



# THE TRAIN SHEET

News from the Feather River Rail Society



## Preserving "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"

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### President's Pin

- Greg Elems

By now the word is out that we had a rotary run on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We had a lot of snow and cold temperatures to deal with. With a lot of work from David Elems in the Mechanical Department and the other regulars in Portola we were able to pull it off. Logan Beers, Ethan Doty, Steve Habeck and myself moved snow, chipped ice and tried to dry the shop out. It was decided to do the rotary run to clear the tracks to switch the shop and get the passenger cars out and engines in for inspection and work. We also decided to make it a training and familiarizing run for future operators. Charlie Spikes and Steve Habeck, our regular crew led the training event. The work on the engine and rotary paid off, a successful run was made with Ethan Doty learning the nuances of the 100 year old beast. The next run of the rotary may be next winter now, since we have to start prepping for the April opening of the museum.



Since it was last minute and parking space was very limited, we decided to not make it a fund raising event. We did get some video and pictures from Big Fish Creations that we shared with Channel 2 in Reno NV. So, we did get a quick segment on KTVN Channel 2 news in Reno for some positive exposure.

The Western Pacific Railroad Museum is one of the very few railroad museums in the country with an operating rotary snowplow. With your support and the work of our volunteers, we intend to keep this distinction for a long time to come.

The weather pattern has turned to a series of warm storms that is in the process of melting the snow and it will cause some flooding around the museum. As expected we had some flooding issues ourselves with the snow pack at the museum. With a lot of snow-covered ice still to melt at the museum, we will be cleaning up for a while and the long-range forecast is calling for more storms to come through. The governor has already declared a state of emergency. The state is coordinating with FEMA to give help in the form of grants for flooding mitigation and associated damage. It has been a wet winter at the museum for sure.

I'm asking for help with our train crews again. We need help with all aspects of crewing our caboose trains. So join us for crew training and come out and be part of the Operating Department and help us keep our caboose trains running for the public.

Thank you.

### **Upcoming Special Events at the Museum**

Museum Opens for 2023 Season - April 13

Motorcar Visit - May 14

WP Celebration - May 20

2023 Members Meeting & Dinner - June 10

Subscribe to the WPRM News email list ( [WPLives.org/subscribe](http://WPLives.org/subscribe) ) and watch the [WPLives.org](http://WPLives.org) website for the latest updates!

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**FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY  
 WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD  
 MUSEUM at PORTOLA**

PO BOX 608, Portola, CA 96122-0608

Museum Phone: (530) 832-4131  
 Fax: (530) 832-1854

Museum opens for 2023  
 season on 4/13/23.

2023 Hours until 10/2/23:  
 Thursdays & Fridays Noon - 4 PM  
 Saturdays & Sundays 10 AM - 5 PM

Please note museum will be closed to the public on  
 Thursday, May 18, 2023, for a private event.

Entrance to the museum for members is free. Non-  
 members are required to pay an admission fee.

The Feather River Rail Society, a tax-exempt public  
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 the Western Pacific Railroad and operator of the Western  
 Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola, California.



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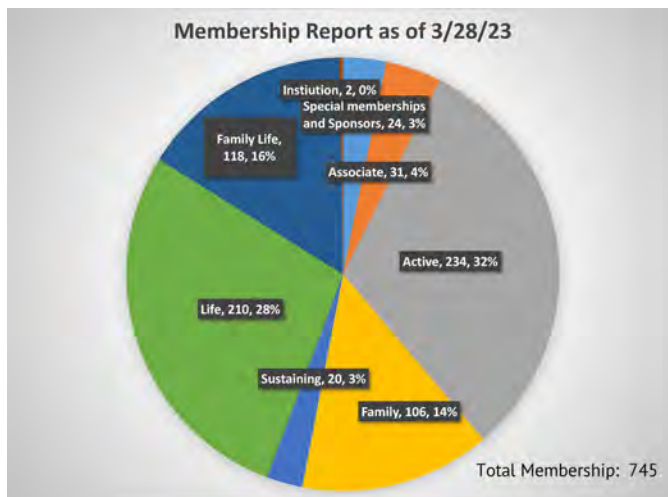
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CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net
California Zephyr	californiazephyr.org
Western Pacific Pages	www.WPLives.com
WP Virtual Museum	wpmuseum.railfan.net
Tidewater Southern Pages	www.TidewaterSouthern.com
Central California Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco

# Historic Railroad Motorcars at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum

Sunday, May 14, 2023 - 10 AM to 5 PM

The West Coast Railroaders Group will be bringing their historic railroad motorcars and a handcar to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Museum guests will get the opportunity to take a ride on these fascinating cars, which were used for track maintenance on the railroads for most of the 20th century.

