

To: FRRS Board of Directors
From: Paul Finnegan, Webmaster
Re: Museum Web Page
Date: March 10, 2022

Mailtrain

We continue to have society members and the public signup on our “WPRM News” email distribution list on Mailtrain. We now have 302 active email addresses on the list. Last month we had 297, so we had a net increase of five subscribers this month.

FRRS Board Material – New Mailtrain List

In an effort to modernize and improve the availability of the FRRS Board Meeting material, we are changing to a new email subscription service using Mailtrain. Previously the FRRS Secretary manually maintained a “bcc” list of people who wanted to receive FRRS Board Meeting material by email. I have created a new list for our Mailtrain system, “FRRS Board Meeting Material”. The 25 people on the bcc list were sent an invitation to subscribe to the new service. Sixteen subscribed and two decided they no longer wanted to receive the material. Seven did not reply.

The new system will send an email with a link to the Minutes & Reports web page where the recipient can view the material online, or download a single ZIP file of all the meeting material in. Each email will contain an unsubscribe link if the recipient decides to discontinue the service.

People can subscribe by using the WPLives.org [Mailtrain Subscribe Tool](#).

We get emails....

On February 20, we got an email from a former member who asked if we have an index to the *Headlight* articles.

I was able to direct him to the Historical/Archive Department home page that has links to [List of articles in THE WESTERN PACIFIC Headlight magazines](#), [THE WESTERN PACIFIC Headlight Master Index](#) and [THE WESTERN PACIFIC Headlight Article Reprints](#). I also pointed out that most issues of the *Headlight* are available for purchase in the Museum Store and online at our [online store](#).

The former member replied the next day thanking me for the information and stated, “I see numerous issues I would like, so will be ordering from the company store. I was a member a long time ago but I guess I fell out of touch. Probably rejoin soon also.”

I replied, sharing the link to join/renew online and he promptly renewed his membership.

This is another example of the FRRS performing our mission to preserve, interpret and educate the public about the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad.

WPLives Cloud Server

As part of our FRRS/WPRM data services, we maintain a private cloud server, primarily used to support our Historical/Archive Department. The cloud resides on one of Kenneth Finnegan’s servers at a data center in Fremont, California. On March 9th, he reported that the Nextcloud 19 code train we were running had gone end of life, so he upgraded it to version 22.

General Items

2/12/22 – Posted Material for board meeting to [Minutes & Reports web page](#).

2/13/22 – Added link to Election Committee Board Report for February 12, 2022 to [2022 Election news item](#).

- 2/14/22 – Created new H/A Collection – [Norm Holmes Pacific Southwest Railway Museum](#) and scanned 24 slides for it.
- 2/15/22 – Scanned and added 49 more slides to [Norm Holmes Pacific Southwest Railway Museum](#) collection.
- 2/16/22 – Created new H/A Collection [Norm Holmes San Diego Trolley](#) and populated with 57 photos.
- 2/17/22 – Created new H/A Collection [Norm Holmes Santa Maria Valley](#) and populated with 25 photos.
- 2/19/22 – Major website update for 2022 WP Historic Convention. ([Home Page](#), [FRRS 2022 Calendar](#), [2022 Western Pacific Historical Convention - Reno](#) news item, [2022 Western Pacific Railroad Historical Convention-Special Sunday Events](#), [Museum Days & Hours at-a-glance](#) and [WPRM will be closed on Sunday May 15 2022](#))
- 2/24/22 – Created new H/A Collection [Norm Holmes Miscellaneous_S](#) and populated with 86 photos.
- 3/1/2022 – Updated "From the archives..." and "For the modeler..." in Latest Museum News Column.
- 3/3/2022 – Updated [2022 WP Historic Convention News Item](#).
- 3/9/2022 – Preliminary agenda for the March FRRS Board Meeting was posted.
- Various – As members completed and passed the Operating Department Rules Exams, the [Crew Roster](#) web page was updated.