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The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00am until 5:00pm daily from the last Sunday in April through the first Monday in November. The diesel shop is open during this time.

Train operations begin the last Saturday in May and continue each weekend through the first Monday in September, as well as on major holidays between these dates.

Museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday in November through the Friday before the last Saturday in April except for special events for which advanced arrangements have been made. If you wish to visit during the closure period, it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the museum will be open.

Entrance to the museum for members is free. Non-members are required to pay an admission fee, details are inside this issue on the inside of the back cover.

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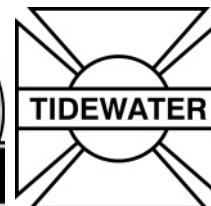
On the Cover

WP GP40 3517 as seen on the Tidewater Southern, July 21, 1982 between Granger Ave and Briggsmore Ave in Modesto headed for Stockton with the return train from Rogers yard. This area is now a bicycle and jogging path.

Greg Elems photo.

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WPRM Safety Department News – May 2014

–Tom Carter, Director, Safety Officer

In railroading, safety is paramount. The same holds true for historical railroading. Whether you are working on the train crew, restoring a piece of equipment, cleaning the shop, or working behind the counter in the gift shop, it is imperative that we always keep safety in mind. While it is widely accepted that safety is a way of life next door on the Union Pacific, it is extremely important that we take a few moments to realize that safety is just as, if not more, important at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum. Over the past 30 years of the museum's existence, we have had a relatively good safety record, all things considered; however, as we know, there is *always* room for improvement. This is why, at the start of the 2014 season, I was appointed as the museum's *Safety Officer*.

My day job is deeply rooted in Rail Safety. As a partner in *Railroad Training Services*, I teach folks in shortlines and a variety of industries that switch their own railcars to not only run a locomotive or railcar mover, but also how to switch cars. However, the bigger focus on my job is how to do that work *safely*. The first few hours of each class is all about situational awareness, safe work habits and personal protection. We don't even explain how to line a switch until we ensure that *everyone* is firmly planted in a safety mindset. Just because those of us that volunteer at the museum do not earn a paycheck on the rails doesn't mean that we can cast safety aside to "get the job done". It's a safety trap as far as I am concerned, and one that I and several of your fellow FRRS members and volunteers are working hard to eliminate. To do this, we need your help.

Safety is not something you merely practice when "the boss may be watching", or even "as a condition of employment". Safety is *Always Doing the Right Thing, even when no one is watching*. Safety is a culture. It's automatic in the way one walks, talks, plays and works. There is potential for accidents and injuries in *every* aspect, place and activity in life. You are just as likely to be injured at home or at play as you are at work, sometimes even more so. A few minutes ago, I stepped out on my back patio, as I do several times a day, to smoke. In thinking of what I wanted to convey in this article, I noticed that I was smoking no more than *two feet* away from a propane tank. I barbecue *a lot*. I mean, I barbecue several times a week. For this reason, I always make sure I have an extra tank of propane handy. All of a sudden, with cigarette in

hand, it dawned on me: I was smoking not two feet away from a flammable propane tank, with the tank between myself and the fire extinguisher I keep out on the patio for the barbeque grill, making it virtually useless in the event of a fire. Needless to say, I felt pretty stupid. A), I shouldn't be smoking near that tank, B), the tank shouldn't be stored out there anyway, and C) the fire extinguisher needs to be mounted to the wall of the house, where I can get to it if I need it while grilling, not on the ground. Oh and mental note "*check the date and charge of that extinguisher*"! This, my friends, is what we on the railroad call a "site safety audit", and it only took a mere 10 seconds to do. It is a great habit to get into at home, work and the museum. I urge each of you to do the same. It may take a little longer than the 10 seconds mentioned above, but it could save a life.

Throughout the year and beyond, you are going to notice an increased safety presence at the museum and here in this newsletter. While some of it may seem draconian to you, or even extreme, please understand that it is for your benefit as well as our guests. This is not being done to appease an insurance company, nor is it being done to "feather one's cap" or even as the result of an incident: it is being done out of concern for the well being of everyone who sets foot on the property. While safety is the nucleus of my job both here and at work, I am nowhere near perfect and being only human, I welcome input and suggestions from *anyone and everyone*. At this time though, I am respectfully requesting the input and "buy-in" from everyone involved to improve the safety culture at the museum. In subsequent issues of the "Train Sheet", we will expand on this safety culture and how it affects *all of us*.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, I can be reached via e-mail at safety@wplives.org. I thank everyone in advance for your cooperation and look forward to many, many years of safe work and leisure at the museum with our fine volunteers and guests.



Spring 2014 Steam Workweek Report

—J. Chris Allan, Steam CMO

Due to several poorly timed illnesses, I hadn't been back to museum property since the summer of last year. Suffice to say I was ready to get out of the confines of the greater Los Angeles area and head north. On Tuesday I made it to Concord and spent a wonderful day with my parents, old home week for me. The next day Dad and I made our way back to Plumas County by way of the scenic Feather River Canyon, always a treat for the eyes and the spirit.

