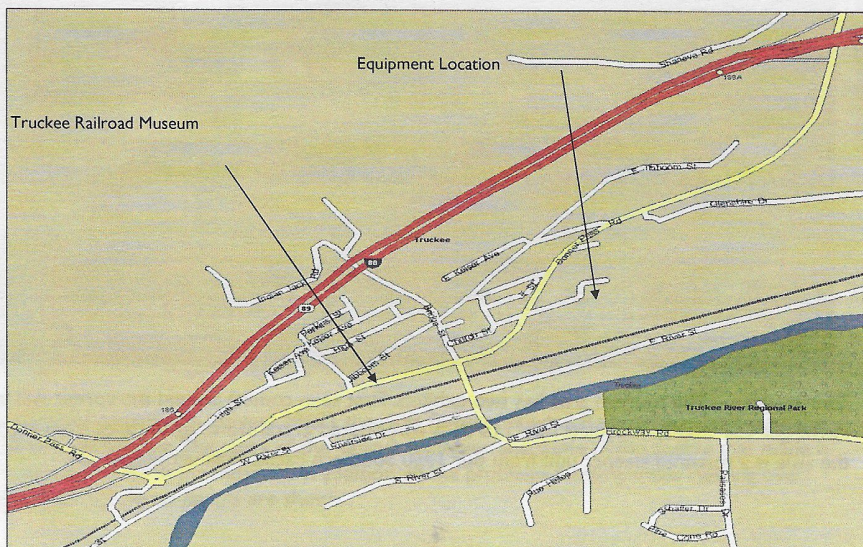
- Caboose Museum to open May 8
- Local merchant/business support outstanding!
- Society and Town of Truckee work hand in hand to make museum a reality
- Society initiates campaign to establish an endowment

