

WP MODELING REPORT

- Thom Anderson, WPRRHS Administrator

In N Scale, Athearn has listed 50-foot PS-1 boxcar in WP (stock #14143 and 14144) and Tidewater Southern (stock #14131 and 14132), in two different numbers. The WP cars are due in November, and the TWS cars may be at dealers now. A North American Car Co., insulated boxcar in two different numbers (stock #10670 and 10671) are due in mid-August.

In HO scale, Athearn has listed another round of passenger F3A and F3B units. A-B combinations, single A and single B units are available or coming later this year, in both sound and silent versions. One A-B set and one separate A unit are being offered with the large post-1955 lettering, which are at dealers now. Athearn has also released a passenger F7-B, numbered 804B. As with the F3 units, they are now available.

FRRS member Peter Arnold has been a prolific photographer since the early 1970s. Many of you who have attended the Winterail swap meet may

have purchased slides from him, and probably have seen his photos in a wide variety of Morning Sun books.

Peter is now offering his slides in CD format, and has released two WP discs, one covering cabooses that contains 145 images, and one that has a wide assortment of maintenance of way equipment, that contains 171 images. Most of the originals are Peter's own photos, and with a few exceptions are well lit and nicely composed. I'm told that the scanned image is large enough (approximately 400dpi) to make high-quality prints from, which is handy for keeping at the workbench if you're modeling something from the photos.

Peter says he plans to release more WP sets in the future.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, contact the Museum gift shop, or Peter Arnold at P O Box 6087, Los Osos, CA 93412. Cost for purchase direct from Peter is \$20.00 each, plus \$4.00 shipping and \$1.50 California sales tax.

WHEN YOU MOVE...

Don't forget us! There are several ways to let the FRRS know when your address has changed. The easiest, if you have email access, is to email your name, membership number and new address (and please, include your old address for reference) to the Membership Chairman at Membership@wplives.org. You can also send us a letter to the museum address: P O Box 608,

Portola, CA, 96122.

If you are renewing your membership and making an address change at the same time, please be sure to note that this is an address change on your renewal notice.

By making sure your information is up to date, we can ensure that you will receive all materials from the FRRS. Thanks!

MEMBER APPRECIATION 2008

Mark your calendar now. On June 7, 2008, the FRRS will be holding its First Annual Member Appreciation Day. On this day, we will be celebrating our members with special events, capped off by our Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting in the evening.

For 2008, we hope to also have some special announcements about upcoming events and WP related items. Watch the Train Sheet, the WPLives.org website and the FRRS email list and discussion board for future information.

HOW TO HELP

Maintaining our historic equipment and facility is a task that is neither simple nor cheap. Whether the task is repairing 68 year old switcher 608, printing new brochures so the public can learn about us or laying new walkways to improve access to our vintage facility, the work and the bills never end. You can help by making a donation of time or funds to the FRRS. This will help us keep the WP alive for future generations and expand our programs of education and living preservation. Please consider the FRRS in your future giving.