



Some of the ops crew working Centennial weekend (from L to R): George Sousa, Bil Jackson and Jeff Glass.  
- Ken Finnegan photo

worked on the 805-A. At some point, two panels on the fireman's side were subjected to a die grinder or some other nasty device that left deep circular scars in the stainless panels. This blemish has been on the engine since we acquired her and the Zephyr Project team decided to see what could be done. We came up with a combination of belt sanding, scotch-brite work and polishing to remove most of the scars and regrain the panels. It is not perfect, but it is far far better than the previous damage. Just to regrain those two panels alone ultimately took three days from October 23-25.

As part of that work, we also reapplied the classic Western Pacific lettering to the engine, using the original Zephyr Gothic lettering custom made for us by Tom Carter. In addition to Tom and myself, Cody Wilson, John Morehouse, Scott Walker, Tom (sorry, Tom! I am having a brainfreeze and forgetting your last

name!) and Larry Hanlon (who has also been working on the engine and electrical systems with Dave McClain) spent days grinding and regraining the panels and applying the new letter. At the same time, the 805-A's horn was retuned by Phil "Evil Dr. Cornbinder" Schmierer and reinstalled by a team of Rod McClure, Bill Parker, and Cody "da Noodle" Wilson.

The following week, a team consisting of Steve Habeck, Cody Wilson, David Epling, Matt Stentz, Mike Mucklin, and Kevin Arendt (L to R in the photo below) washed, scrubbed, polished, waxed and even repainted some parts of the 805-A to ensure that she was ready for the big show. Thank you, everyone! You did an amazing job on short notice.



The Wash 'n Wax crew.

-E. P. photo

Hopefully, this is just a prelude to future CZ trips down the Canyon. Our eventual goal is to have the 805-A and our own CZ cars mainline capable. Perhaps in the not too distant future, the FRRS can give our members a chance to ride our own "Silver Lady" on home rails.

## September 2009 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary - continued

### Director's Reports

*Monger* – Jim Atkins was at RR Days. He works for UP Signal Dept. and will oversee WP Dispatcher's Office at WPRM. Said Tommy Holt has offered use of his development people to design software to run our Dispatcher's panel.

*Holmes* – Yard sale at RR days, 3 tubs and 4 or 5 boxes of leftovers, took in \$99.70.

*Brehm* – Re-designing the WPRM brochures. Spikes

asked if we can change cover from current WPRM logo to image of WPRM Billboard.

*Habeck* – Quincy borrowed our jacks to fix a bearing on QRR #5. We should also get our jacks back in better condition than we sent them down. They will hire Seth Adams to help with the heavy repairs.

### Department Reports

*Mechanical* - EMD Ring Compressor missing – Habeck will check with Quincy RR to see if they have one that may even be ours.

*Advertising* – Report on latest programs – Consensus to

continue with certified brochures. Matt is going to look into Advertising in the Carson City area to take advantage of the new V&T operation between Moundhouse and Virginia City.

### Committee Reports

*Member Appreciation Day* – Monger asked about advertising, nothing has been done. Requested museum website to show info regarding MAD/RP Day. Webmaster Carter noted that website currently has Reed Jackson Memorial in place and he was instructed to leave it there by President McClure until further notice. Director Monger noted that the board should dictate that change as needed.

### Safety Report

· Lady fell on RR Days. Report submitted by Manager Epling to Pres. McClure. Legal to follow up with Eastern Plumas to obtain medical record of the incident.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:07 PM and reconvened to open session at 5:20 PM. Vice-President Habeck reported the following out of closed session:

“The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a possible special operation. Consensus direction, no action taken.”

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### Correspondence

- *Habeck* – Storage contract with Timber Heritage for ex-Southern Pacific suburban passenger cars is complete. Sent to Timber Heritage and to Virginia and Truckee. Storage agreement is in effect and September 1, 2009 is effective date.
- Lots of correspondence concerning Richard Strom bequeathment consisting of legal filings from relatives.

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 09-10-01.
  - . Minutes - from the Aug and Sept 2009 BOD Meetings.
  - . Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end of September 2009.

### 2. Business Motions

#### Motion 09-10-02 Off-Site Shows

Approve expenditure of \$1650 from line item Shows - 53035 for attendance at all four railroad shows. Costs are tied to specific shows (\$500 for Berkeley, Daly City and Sacramento, \$150 for Reno).

Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carried.

### Actions and Notices

*Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2010* - Matt Shuman gave a report to the Board. Planning is moving full speed ahead. New Dunsmuir RR Days Committee is working well. They are looking for funding sources and starting their fundraising now. Dates are June 11-13, 2010.

*Zephyr Car Run* - A 3 car mini-CZ train will be coming up October 30 and leaving November 1. It will be on display at the museum. Plan is to get all of our CZ cars together and make it look like a CZ train. A stop at Keddie has been requested but not approved. Ticket sales are going well and trip is a go. McClure is talking with car owners about logistics.

*Entrance Road* - President McClure gave information on damage to entry road, partly by sewer trucks, and plans to review issue with city.

*Tidewater Southern 743 Trade* - Director Vicknair presented an offer by Dakota Southern Ry to trade TS 70 tonner 743 to the FRRS. Written report submitted. Board gave consensus direction to pursue negotiations.

### President's Report

- We have received new wheels and traction motors for WP FP7 805-A, our California Zephyr locomotive. They will be installed in 2010.
- Checks will be coming soon from sale of DODX flat car and rent on second flat car.

### Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- August gross revenue \$15,297.37.
- Portola RR Days committee: Joanna Bean is pushing for city to work closer with the Museum on Portola RR Days events. July 30 – August 1 for next year. Would like another FRRS person to come to meetings with him. Committee would like some vendors at the museum.
- Received phone call from Merrill Thurman's daughter. Family has materials and models from Merrill that they want to discuss with an FRRS rep. Would like someone to come out and see what we can use.

### Director's Reports

*Vicknair* – Property fencing. Recommended that we make that our next big priority.

*Monger* – Working on year-end fundraising letter. Will be out before November 1.

*Carter* – Has been working on roster for FRRS website.