Come join us for this rare opportunity.



Gates open at 10 AM. Rides operate between 11 AM and 1 PM, then 2 PM to 4 PM. Gates close at 5 PM. Rides are FREE with regular museum admission.



[westcoastrailroadersgroup.com](http://westcoastrailroadersgroup.com)



[WPLives.org/motorcars](http://WPLives.org/motorcars)

# Join Us for the 2023 Western Pacific Celebration

Saturday, May 20, 2023 - 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Highlighted by operations with Western Pacific 0-6-0 165 steam locomotive, the 2023 Western Pacific Celebration will also include guided docent tours of key museum artifacts, train rides, open equipment and perhaps some surprises! Members and volunteers can enjoy a pre-event pancake breakfast in the "Silver Plate" from 9 AM to 10:15 AM. Come join in the fun!



Gates open for public at 10:30 AM. Train rides operate 11 AM to 1 PM, then 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Gates close at 5:30 PM. Members get free admission and train rides. Cab rides extra fare.

**Rides included with Public Admission Fare**  
 Adults (19 - 64): \$12.00 Youth (5 - 18): \$6.00  
 Children (4 under): free  
 Senior (65 up) & Active Military: \$9.00  
 Family Pass\*: \$30.00  
 \*Family Pass - 2 Adults & any related children 18 & under



**Locomotive Cab Rides**  
 Adults (19 - 64): \$20.00  
 Youth (4 - 18): \$10.00  
 Senior (65 up) & Active Military: \$15.00  
 for more info, go to:  
[WPLives.org/wpcelebration](http://WPLives.org/wpcelebration)

# SANTA TRAINS RETURN 2022!

- Greg Elems and Eugene Vicknair



*Photo by Micheal Clawson*

After a two year pause due to the COVID pandemic, Santa Trains returned to the WPRM. Steve Habeck and family handled the bulk of the decorations, with help from Ethan Doty and others. Ron Berriesford also pitched in, donating additional decorations and lights to add to the festivities.

As our previous Santa and Mrs. Claus, Dave Rudolph and Linda Knudsen, had decided to retire from the roles, a search started months earlier to find the new Claus couple. Various persons fell through until we were right up against the first Santa Train day. Thankfully, Steam CMO Roger Stabler stepped into the role for the first three nights and delighted the kids with his rendition of the Jolly Ol' Elf.

One beloved aspect of Santa Trains is always the home baked cookies served up with hot drinks in the baggage car. Cookies this year came from Mary Ann Vicknair, Louise Dunbar, Eugene Vicknair, Janet Steeper, Charlie Spikes and Duane

van der Veen. The serving crew was led by Ali Doty and included several members of the Habeck family.

Those first three nights, December 3 and 9-10, would prove challenging to both visitors and volunteers alike. Rain and snow, coupled with freezing temperatures, covered the museum both weekends and kept attendance low. This despite the eagerness of folks to experience the restarted Santa Trains. Our operating crews had to handle the ways that cold weather impacts historic equipment, but they pulled off a safe operation with few hiccups.

The final days, December 16-17, while having low temperatures, brought clear skies and a flood of visitors. Attendance was strong both the Friday and Saturday while a new Santa and Mrs. Claus stepped in: Matt and Elizabeth Cruse. In the end, we had over 200 carloads of visitors on the final two nights and collected over 500 pounds of canned goods for the EPCAN food

bank during the course of the entire event. The EPCAN Board of Directors sent a letter of appreciation to the FRRS for our support of their mission. Special thanks to Bart Hansen who handled much of the gate duty out in the cold.

