



The 2017 Western Pacific Railroad Historic Convention

Being held at Harrah's Reno on Thursday - Sunday, May 4-7, 2017

Come join us in celebration of the history of the Western Pacific and its people. We have several special events lined up as well as historic and modelling presentations. There will be a modelling contest, vendors and exhibits from the Western Pacific archives.

PRE-REGISTRATION closes this Friday, April 21! Be sure to sign up **NOW!** Tickets and special events still available. Go to <http://convention.wplives.org> for information. Be sure to enter the modeling contest and the door prize raffle. SPECIAL EVENTS filling up! See the website to sign up!

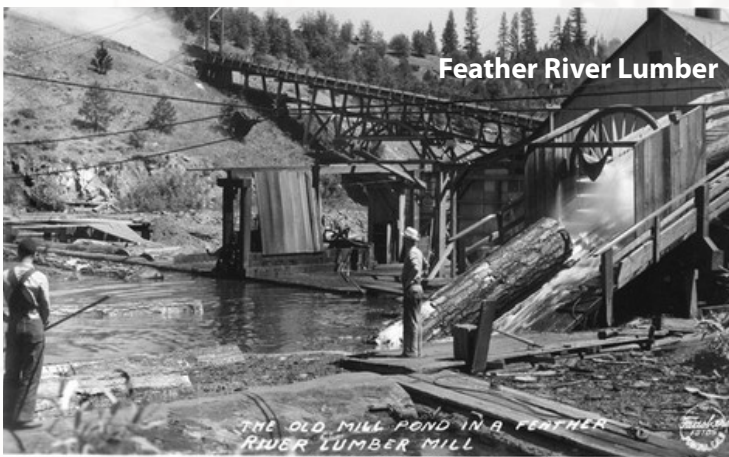
ALL PROCEEDS benefit the FRRS Archives Department and the Arthur Walter Keddie Library

Banquet dinner on Saturday, May 6 featuring a talk by WP and UP trainman **GREG ELEMS**

Presentations...

Thursday - May 4

- Feather River Lumber Company
 - by Dan Elliot and Scott Lawson of the Plumas County Museum
- The Saga of the Z-Scale Western Pacific
 - by David Epling
- newly scanned Virgil Staff Western Pacific films
- The Indian Valley Railroad
 - by Eugene Vicknair



Friday - May 5

- Working for the Western Pacific
 - by Todd Brusco of ESPN Radio's "PitLane" interviews WP employee Michael Rush
- WPRM and the City of Portola
 - by Robert Meacher (Portola City Manager) and Steve Habeck
- Modeling WP Caboose 484
 - by David Epling and Kevin Caldwell
- Keddie, California: WP's Mountain Heart
- WP's Oroville Line Change
 - by Kerry Cochran



Saturday - May 6

- Orange and Silver Days Gone By
 - by Keith Ardinger
- newly scanned Virgil Staff Western Pacific films
- Story of WP caboose 668
 - by Katy Dickinson
- Western Pacific First 50 Years: volume 2
 - by Warren Haack of Catenary Video Productions
- Time Flies and the Feather Flows: WP Then and Now
 - by Steve Cope
- Tesla, California and the Alameda & San Joaquin RR
 - by Dan Mosier



Special Events...

Thursday - May 4

- Squirrel Valley Railway Layout Tour - 5:00 PM
 - Kevin Caldwell's N-scale layout
- Western Pacific Layout Tour - 6:00 PM
 - Bob Westphall's HO-scale layout
- Mixer at The Depot Craft Brewery - 7:00 PM
 - tours and appetizers
 - located in the beautifully restored depot served by the N-C-O Ry and the Western Pacific - <http://thedepotreno.com/depot-gallery/>



Friday - May 5

- DRGW Layout Tour and Operating Session - 5:00 PM
 - James Petro's HO-scale layout
- BBQ Dinner and Private Seating at Reno Aces - 6:35 PM
 - gates open at 5:35 PM at Greater Nevada Field, built on the former Virginia and Truckee interchange and next to the WP Reno Branch and UP's Reno Trench



Saturday - May 6

- Western Pacific Banquet - 6:30 PM
 - guest speaker: **Greg Elems** former WP trainman and current UP engineer



Sunday - May 7

- Tours and Excursions at Virginia City and NSRM - 8:45 AM
 - tour bus will pick us up at Harrah's for a trip to Virginia City where we ride the restored Virginia and Truckee, then tour the town and find a spot for lunch (lunch not included). tour includes a look inside Lucius Beebe's former home. then we travel to the Nevada State Railroad Museum to ride V&T McKeen car 22 and take a guided tour of the museum.