After arriving at the museum we were pleased to find the accommodations in such a clean state, thanks to Rick Grunninger and David Elems for putting in so much time and effort into cleaning and organizing. We were hosted that evening by the ever gracious Debbie and Kirk Baer, a nice period of decompression after the drive, and an equally nice welcome back to Portola.

The next morning, Wednesday, those in attendance, including Steve Lee all the way from Cheyenne, Wyoming, had a hearty safety breakfast at Sharon's Café on Commercial Street. Dad ordered the famous full plate of biscuits and gravy, his one indulgence for the year, and finished it with only a bit of trepidation.

Getting back to the museum, I was heartened at the sheer amount of work that had been accomplished on the needle-scaling and priming operation. Kirk, Charlie, Matt and Dave Anderson had gotten the tender frame side sills and two trucks completed, they really look great! Charlie spent some time getting the new steel deck plates in place on the tender frame, in preparation for drilling the rivet holes. Later in the afternoon the contingent from the Bay Area: Dave, Severn, Jeff, Ken and Nancy arrived and got settled in. Hank and Michael worked on relocation of one of the right side air reservoir brackets, necessary so that we can use the new



The WPRM Steam Crew assembles for breakfast at Sharon's Cafe in Portola.

drilled tanks which don't fit quite as well as the original lap riveted vessels. That evening Dad and I along with new volunteer Mike had a sensible meal at Lena's Cantina and we called it a night. It was a bit chillier than we anticipated.

Friday morning after literally taking over the majority of the space at Sharon's, leaving well fed yet again, we hit the shop with whatever we could muster. We were very lucky to be joined by two gents who work on the former Western Pacific tugboat "Hercules", Erik and Channing. This ocean going steam tug is now preserved by the National Park Service in San Francisco along with several other vessels and artifacts, and is well worth a visit. I set these boys on the task of finishing up the fitting of the rear tube sheet knuckle patch, started by our boilermaker Norman. Some drilling and reaming was still required to prepare for the riveting operation to take place the following Sunday and Monday.

Roger Stabler started early on making up a test rack for the locomotive's air compressor from heavy angle iron. He and Mike chopped and welded until the compressor could stand on it's own. At that they began inspection of the various check valves, shuttles, and appurtenances that make it run. A gallon of Marvel Mystery Oil was poured into anywhere and everywhere on the steam and air sides. The diesel boys were tuning an air horn outside, which encouraged everyone to don a pair of earplugs. The sweet sound of a Nathan M5 (at least after they got it tuned) spurred us on.

Ken, Nancy, and Jeff began the task of drilling for the rivets on the tender frame plates. Thanks again to our friends at the Golden Gate Railroad Museum for the use of their magnetic base drill press, a real necessity for an operation such as this. They went at it tirelessly, and by the end of the weekend, only a few holes remained to be drilled. Around 4:30pm we started the shop cleanup, and soon after we were enjoying a bit of fellowship and libation. Later we once again traveled en masse to Kirk and Debbie's for a nice cocktail hour and cookout at their compound. Kirk was able to talk tugboats with Erik and Channing as the rest of us caught up on what's been happening in the world of steam preservation since we last met. Thanks from all of us to Kirk and Debbie for letting us into their beautiful home and

allowing us a nice change of scenery from the rail yard.

By Saturday we were up to full speed. A great deal was being accomplished by everyone, including Bob Sims who had recycled and rescued a set of cabinets from one of our parts cars. Bob stripped them down and re-sized them to fit into the steam tool car, and they look as good as new. I am hoping that now our boiler tools will have a nice organized home from now on. Thanks Bob for everything you do!

Michael and Hank repacked the grease pads for the main drivers. This involved a great deal of slicing and squishing of the waxy stuff. These will be installed in the summer when the engine is again over the pit.



(Top) Channing prepares to weld an anti-creeper to the staybolt cap. (Bottom) The finished product.

Eric and Channing took on the challenge of removing the remaining flush staybolt caps from the wrapper sheet. Most of these had been removed previously, but the most stubborn had been left. The guys along with Severn figured out a smart method of removing them: this involved welding an anti-creeper, which is a track part, directly onto the cap, and using it as a handle that could be wrenched on. This process worked very well, and is a good example of the ingenuity required to work on old machinery in less than ideal situations.

Roger and Mike hooked up the house air and finally got the air pump to start doing its thing; the result was quite dramatic, with Marvel Mystery Oil shooting everywhere and the familiar “thump-thump”.

Black clouds finally closed in, the temperature dropped significantly, and the snow came. It was too warm to stick, so it just made a sloppy mess. I had misgivings in regards to the evening BBQ, but as quick as it blew in, it was gone and blue sky dominated. The evening meal of grilled chicken, donated by Dave Anderson, and my chili (an old family recipe, if your family name is Chasen) was enjoyed by all. After, Dave Roth was appointed entertainment chairman, treating everyone to the evening’s feature film. Another fun and productive weekend for the WPRM steam crew.