During all five Santa Train nights, we heard again and again how happy everyone was to see the event return. We also had a fair number of first time riders, coming to see what it was all about and promising to return next year. Thank you to all the folks who helped with advertising and promoting the event, including Patty and Michael Clawson, Paul Finnegan and Eugene Vicknair. Also, Jack Sutton from Reno Channel 2 filmed a segment for his Reno Backroads show during the third weekend. The video is viewable on the

WPLives.org website and our YouTube channel.

It took a lot of folks to make this happen. Thank you to all our volunteers for getting the restarted Santa Trains on the roll:

Steve Habeck - Jackie Habeck - Kathy and Kevin Errecart - Jenifer Harley - Zayden Errecart - Roger Stabler - Matt and Elizabeth Cruse - Greg Elems - David Elems - Duane van der Veen - Charlie Spikes - Ann Cary - Breckyn Shirley - Fred Elenbaas - Ali Doty - Bill Parker - Paul Finnegan - Bart Hansen - Louise Dunbar - Mary Ann Vicknair - Eugene Vicknair - Janet Steeper - Ron Berriesford - Ed Powell - Patty and Michael Clawson



*Santa and his helpers wish all of you a happy holiday season from the WPRM on the last night of Santa Trains 2022. - 12/17/22*

**2023 Joint Convention**  
**National Model Railroad Association / Pacific Coast Region / Feather River Rail Society**  
**Sacramento, Ca.**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*- Kerry Cochran Co-Chairperson 2023 Convention*

The 2023 WP Historical convention is very soon. This year's convention is a joint convention with the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA and the Feather River Rail Society. It will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 in Sacramento at the Courtyard by Marriott Cal Expo 1782 Tribute Road.

If you have not registered yet, visit the convention website at: <http://pcrnmra.org/conv2023>

The convention committee has been working very hard to get all the clinics and presentation set up and ready to go for this convention, below is a list of the clinics and presentation as of March 8th 2023.

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| 1. Jim Collins - Any rail.  |     | Specifically an SP Cab-Forward.  |
| 2. Jim Collins - 1 ft square challenge.   | 22. | Jim Providenza – Freight Car Forwarding.   |
| 3. Chip Meriam – Authorship.  | 23. | Paul Deis – The Sky's the Limit. A quick method for painting your backdrop.  |
| 4. Chip Meriam - Forms signs & more, Signs and Such.  | 24. | Paul Deis - Building a Layout, Design to Details.  |
| 5. Chip Meriam - Forms signs & more, Railroad Paperwork.  | 25. | Mark Williams – Post-War ATSF passenger trains.  |
| 6. John Stevens – Magic of Scale Model Railroading Gallery at the CSRM.                         | 26. | Dave Clemens – BN in Spokane, concepts for a new layout.   |
| 7. Dave Sampson - German designed highway trailers in Europe.                                   | 27. | Dave Clemens – TT&TO Dispatching with audience interaction.  |
| 8. Seth Newman - Arduino circuits.  | 28. | Dick Witzens – 45 yrs. of the Sacramento Central Modular Model Railroad Club.  |
| 9. Seth Newman/Jim Providenza – LDsig/OPsig Roundtable.   | 29. | Tom Campbell – Sacramento's 'R' Street Switching District.   |
| 10. Michael Eldridge - Laser Cut Building and Kit Development - From Concept to Finished Model. | 30. | Al Turnbull, Dave Bayless, Jim Moomaw – MINI CLINICS – Soldering track and feeders, Building a Pine Tree the easy way, & Demonstrating easy switch controls. |
| 11. Michael Eldridge – Creating Human Figures for 3D Printing.                                  | 31. | Jim Zeek – Modeling a Sawmill for model railroad operations.   |
| 12. Al Turnbull – Basic Scenery Tips and Techniques.  | 32. | Chris Palermo – Joining and Using NMRA's New Interchange Digital Platform.   |
| 13. Al Turnbull – Trees, Trees and Stuff.   | 33. | Chris Palermo – Developing an Operations plan for a small layout.  |
| 14. Al Turnbull – DC/DCC wiring.  | 34. | Frank Markovich – Modeling Westside and Inspiration for a RR name.   |
| 15. Ty Smith - CSRM overview, projects and the future.  | 35. | Pat Raymer – Presentation on the Southwest Region 2024 Convention.   |
| 16. Mike Roque - Signals - Identification, Aspects, Types and Meaning                           | 36. | Tony Thompson – Operating a small layout with realistic waybills.  |
| 17. Bill Scott - Contest Judging Demystified.   | 37. | Tony Thompson – Transition Era Freight   |
| 18. Thomas Blinn – JMRI Layout Wiring.  |     |  |
| 19. Thomas Blinn – Keeping Trains on the Track.   |     |  |
| 20. Jere Ingram – Introduction to Modular Signaling Standards.                                  |     |  |
| 21. Ed Hall – Painting brass locomotives,   |     |  |