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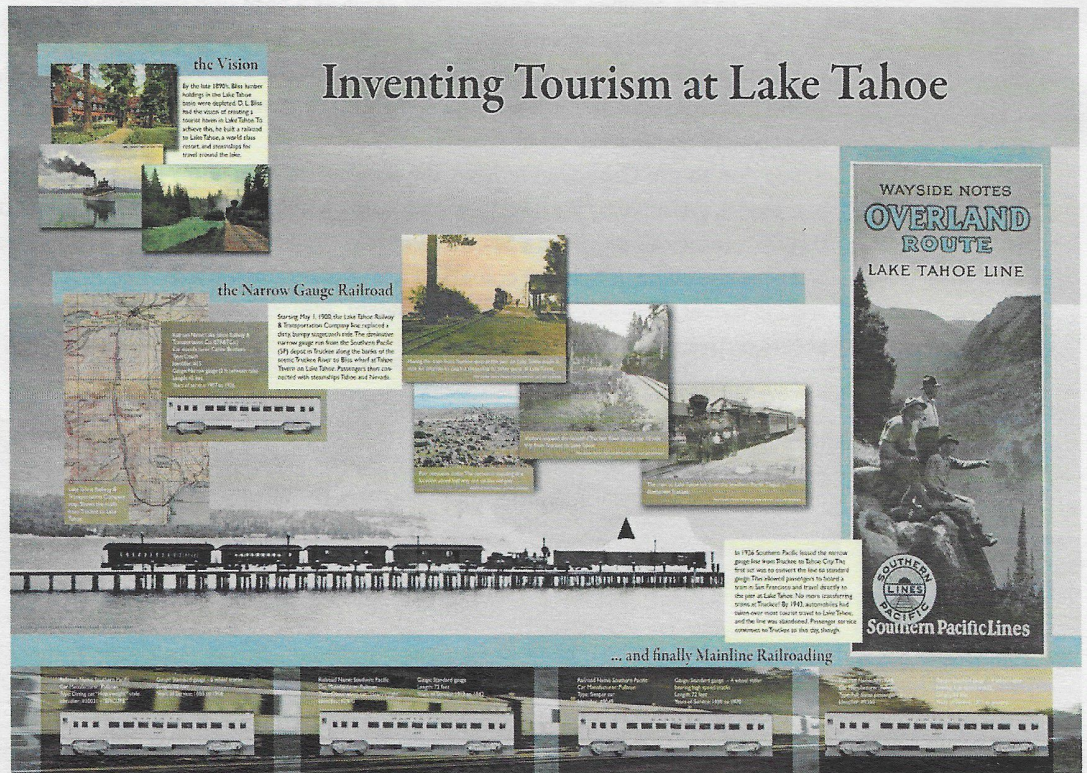
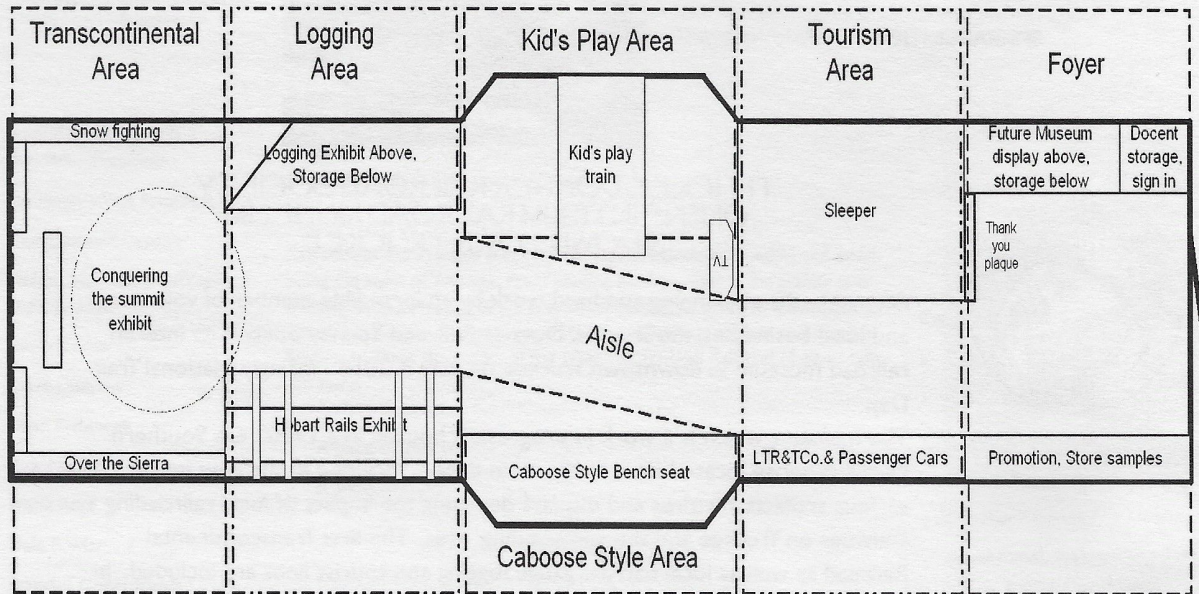
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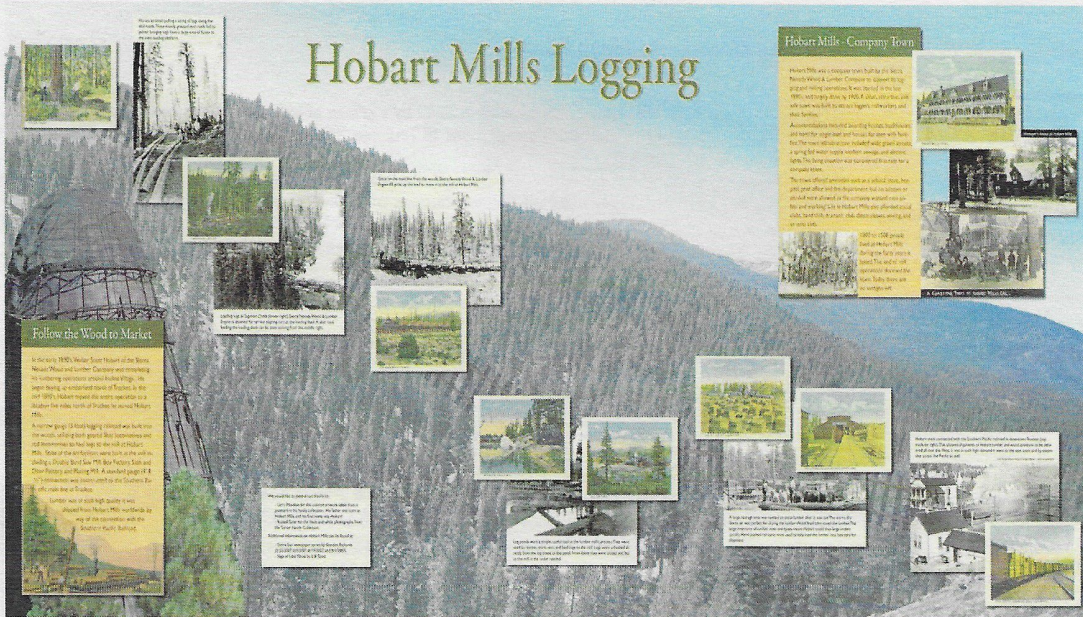
# Truckee Railroad Museum Exhibits

The basic layout of the exhibits is depicted below. The entrance is on the right.