Dad and I made our retreat Sunday morning back to Concord where I actually got to see my mother on Mother’s Day, probably the first time in over 20 years! The visit was too short before I had to get back on the road and head back to Southern California, where we celebrated my wife Rita’s Mother’s Day with my daughters. The next day the temperatures at our house in Lakewood were in the high 90’s. For me it was hard to believe that I was being snowed on just two days before...

Epilogue:

After Dad and I left, Norman Comer and his burly helper arrived to complete the riveting on the



Norman riveting into the knuckle patch.

knuckle patch. This was accomplished through mainly brute force on Norman’s part. Riveting overhead is not a task for the weak of heart, or weak of upper body strength. Norman, being a tug-o-war champion is one of the few in our circle that can take this on. Steve was able to borrow the propane forge from Wasatch Railroad Contractors, thanks to him and John Rimmasch for making it happen. Kirk was appointed the red-hot rivet passer, probably not the



Kirk Baer prepares to pass a hot rivet.

job he thought he would undertake when he woke up that morning.

In the meantime, Erin Swain is manufacturing the windows and doors for the cab at his home in Flagstaff, Arizona. He hopes to have these completed by the Fall work session. So far from photos he has sent, they look great!

The Superheater flues purchased through the fundraising drive are now fabricated and waiting to come down from Washington State. Thanks to Stathi Pappas of the Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad for getting this done. We now have just about everything needed to put the boiler back together. All we need now is sweat, tears and lots of labor.

Please consider a monetary tax deductible donation to help us along. Checks may be made payable to: **FRRS, PO Box 608, Portola, CA 96122**. Please note “**165 Steam Fund**” in the memo line of your check.

Thanks again to everyone who has donated cash, materials, time and even moral support. We are getting ever closer to Western Pacific steam returning to Portola! - JCA

FRRS wins 2014 UP Foundation Grant – Wayne Monger, Director, FRRS

The Feather River Rail Society (FRRS), a public benefit 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which is the owner and operator of the Western Pacific Railroad Museum of Portola, California, has announced they were successful in obtaining a \$3,000 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation. This 2014 grant will be used to support ongoing stabilization and cataloging work by FRRS volunteers of fragile portions of the historical archives of the Western Pacific Railroad stored at the museum site in Portola.

The Union Pacific Foundation is the charitable giving arm of the Union Pacific Corporation. The Feather River Rail Society was one of over 2,300 charitable non-profits that applied for a Union Pacific Foundation grant. In 2013, the UP Foundation gave out around \$7 million to 980 separate non-profits throughout the entire 23 state service area of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The successful FRRS grant writing team consisted of Active member Debbie Baer of Portola, Life member James Mason of Pasadena and charter Life member Wayne Monger of Suisun City. Mr. Monger has also served as an elected member of the FRRS Board of Directors for 25 of the past 30 years that the Feather River Rail Society has existed as a non-profit corporation. The Union Pacific Foundation grant application was completed prior to the mid-August 2013 deadline. During February 2014, the Union Pacific Foundation informed the FRRS that the grant application was successful and the organization would get \$3,000 to support the ongoing volunteer work to stabilize and catalog the vast Western Pacific Railroad archives.

To award the 2014 Union Pacific Foundation grant checks to all of the 33 winning non-profit charities in the greater Sacramento region, Union Pacific Corporation director of Public Affairs, Northern California and Nevada Liisa Stark arranged for a special Union Pacific heritage passenger train to be operated Friday May 16 between the Rocklin and Auburn Capitol Corridor passenger stations. FRRS representatives Debbie Baer of Portola and Wayne Monger of Suisun City were invited to join with dozens of representatives of the 32 other non-profit charities in the Sacramento region for the on-board ceremonies and check presentations.

The Feather River Rail Society owns and operates the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola. The museum is open to the public daily 10AM to 5PM from May 1 until October 1 volunteers permitting. Train rides are available on the museum grounds every weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The world famous “Run-A-Locomotive” program, where a paying guest can operate a diesel locomotive under the guidance of an instructor, is available from mid-April through November 1 weather permitting.



Feather River Rail Society (Western Pacific Railroad Museum) Director Wayne Monger accepts 2014 Union Pacific Foundation grant check for ongoing Museum Archive preservation activities from Union Pacific Corporation director of Public Affairs for Northern California and Nevada Liisa Stark. May 16, 2014 at Rocklin, California Capitol Corridor depot. Photo by Debbie Baer.

Around the Museum...



WP 917-D sits in the WPRM shop overnight during mechanical work and rust abatement on 12 April 2014. 917 is back in service in the RAL program as of 24 June 2014.

– Matt Elems Photo

August 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Election of Officers

President

Nominees: Rick Gruninger (Monger / Elems) – declined nomination, Rod McClure (Habeck / Elems) – accepted nomination.