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| 38. Traffic on SP's Coast Route.  | 50. Typefaces and Graphics  |
| 39. Dennis Drury – The Southern Pacific Klamath Falls Subdivision in 1984.        | 51. Kerry Cochran – Modeling Western Pacific MOW Equipment (Part 4)       |
| 40. Bob Rohwer - LED locomotive lighting.   | 52. Kerry Cochran – FRRS/WPRM Historical Archives Website                 |
| 41. Bob Rohwer - Using 3 color LED's to 3 color signaling.                        | 53. Steve Cope/Dave Epling Modeling Sacramento Northern Steel Trains      |
| 42. Marvin Schurke - Structure Mockup and Construction/ Selective Compression.    | 54. Greg Elems – Freight Cars on the WP                                   |
| 43. Mike Brady - Basic Train Simulation using your computer.                      | 55. Mike Coen – Developing a Proto-freelance Motive Power Roster          |
| 44. Jim Moomaw - The Dispatcher's Office: What's there and what it does.          | 56. Shane Starr – A Brief History of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway |
| 45. Steve Breezy Gust – TWC Procedures and Operations                             | 57. Chris Skow – Western Pacific Final Years (Part 1)                     |
| 46. Phil Gulley – Designing and Planning the UP/Summit County Layout              | 58. Chris Skow – Western Pacific Final Years (Part 2)                     |
| 47. Phil Edholm – Using PowerPoint to make Modeling Images and Designs.           | 59. Chris Skow – Western Pacific Final Years (Part 3)                     |
| 48. Phil Edholm – Building 'O' scale structures 2 ways.                           | 60. Kyle Wyatt – First Passenger Cars of the Western Pacific              |
| 49. Ed Marrin - Focus Stacking using a Smartphone to take realistic Model Photos. | 61. Ken Rattenne – Twenty Years of Western Pacific - 1955 - 1975          |
|   | 62. Dave Stanley – Black and White Memories of a Colorful Railroad        |

There will be modeling contests run by the PCR (please see the contest page on the convention website), Three to four vendors, our FRRS museum store, plus representatives from the NCO Railway and CSRM.

One thing that should be noted is, the convention hotel is sold out of the convention rate rooms and you will need to call the hotel directly to book rooms at the regular hotel rate.

For those who are not able to make it to Sacramento for an in-person experience, many of the FRRS and NMRA clinics will be available for viewing at our online virtual platform. Details are on the convention website.

### 2023 FRRS Elections

Matthew S. Shuman



DATE: March 16, 2023

Dear FRRS Membership:

The 2023 Election Year is officially closed, and a "White Ballot" has been declared and validated. The voting membership was notified of the "White Ballot" process by US-Mail via a postcard of such to meet the terms of the current Election Policy.

As of midnight on March 15, 2023, this Election Committee did not receive any Petitions for "White Ballot" nominations from the membership. The three (3) Board Member incumbents **Kerry Cochran, Greg Elems** and **Charlie Spikes** will remain seated and sworn in later this year for another three year term.

The "RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED" on the postcards for updating the membership roster was much better this year. Only 7 postcards were returned, and these were sent to the Membership Committee for validation and verification. They try to verify these returned postcards by e-mails and phone calls if that data is available on the Membership Roster. This has turned out to be a useful tool for membership verifications and membership roster cleanup. This has turned out to be a positive as we had hoped.

You can do your part in helping us keep the FRRS membership Roster up to date by updating your contact information - Address, E-mail and phone number correct here: [https://wplives.org/membership\\_change\\_of\\_address.html](https://wplives.org/membership_change_of_address.html)

This Election Committee wants to recognize and acknowledge the FRRS Board and their continued dedication to our membership and the FRRS and WPRM.