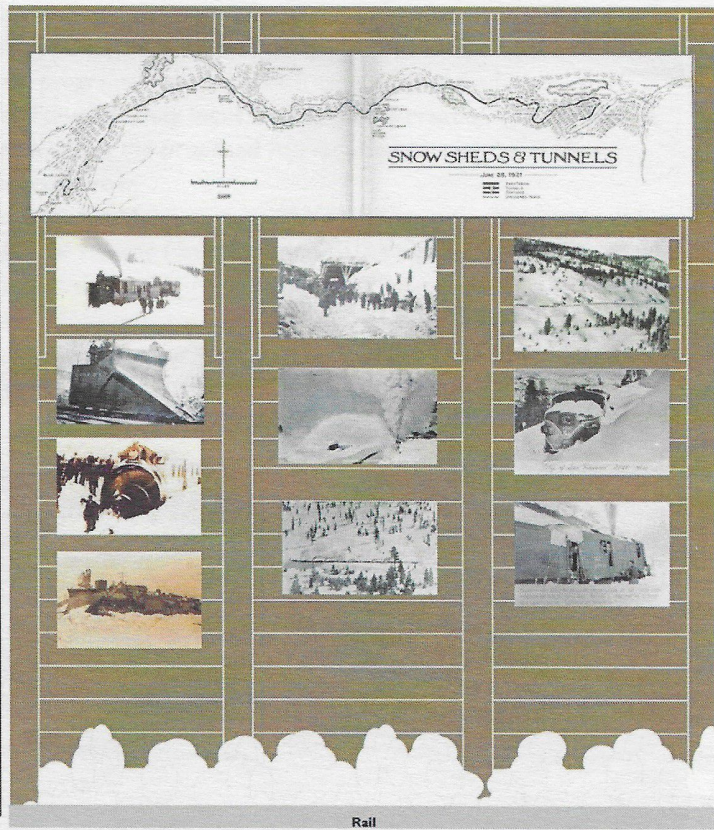
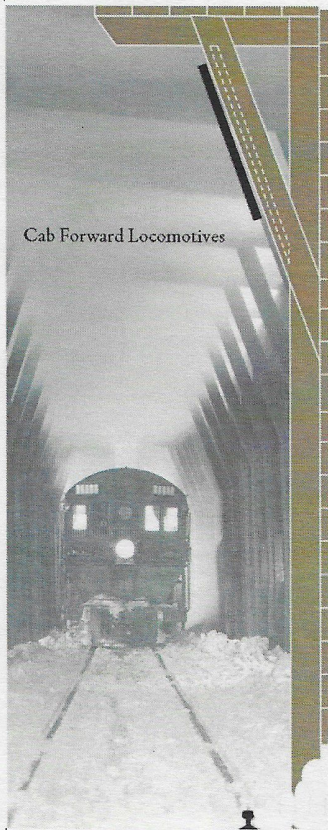


Tourism Area – The tourism area has two exhibits. First seen coming around the corner will be the LTR&TCo & Passenger Car display. It depicts how railroads contributed in transforming the area from logging to tourism. Across the aisle is a restored sleeper unit from our 1950 Southern Pacific Pullman sleeper car.





Logging Area – Logging and lumber played a big part in the development of the Truckee area. In this area, visitors will see the story of one of the companies, Hobart Mills. In addition, there is a beautiful diorama built in HO scale (1:87.1). It depicts a typical logging scene.



Transcontinental Railroad – In the mid 1860's the First Transcontinental Railroad was built over the Sierra and through Truckee. The story of the difficult endeavor and some of the people that made it happen is brought to life in the museum. In addition, all the problems keeping trains running over the summit with high snow depths are shown.



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Truckee Donner Railroad Society was formed in 2000 by a group of individuals who recognized the important role railroads played in the formation and development of Truckee. The organization was incorporated as a 501C-3 not-for-profit corporation in 2000.

Since its inception, TDRS has raised money through donations, sales, memberships and grants. In addition to raising money, the organization has received many contributions of in kind material and services from the local community and beyond; with special thanks to the California State Railroad Museum which donated our rolling stock. TDRS wishes to also extend a special thank you to the Truckee community for making this all possible.

**Board of Directors:**

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**Special Consultant:**

Keith Pattison

**Truckee Railroad Museum Vision:**

*Keeping Truckee railroads alive!*

Railroads of the Truckee area played a significant role in founding and developing the town of Truckee. From blasting black powder in the granite over Donner Lake, to hissing of the first steam coming to town, to lumberjack whistles in the mountains, to ice cracking as it loads in reefers, and tourists flocking to share the beauty of the area, The Truckee Railroad Museum tells the story.

- ◆ A place to Learn
- ◆ A place to Interact
- ◆ A place to Enjoy

**Current Projects Seeking Support**

- ◆ Caboose Museum Interior
- ◆ Crane Rehabilitation
- ◆ Rotary Restoration
- ◆ Sleeper Restoration
- ◆ Switcher Operational repair
- ◆ Society Endowment

If you are able to support any of these projects with your time, talent or dollars, please contact us.

Application for Membership

**Truckee Donner Railroad Society**

I hereby apply for membership in the Truckee Donner Railroad Society. I have read and support the mission and goals of the Society. I understand that my membership renewal is due annually on September 1st.

Enclosed is my membership fee (make checks payable to: Truckee Donner Railroad Society).

Lifetime membership - \$500

Fireman (family of 4 or business) - \$65

Brakeman (couple) - \$25

Engineer (sustaining) - \$100

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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