Vote: McClure. Aye – 7, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0

McClure elected President

Vice-President

Nominees: Steve Habeck (Carter / Baer) – accepted nomination, Kirk Baer (Monger / Elems) – declined nomination, Greg Elems (G. McClure / Monger) – accepted nomination.

Vote: Habeck – 5 / Elems – 2 / Abstain – 1.

Habeck elected Vice-President.

Secretary

Nominees: Eugene Vicknair (G. McClure / Habeck) – accepted nomination.

Vote: Vicknair Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.

Vicknair elected Secretary.

Treasurer position tabled to September meeting

Appointment of Committee and Department Heads

Only changes at this time:

- CMO position is now vacant
- Spt. of Operations is now vacant

Correspondence

Habeck – Letter from Cascade Rail Foundation, Paul Krueger. Writing to request formal transfer of \$500 grant from Milw. Historical Society from FRRS to CRF as per sales agreement. \$412 in restricted 5057 fund to be used for expenses incurred in prep for movement.

Vicknair – G. McClure, Vicknair and Carter received email from railroad museum in Yucatan, Mexico. They have DRGW Silver Glacier sleeper, former 10/6 sleeper. They are offering it to the FRRS, terms unknown. Consensus to get more information.

Carter – Received email from people who want to shoot a movie.

Consent Calendar

Tabled.

Old Business

Sale of SP SD9 4404

Approve change in contract to sell SP SD9 4404 for \$40,000.

- Written report provided concerning extension of storage time.
- Western Rail asked for 18 months storage vs. 12 months in current version.
- Two changes noted and made.

Motion 13-08-01

Motion to change to 18 months storage and change escrow wording as noted.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

On-Line Fundraising

Review expansion of fundraising proposal presented at July meeting.

- Written report provided outlining proposals for campaigns on Rally.org and Kickstarter.com.
- Questions about costs and premiums for donors.
- Discussion about 921 repair needs.

Motion 13-08-02

Motion to accept report with noted correction of 917 changed to 921. Accept other recommendations in the report with approval to specifically pursue Option 2 WP 501 under Program 2 Kickstarter, G. McClure / Carter. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Offer to Purchase Lounge Car

Revised report on offer to purchase Lounge Car FRRX 754.

- Written report and sample contract / listing agreement provided.
- Sterling Rail offering either listing agreement with net on sale to FRRS being \$47,700 or direct sale to Sterling Rail, with net to FRRS being \$40,000.
- Change contact to Rod McClure, not Steve Habeck.
- Concerns about some wording in the direct sales contract, specifically governing law is in

Texas.

- Discussion about costs to move, cost for interchange work.
- Car needs COTS, possible brake work.
- Discussion about risk in cost to prep for interchange.
- Board prefers to use our standard sales contract for any sale, will be provided to buyer and / or Sterling.
- Make sure to place 12 month storage and 1 month non-refundable payment into contract.

Motion 13-08-03

Motion to approve signing of Sterling Rail listing agreement (option 1 in report) as presented, with the substitution in line Item 10 (Purchase and Sale Agreement) of listing agreement replacing FRRS standard sale contract in place of Sterling Rail sales contract, and allow Sterling Rail to return proposed purchase agreement for the lounge car FRRX 754 to the FRRS board for consideration.

(G. McClure / Elems) Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.
Motion carries.

Sale of Fourth Street House

Approve sale of the donated house on Fourth Street for \$19,000.

- Sole offer received is for purchase as is privately for \$19,000.
- Buyer to cover all fees beyond drafting of agreements.

Motion 13-08-04

Motion to approve sale of 356 Fourth Street house with all closing fees covered by buyer.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye – 7, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

New Business

Donation of WP Alco S1 505

Review offer to donate WP Alco S1 switcher 505 to the FRRS.

- Written report provided outlining evolving offer to donate ST&E / WP S1 505.
- Mechanically engine is reported to be in good condition and has been well cared for.
- Questions about ownership and what would be donated. San Francisco Bay Railroad currently owns locomotive, reportedly wants to donate whole engine, except trucks, plus spare parts and old set of trucks from one of their locomotives.

- Need written listings of parts, where to be stored, storage fees, movement plan and costs for movement.
- Discussion that we already have WP 504, WP 506 and ex-Army 512. Questions about their condition and repairs needed. 504 sounds like it has bad bearing. 512 has numerous problems. 506 appears to have good trucks and motors, but remainder of locomotive is very poor.
- Request for written donation agreement on 505 and parts, storage agreement and work agreement with SF Bay. We will not pay for truck swap.
- Ops department people expressed desire for the engine, stating that the condition and type of the engine (Alco S1) would be beneficial to our operations.
- Consensus for Tom Carter to proceed with investigation and putting together written items and plans as per the guidelines in the prior discussion and come back to the Board for approvals.

Scrapping of Alco S1 506

Approve adding former ST&E / WP Alco 506 to the current scrap list.