FRRS Webmaster Paul Finnegan and Kenneth Finnegan for their continued dedication to the FRRS organization and the commitment they have made to the FRRS in the communications area to our membership. They are continually improving notifications to the membership and

### 2023 FRRS Election Schedule

January 1, 2023 - Nominations open.

January 31, 2023 - Nominations close. No late nominations will be accepted.

February 13, 2023 - Candidate Statements must be received along with Payment. March 6, 2023 - Last day nominees may withdraw their name in writing to the Election Committee.

-- WHITE BALLOT DECLARED --

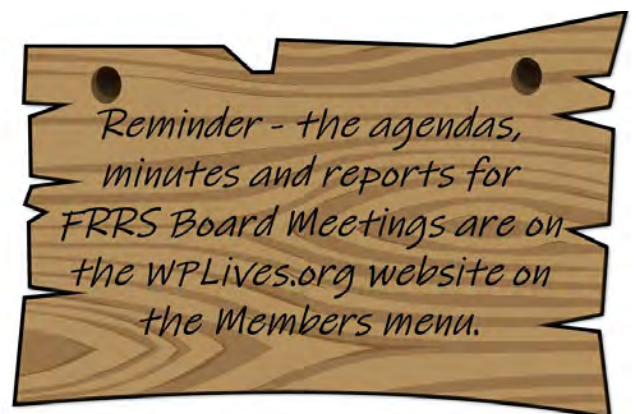
the world through the WPRM Website, *Train Sheet*, *Headlight* and e-mails. They continue to make major strides at being sure that all receive the news of the FRRS & WPRM. Thank you, gentlemen for your continued dedication.

If you have any questions of the Election process or of the Committee members, please address the Elections Committee at: [election@wplives.org](mailto:election@wplives.org)

Stay Healthy and Well 2023.

"Your 2023 Election Committee thanks you and is Proud to Serve the FRRS & WPRM."

Sincerely,  
Matthew S. Shuman - FL 1948  
FRRS Nomination & Election Committee - Chair  
[election@wplives.org](mailto:election@wplives.org)







### Calling all Operating Department Crew Members - Operations 2023

Having an operating railroad museum requires that we have crew members to operate our weekend caboose train for the general public.

Our Operating Department is dedicated to supporting the museum and needs all operating department crew members to support this effort.

Please take the time to review your calendars and sign up to support us this operating year.

There are several special events happening in May that we need extra crews for. Your help would be appreciated.

Please watch the website for other operating news and requests to support the operation of the museum. The WP 165 (Steam Engine) will be operating again this year on some of the operating weekends.

Please visit the Train Crew Sign-up page on the FRRS website at: [https://wplives.org/signup\\_for\\_train\\_crew\\_web\\_page.html](https://wplives.org/signup_for_train_crew_web_page.html)

Should any member have questions, please contact me by email [operating\\_dept@wplives.org](mailto:operating_dept@wplives.org)

Thank you  
Kerry Cochran  
General Superintendent

### Attention all Operating Department Crew Members - Crew Training 2023

- Kerry Cochran

The FRRS/WPRM Operating Department plans to hold the annual crew training day on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, starting at 10 a.m. at the museum.

Crew training is held each year. Training will consist of updates on our General Code of Operating Rules, taking the annual rules examination and various procedures used in the Operating Department.



Everyone who would like to work on crew this year is strongly encouraged to attend. Please sign up on the "Register for Crew Training" web page on the Members pull-down menu on the society website. Active (or above) members who would like to join the Operating Department are welcomed.

Members who are unable to attend the required class on the regular crew training day must make arrangements to take the examination and receive instruction at another time by contacting the Operating Department.



The day will focus on safety and new updates to operating procedures. We want everyone to use the online rules exam link you will get when you register for the

training. We do not want to use time on Saturday to administer a rules exam, we want to use the time for training. Please take the exam online and bring your signed paperwork with you to training. Watch the Latest Museum News on the society website for updates

### WPRM Internet Performance 2022

- Kerry Cochran & Paul Finnegan  
Signal Department

Over the past three years, the Signal Department has been working on a project to get faster and more reliable internet service at the museum.

