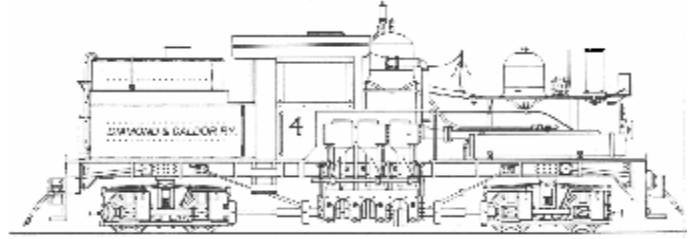


# EL DORADO WESTERN RAILWAY FOUNDATION

January 5, 2006



Dear Railroad Enthusiast,

It is with delight that I write today to introduce you to our new Associate Membership Program. This is the first time members of the public have an opportunity to be part of the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation and to make a meaningful contribution towards the Foundation's goal of developing an operating narrow gauge demonstration railroad and museum in El Dorado County.

The focus thus far has been to restore railroad artifacts at the El Dorado County Museum in Placerville. All of the work and a majority of the costs, to date, have been born by our volunteers. We have reached the point with several of our projects where the remaining costs exceed the ability of our volunteers to fund out-of-pocket. For example, the D&C Shay No.4 (pictured above) requires some boiler work and a new firebox as to ensure safe performance and to comply with the Federal Railroad Administration's new regulations. We will need to hire outside assistance with some of the boiler work. The estimated cost to complete the boiler repairs on this 99-year-old steam engine is \$50,000.

This is where you come in. Through the Associate Membership program and generous donations by railroad enthusiasts like you, we will raise the necessary funds to complete the No.4 and return it to a safe operating condition. Visit our comprehensive website at [www.edwrf.org](http://www.edwrf.org) for a good look at the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation and its many projects.

The Associate Membership Program has many benefits:

1. First and foremost, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are contributing in a meaningful way toward the preservation of our historic railroad.
2. Membership card.
3. Newsletter.

4. Discounts of 15% on Foundation merchandise.
5. Recognition as an Associate Member in the newsletter.

As this is our 'Charter' year for the Associate Membership Program, you have one chance to become a Charter member, which is now for year 2006. Please take advantage of one of the following levels to kick-off your membership.

	<u>Annual Dues</u>
Associate Member- Individual	\$35.00
Associate Member- Family	\$60.00
Associate Member- Corporate	\$100.00
	<u>One Time</u>
Lifetime Associate Member- Individual/Family	\$500.00
Lifetime Associate Member- Corporate	\$1,000.00

Enclosed is an Associate Membership sign-up card and return envelope. Please don't put this off. We want to continue to make progress on these most important restoration projects and we need your help.

I would just like to say thank you for your interest in railroading. I also want to thank you in advance for joining the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation as an Associate Member and contributing to the preservation of railroading history for future generations. All aboard!

Sincerely,

Eric R. Stohl  
President

p.s. Please stop by the museum on Placerville Dr., Placerville, to say hi and see the progress. We work most Saturdays on railroad restoration.

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