- Written report provided outlining condition of WP 506.
- Collection Committee recommends WP 506 be considered by appropriate for deacquisition / surplus due to its condition. Numerous parts are missing, including crankshaft, other prime mover parts, control stand, brake equipment.
- WP 506 body condition is so bad that even cosmetic restoration is a long shot. Major rust damage.
- Not tied to the previous 505 consideration.

Motion 13-08-05

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Collection Committee to change status of WP / ST&E 506 to surplus / deacquire and proceed with scrapping the engine, excepting specific parts to be used in support of other equipment in the collection. G. McClure / Habeck. Aye – 6, Nay – 1, Abstain – 1.
Motion carries.

Fundraising

Approve expenditure for production of year-end fundraiser.

- Written report provided outlining costs.
- Current Fundraising budget has about

\$27800 in it.

- Expected cost is not to exceed \$3000 for printing.
- Consensus direction for Gail McClure to proceed as per report.

Advertising

Preliminary report on advertising proposal.

- Written report provided.
- Informational for Board. More information for next meeting.
- Visitorship and RALs are down this year. We need to pursue more promotion and advertising.

Expense Reimbursement

Request for reimbursement for work expenses by Steve Habeck.

Written report provided outlining work and costs.

- Written report provided outlining work and costs.
- \$2150 for work on UP business car 105 and CZ diner Silver Plate.
- Would be under line item 56400 – Restoration.
- Suggestion that we avoid post project expenditure approval.
- UP 105 is now a secured exhibit that public can tour through.

Motion 13-08-06

Motion to approve reimbursement of \$2148.91 with expenditure of \$199 from line item 56400 – Restoration and \$158.91 to 56490 – Zephyr Project for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses for work on UP 105 and CZ Silver Plate.

G. McClure / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

- Habeck purchased several railroad electrical meters for \$161.20. Submitted reimburse from line item 51060 – Operations.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Scrapping begins on Monday, August 19th. Should be done by the end of the week. Still some items to be done before they arrive but should not be a problem. Dave Roth will be overseeing the operation. I have identified quite a bit of scrap around the property that will be added. Scrap list: SP 4450, Amtrak

662, Alaska power car, WP 506, contents of scrap gondola, misc. scrap iron and steel. Some parts excepted, such as trucks, specific parts.

- Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone are making progress in repairing rings in the 501. We should have this back for limited operation before the end of the year.
- Seth Adams resolved the electrical gremlins in the WP 1503, and now with the help of David Elems, we are removing the one bad radiator core for repair. Once this is finished and the grill over the radiators is repaired, then we can look at painting.
- Our number of volunteers in all areas except 165 program are still low.

Director's Reports

- G. McClure – written report provided. Concerns regarding certain safety issues and a lack of respect for some of our younger members who have been attempting to resolve or bring attention to them. Two issues need to be addressed here: 1) Youth does not mean ignorance and to treat one as the other is insulting at least, dangerous at best; 2) Safety First, not Safety at your convenience.
- Habeck – written report provided. Back in May, President McClure told me to go ahead and work on making the business car, UP 105, more suitable for visitors to go. This is in line with our attempts to address a major visitor complaint that all of our passenger cars were always locked up. The 105 is now open for visitors as a self-guided tour. I have also installed the large dining room shadow box from the Disney collection in the Plate. Beyond this work, we are preparing for RR Days and the scrapping and trying to keep the fleet running.

Financial Reports

- Financial Reports provided

Event Reports

- Railroad Days – coming up next weekend. Lots of switching and prep work has been occurring. Need volunteers. There will be a catered dinner and live music for volunteers. Free admission, live music, train rides, pre-

release book signing and model railroads for visitors. There was not much mention of us in the official RR Days materials. All local papers will get a poster we provided and will be published on Wednesday. Event will be competing with Plumas County Fair and Graeagle Street Fair. Rod and Gail McClure will be meeting soon with new city manager and he will be visiting a future Board meeting.

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Excursion Train. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

Addition of Item of Urgency

Motion 13-08-07

Add an Item of Urgency – Official decision on excursion / business relationship proposed at July Meeting by Chris Skow / Trains and Travel. Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Consensus direction: The FRRS will not enter into the business relationship proposed at the July meeting for the 2014 excursion.

**September 2013 Board Meeting
Motions and Actions Summary**

Correspondence

Habeck – Received a message from Wisconsin fan that we are going out of business and scrapping collection.

Elms – Heard on-line rumors from people that SP SD9 4450 was in running pristine condition when scrapped. This is completely untrue.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the July and August 2013 BOD Meetings.

Two corrections to July minutes. Corrected spelling of “Elms” under Minutes motion and Matt Elms is managing iVolunteer software.

Correction - Date under notices corrected to 1983.
Correction - Harold Meeker name inserted into Director Report for Monger.

Motion 13-09-01

Accept the minutes as corrected for the July and August 2013 Meetings.

Habeck / G. McClure. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

none

New Business

Changes to Election Procedures

Suggested changes to FRRS Board Election procedures.