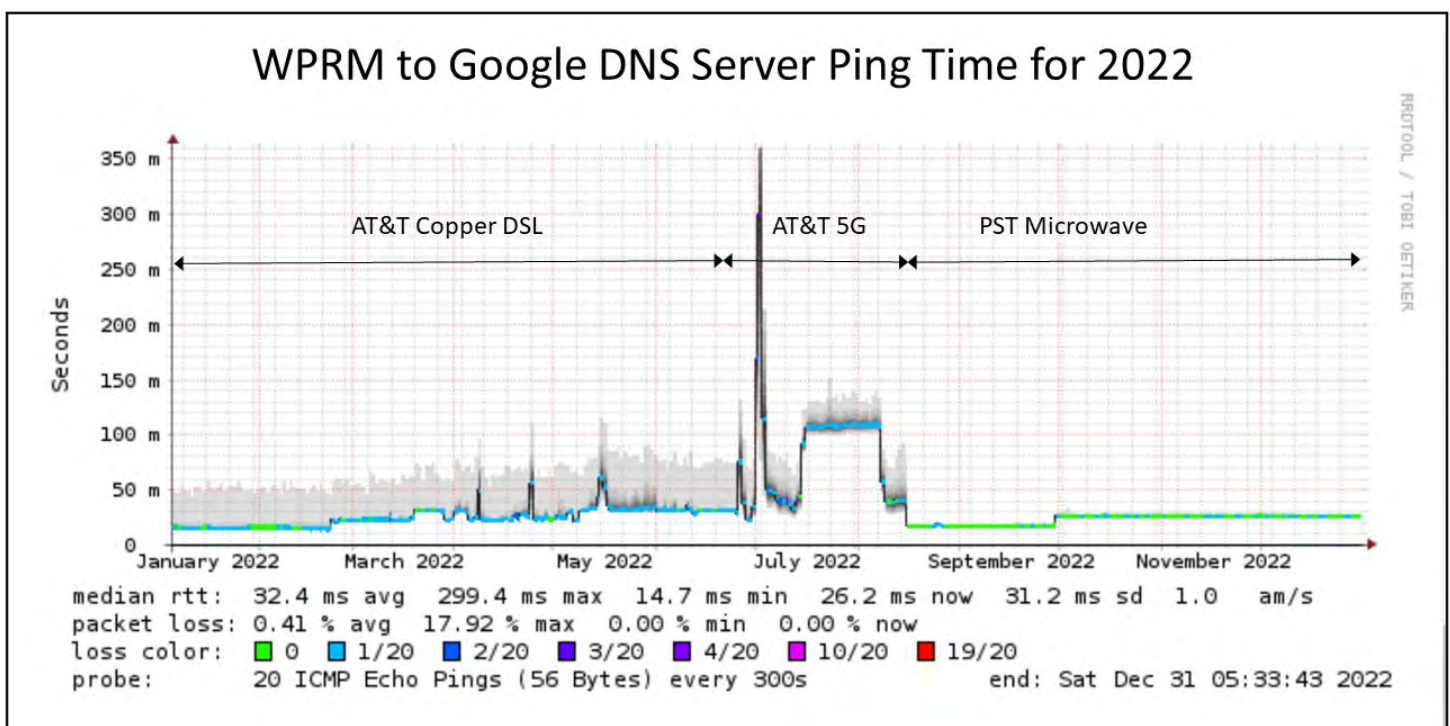
Our long-term provider AT&T, told us that they were discontinuing the copper DSL service in early 2022 (that did not take place) and subsequently required us to move to a new 5G wireless hotspot device to keep our internet connection. We moved off the old copper DSL to the new hotspot back at the beginning of July to keep our internet service working without interruption, but this cellular-based service was even worse than the old copper DSL service.

We were already in discussions with Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications for them to get new service into the museum. With the help of David Hansen, we got in contact with Rich Green of PST and we worked out a solution that would be a viable option for us.

Due to the lack of a telephone pole space from PST's existing fiber network onto the property, a 5 GHz microwave link across the river was deemed the best solution to get the museum connected to the Internet. While not as good as a physical fiber connection, the microwave link is a clear shot across the river and should not suffer from any connection issues due to poor weather (which the DSL was known to suffer from despite being a wired connection.)

On Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>, the PST installation crew arrived and by 3 p.m. in the afternoon we had a new connection to the internet installed and working.

We have discontinued the AT&T DSL and Cellular Internet services, which is saving the museum several hundred dollars in monthly billings with the lower cost of the new PST service. In addition to the Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications service being lower cost, it is also significantly better than the AT&T Internet service on every performance metric. Since going to PST the performance is as good as we ever had, but is much more stable with almost no reported packet loss.





Above - David Elems using our new snow blower to clear a path. Right - Snow at the door!

Photos by Greg Elems

Below - SPMW 208 on a shakedown cruise around the balloon track.

Photo by Michael Clawson

# SNOW AT THE MUSEUM 3/2/23



## You Can Operate A Steam Locomotive!

Reservations for 1 hour Run-A-Locomotive sessions with Western Pacific 0-6-0 165 are now available. As with our diesel RAL sessions, you will get lessons in operation then get your chance at running the locomotive yourself under the guidance from our crew. Times are limited and slots will go fast.

For rental information please see the web page at [WPLives.org/wp165](http://WPLives.org/wp165)

For Further Rental Information and Appointments...

call 530-832-4532 - Run-A-Locomotive Rental Information. If no answer, please call the Museum Store at 530-832-4131.

Shown below is the plan for the operation of the WP 165 steam locomotive at the Western Pacific Railroad museum for 2023.



Photo by Kerry Cochran, 5/15/22

### WP 165 Operation Plan for 2023

May 19 (Friday) RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 3:30 PM

May 20 (Saturday) - WP Celebration - Train rides operate 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, then 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

May 27 Caboose Train 165 Operations: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 3:30 PM

May 28 Caboose Train 165 Operations: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 3:30 PM

August 5 Caboose Train 165 Operations: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 3:30 PM

August 6 Caboose Train 165 Operations: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM

October 28 Pumpkin Train 165 Ops: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 11:30 AM

October 29 Pumpkin Train 165 Ops: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 11:30 AM



**From 2005:** 0-6-0 switcher 165, has been loaded and is nearly ready to return to Portola! A Western Pacific steam engine has not been in Portola in over 50 years. WP 165 often worked the Portola Yard during its career. The stocky switcher was built in 1919 by the American Locomotive Company. It was owned by the United Verdi Copper Company. One of 4 ex-Verdi switchers purchased by the WP in September 1927 (WP 163-166), the 165 worked for the WP until 1953. A restoration to complete operation is planned.

Photo by Eugene John Vicknair, Nov. 14, 2005

**2021 Top Web Pages**

Total pageviews in 2021 = 165,324

	Pageviews	%
WPRM Home	31,624	19.13%
WPRM Webcam	31,095	18.81%
WPRM Collection	5,978	3.62%
WPRM RAL	5,346	3.23%
SN Home Page	4,893	2.96%
WPRM Locomotives	2,486	1.50%
WPRM Visit Us	2,477	1.48%
WPRM Archives	2,025	1.22%
WPRM Steam	1,770	1.07%
WPRM Trainride	1,684	1.02%
WP Mileposts	1,678	1.01%
WPRM Tour	1,313	0.79%
Operations	1,231	0.74%
2021 Closure	1,103	0.67%
Shop	968	0.59%
Minutes & Reports	936	0.57%
Boxcars	834	0.50%

**2022 Top Web Pages**

Total pageviews in 2022 = 168,966

	Pageviews	%
WPRM Home	29,735	17.6%
WPRM Webcam	23,058	13.6%
WPRM Santa Trains	5,920	3.5%
WPRM RAL	5,272	3.1%
SN Home Page	4,778	2.8%
Pumpkin Trains 2022	4,738	2.8%
WPRM Collection	4,308	2.5%
2022 Convention	3,808	2.3%
Visit Us	2,453	1.5%
Live Steam July 2-3	2,396	1.4%
WPRM Trainride	2,052	1.2%
WPRM Locomotives	1,930	1.1%
Shop	1,673	1.0%
WPRM Archives	1,534	0.9%
WPRM Steam	1,534	0.9%
Live Steam Sep 3-4	1,188	0.7%
Press release 6/17	1,150	0.7%

**FRRS Website 2022 Update***- Paul Finnegan, FRRS/WPRM Webmaster*

The society's website, WPLives.org, continues to be a resource of information about the FRRS and the WPRM for both the public and our members. Website traffic increased 2.2% from 2021 to 2022. We currently have 9,067 (up from 5,579 last year) web pages on the website. Additionally there are over 56,000 photos (about 20,000 more than last year) and 6,956 PDF files posted.