- Written report / recommendations provided.
- Recommendation would allow “white ballot” (no mail out ballot if number of candidates equals number of open seats and no other election items requiring vote).

Department Reports

- Museum Store – written report provided. We continue to review and refine the merchandise carried in the store. We continue to see low visitor numbers, although the spending per visitor/visitor group is up considerably (on average). It has become painfully obvious that we need to get the word out in the form of advertising. We need to actively pursue a new telephone system.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

none

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Eyewash station is now up to date.

Public Comments

- Debra Baer – Has been trying to find people to help plan season opening / RailFest for 2014. Has gotten some interest. To put together an item for the Train Sheet on this event.

Notices

- Steve Habeck read a letter from 1983 that he found in the UP 105.

Closed Session – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair – 6:51 PM – 7:11 PM

- Legal Item – Worthen v. FRRS
- Business Item – Excursion Train

The Board heard a report on a Legal Item – Worthen vs. FRRS. No action taken.

- This would save money and volunteer time.
- Concession would be made to allow write-in candidates if some members were willing to be considered as write-ins.
- Would need to build procedure for write-in petition.
- Second recommendation would invalidate any ballot that includes fictitious, abusive, spurious names, statements and similar.
- Concerns about how to notify members of white ballot and open petition for write-ins.
- Suggestions for modes of notification and structure of procedure.
- Board Nomination policy was last reviewed and approved in 2004.
- Consensus to accept recommendation from the Election Committee and direct them to review current policies and procedures and return with further recommendations and possible procedure changes.
- Concern expressed that recommendation #2, which would invalidate an entire ballot if spurious statement made, would limit or restrict voting rights of members.

Cost to Complete Property Survey

Review offer to complete survey of WPRM property and approve expenditure.

- Written report provided.
- Two lines of our property are not defined. Surveyor needs to fully research for alignment and then resurvey.
- Question how we would memorialize the survey line to make sure we do not need to do this again. Chain link fence posts would be placed at corner locations.
- Approval for this project expressed from guests in meeting.

Motion 13-09-02

Accept the report provided and approve an expenditure authorization not to exceed \$11,000 under line item 70025 – Fencing, funds to be taken from the income we are receiving from the equipment scrapping and sale of the Fourth Street house.

G. McClure / Habeck. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

Cost for Fencing and Facility Work

Review cost proposal by Cal. Conservation Corp for work session to install fencing.

- Written report provided.
- Questions about additional cost for materials to complete the fencing. Estimate is about

\$7,000 for additional materials.

- Question about liability coverage. CCC workers are covered by state insurance.
- Concerns about work occurring during open season. Discussion about how to minimize impact on museum.
- Discussion of issues with communication among volunteers during projects with outside contractors.
- Request that fencing material being inventoried and we present a complete work plan.
- CCC crew is also available to do additional work, including trackwork.

Motion 13-09-03

Accept the report provided and approve an expenditure authorization not to exceed \$19,000 under line item 70025 – Fencing, funds to be taken from the income we are receiving from scrapping and the sale of SP SD9 4404, as well as from funds already donated for this purpose. Session date to be May 2014. Secretary Eugene Vicknair has authority to sign the contract if motion approved. Contract approved with amended items of corrected museum name and description.

Habeck / G. McClure. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

- Vicknair to inventory on hand materials and create estimate of additional needed materials and their cost for presentation to the Board.

Disney Zephyr Location / Placement Work

Approve proposal to permanently locate Disney Zephyr cab.

- Written report provided.
- Date to change to spring 2014.
- We would be using outside crane.
- Concerns about issues with using dock. Concerns to be sent to Director Vicknair to be addressed at next meeting.
- Tabled to October Meeting. Full presentation with drawings to be made.

Calendar Review

Review and make changes to 2014 Event Calendar.

- Tabled to October meeting.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Scrapping finished. Total amount was 429.42

tons for a total of \$36,500.72. We did not make the 500 ton mark, but Steve the scrapper gave us \$5 per ton in addition to the \$80 per ton. Very pleased with their work and clean up. Special thanks to Dave Roth who came up to help with this project and lots of help from Fritz, Ethan Doty, Sam the Rabbi and Matt and Greg Elems along with Habeck and Gail.

- The contracts with Western Rail for the SP 4404 sale and the listing agreement for the Lounge Car have been signed and accepted, payment for the 4404 should be coming shortly.
- The house sale should be official by next week.
- I have had complaints from members, board members and some public regarding attitudes and comments made that are not appropriate. This has to stop or I will bring it to the board for action.
- Had some roadbase delivered, this is being used for road repair and some other much needed backhoe work. I hope to have this done before the snow flies.
- I am going to have to get us an EPA waste oil permit so we can have all of our old oil and liquids disposed of properly
- Big White forklift has problems with the transmission and the clutch is worn out. Gail is getting a quote from Reno Forklift for repair. This needs to be done as it needs some other attention. We have got our original investment back from this machine 3 fold.
- We need to look at more fuel, oil, and batteries before next season. Also, we need to spend some money on wheel work for a few of our locomotives.
- We have an ongoing problem with a bear(s), Gail is looking into possible solutions.
- The abuse and loss of our tools is getting real old and expensive. People need to put them away when finished with them, and things like the cutting torch needs to be replaced again as it was used and abused and is now unsafe.

Director's Reports

- *Carter* – written report provided.

Financial Reports

- *Financial Reports provided*
- Moved from Good of the Order to precede Business Items by consensus.

- 2012 Year End Financial Reports available and were distributed and reviewed.
- Question about financial reporting from the Board of Trustees. Noted that Trustees are listed as needing to provide annual financial reporting on Endowment. Suggestion that this be reviewed.
- Question about endowment paying for RAL expenses. Clarification on how that is handled.
- Regular financial report. Written report provided.
- We just received first check for over \$15,000 from scrapping.
- From assets sales in progress, we are expecting about \$100,000 in the next month or so.
- Discussion of zero base budgeting and how it relates to Society financial management.
- Discussion of sustainable income (sales, RAL, donations) vs. non-sustainable (scrapping, asset sales).
- Suggestion made that we do some minor restructuring to bank accounts at the end of the year. Recommended that we change WPRRHS account into account for temporarily restricted funds.
- Chris Allan estimates that he will need about \$30,000 in each of 2014 and 2015 for WP 0-6-0 165 work.
- Recommendation that we increase fundraising and implement a workable business plan.
- Question about recommendation to convert WPRRHS account. Money in this account currently would be applied to Archives temporary restricted fund.

Event Reports

- *Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2014* – date is being changed to Father's Day weekend, June 13-15, 2014. Consensus direction to proceed with planning.
- *Portola Railroad Days 2013* – written report provided
- *Union Pacific Historical Society 2014* – UPHS will be in Salt Lake City next year. Tentative invitation for us to participate with presentation / attendance.

Department Reports

- *Museum Store* – written report provided. Season is winding down and visitorship has experienced a dramatic drop. Museum will now be subject to the following schedule:

September – Open Friday-Monday 10 am-3 pm, closed Tuesday-Thursday except to RALs

October – Open Friday-Sunday 10 am-3 pm, closed Monday-Thursday except to RALs

November thru Mid-April – Closed

The “bridge” software allowing the Point of Sale system to “talk” directly with the webstore has been installed and is working. Portola Railroad Days and Labor Day both drew reasonable crowds. It rained like crazy on Labor Day, but we still had quite a few visitors come through the gates, rain gear and all!

We continue to update and upgrade merchandise carried in the gift shop. We will be reorganizing the layout of the gift shop later this month, and hope to have new signage and displays up for the spring opening. Thanks to David Elems for working the gift shop to give me a much needed break as well as covering a number of RALs. Special thanks to Charlie Spikes, Matt Elems and Matt Parker.

Committee Reports

none

Legal / Insurance Report

- As of first of the year, Tom Carter is requesting new copies of all insurance for private railcars. Habeck and Gail McClure will ensure that copies received at museum will be sent to Carter.

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Report

- Discussion that we need first aid kits and fire extinguishers renewed.

Public Comments

- *Elems* – Discussion about negative comments on scrapping. Suggestions made at how to address this.

Notices

- Board of Trustees meeting September 28. Ed Wagner would like any items presented to him by tomorrow.
- Combined TRAIN / ARM convention is in a few weeks in Riverside. First convention of combined organization.
- Cascade Rail Foundation is looking at

October 5-10 or 23-28, 2013 for coming to museum and work on Milwaukee U25B 5057.

- We will be doing Santa Train this year.
- Thank you to Gail McClure for her recognition of those who worked Portola Railroad Days and to Steve Habeck for his work on the UP 105.

Closed Session – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair – 6:52 PM – 7:12 PM
- *Legal Item* – Worthen v. FRRS

The Board heard a report on a Legal Item – Worthen vs. FRRS. No action taken.

Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs.

WP 165 Superheater Flue Donors

–J. Chris Allan, Steam CMO

The following generous individuals have heroically donated the funds with which we have purchased a new set of Superheater flues for the Western Pacific 165:

- Bob Sims
- James Mason
- Steve Lee
- Henry Stiles
- Dave Anderson
- Roger Stabler
- Matt Shuman
- John and Lynne Haman
- The Manos Family
- Michael Andrews
- Derek Miller
- Richard Hunn
- Leigh Bradbury
- Fred Jansz
- Estate of Richard Stromme
- Greg Dodge
- Bruce Metcalf
- Grant Vogel

We certainly cannot thank them enough for their support of the 165 project; past, present, and future! Without such bighearted folks we would be at a standstill. These names will be placed on a plaque in perpetuity in the 165 cab in full view, a fitting tribute!

- FRRS Membership -**Yearly Dues**

Associate \$25.00
 Active \$50.00
 Family \$80.00
 Sustaining \$150.00

Single Life Membership - \$1800.00

Family Life Membership - \$3000.00

Institutional - \$60.00 (annual membership for 501c(3) groups)

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.
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Associate memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.