- In 2022 we continued to add material and tools to the website. A great deal of new material was added to the Historical/Archive section.
- In February 2022, we set up and started using a cloud server for long term, safe, off-site storage of FRRS materials.
- YouTube started using "handles" to make it easier to find channels. The FRRS/WPRM channel can now be referenced by youtube.com/@WPRM. We now have 66 public videos on our channel.
- Signal Department Home Page was created.
- Mobile Page Enhancements - the website was made much more friendly to the mobile device user. I also redesigned the mobile home and mobile webcam pages to make their usage more convenient and improve the user experience on mobile devices. They both use an improved hamburger style menu, Google Custom Search icon (rather than the previous search bar) and a more focused approach to information placement. The new mobile home has a slideshow that displays events at the museum. Tapping on a slide takes the user to more information about that event.
- We continue to have society members and the public sign up on our "WPRM News" email distribution list on Mailtrain. At the end of 2022 we had 387 active email addresses on the list. This is up from 290 at the end of 2021.

### Museum Sponsors

The Western Pacific played a major role in developing the economy of Plumas County and the surrounding region. The Western Pacific Railroad Museum is proud to be a part of that heritage and to hold a position in supporting the ongoing economic health of our community. We welcome the support of that community in return. Helping to preserve the Western Pacific is good for tourism, good for our regional culture and good for business.

We ask our members and visitors to support our business sponsors, companies who have generously contributed to the museum and its mission to preserve the Western Pacific family.

If you are a business owner, see how you can support the WP Museum, your community and improve your advertising and networking outreach through our sponsorship program. See [www.wplives.org/sponsors\\_how\\_to\\_become.html](http://www.wplives.org/sponsors_how_to_become.html) to learn how.

### We received an email on March 2, 2023:

*On behalf of our New Hampshire STEM Club, I just wanted to let the staff at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum know*



*your History Links page was a big help to our club! For the next 3 weeks, we will be learning about the different fields of engineering! Right now we're working on Civil Engineering and learning how this field is responsible for the planning, design, operation and maintenance of transportation systems.*

*We also wanted the kids to learn about the history of transportation and how it has evolved over the years! Your webpage led us to some great information on trains and early railroads to incorporate into our lessons, so the kids requested I reach out and let you know how much you've helped us. They're so sweet!*

*And as a thank you, our member Michelle asked me to pass along this reading 'All About The Street Car, Trolley and Subways'. It covers lots of early forms of transportation and also has an extensive collection of information on transit museums, which we loved exploring... <https://www.titlemax.com/articles/all-about-streetcars-light-rail-and-subways/>*

*Michelle was very excited to share it with you! She didn't see it listed, but thought you would enjoy it as much as we have! Can you include it for her with your other references?*

*Let me know! I'm sure Michelle would be delighted to show the rest of the kids :)*

*Thank you again!*

**Editors note: We posted Michelle's suggested link on our WP History Links web page.**



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These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.  
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Send all applications, renewals and address changes, including email changes, to:  
 Feather River Rail Society - Membership Dept. - P.O. Box 608 - Portola, CA 96122-0608  
 Address / email changes may also be sent to [membership@wplives.org](mailto:membership@wplives.org)

**Mission Statement**

"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."

**Mission Goals**

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 2, 2020)****Admission**

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 Cab rides are extra fare with member discount.

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- Adults 19 -64: \$20.00
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- 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 the editor - Paul Finnegan, by email at [trainsheet@wplives.org](mailto:trainsheet@wplives.org).

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*WP 707 and SP 2873 rest under a blanket of snow between storms at the museum on March 2, 2023.*

*Photo by Greg Elems*