Active memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

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"The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public, as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad."

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To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the "Willing People" as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads, and WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.

WPRM Admission and Train Ride Fares for non-members (effective April 1, 2011)**Admission**

- Adults 19 and over... \$8.00
 - Youth 4 - 18... \$4.00
 - Child under 3... free
 - Family... \$20.00
- (2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

Admission and Train Ride tickets are good all day.

Admission and Train Rides for FRRS members are free. Cab ride is extra fare with member discount.

Train Rides

- Adults 19 and over... \$4.00
 - Youth 4 - 18... \$2.00
 - Child under 3... free
 - Family... \$10.00
- (2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

Cab Rides

- Adult 19 and over... \$20.00
 - Youth 4 - 18... \$10.00
- Cab rides are for one (1) ride only.

The Train Sheet needs your photos and articles!

If you are working on projects for the Society, volunteering on restorations, performing archives work, helping out at off-site events, etc., or if you get some nice photos of FRRS or museum happenings that you want to share, please contact us to have them printed in *The Train Sheet*.

Photos should be at least 5" high by 7" wide and 300 dots per inch.

Articles should focus on FRRS related events, people or your own personal experiences with the Society.

To contribute, contact Editor Matthew Elems by email at trainsheet@wplives.org.

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Featuring...

- Historic and Modeling Clinics
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Fares...

Pre-Registration ending August 1, 2014:

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- Banquet only (available until August 1): \$55

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Convention only at the door: \$50 for FRRS members, \$55 for BAERA members, \$60 for non-members

note: No charge for non-rail spouses to attend the convention, but they need to be registered and have paid fare to attend clinics, banquet and some special events.

Register on-line at <http://convention.WPLives.org>

or mail payments to: WP Historic Convention 2014, 1500 Ellis Street, Apt. 53, Concord, CA 94520

MODELERS - don't forget to enter our model exhibition and contest. Bring your WP / SN / TS / CCT / OT / ABL / etc. models. Also, there will be layout tours and operations on Friday and Sunday! Check the next page and sign up when you register.

SPECIAL EXTRA FARE EVENT on Sunday at the Western Railway Museum! Enjoy a catered breakfast with exclusive ride and tours.

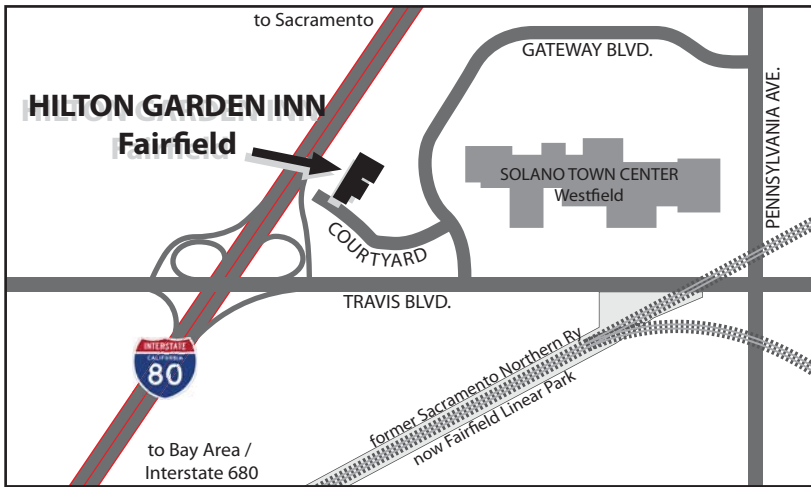
BAERA and Non-members wishing to join FRRS can receive a 1 year Active membership for \$25 more over cost of any BAERA / non-member fare. This is a 50% discount over regular Active membership. As a special bonus, current members wishing to renew their Active memberships can also do so for 50% off (\$25 extra) when they register.

Guest Speaker, Times, Clinic and Event Line-Up to be announced soon. More info available at <http://convention.WPLives.org>.

Eugene Vicknair and Wayne Monger, Convention Chairs

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday - August 15

- Operations and Layout Tour at Golden State Model Railroad Museum - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - FREE
900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond, CA 94801 - use registration form or sign up on-line, sign-up closes August 14

Sunday - August 17

- Western Railway Museum Breakfast and Tour - 9:45 AM - 1:15 PM - \$36 extra fare
Catered breakfast in picnic area, exclusive ride on newly restored SN 1005, guided workshop and museum tours
Limited to 50 participants - use registration form or sign up on-line, sign-up closes August 12
- Operations and Layout Tour at Napa Valley Model RR Historical Society - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - FREE
Napa County Fairgrounds, 575 3rd Street, Napa, CA 94559 - use registration form, sign up on-line or at Convention

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- Budweiser Plant Tours - Fairfield
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| Western Railway Museum Tour – Sunday 9:45 AM | | | qty <input type="text"/> | +\$36 | | |
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