



The Train Sheet

News from the Feather River Rail Society and the Portola Railroad Museum

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WP Equipment Sightings

By David Epling

Greetings FRRS members, Another deadline has come for submission to the Trainsheet. We have a lot of sightings this time so I'll keep the commentary short.

Paul "Yarddog" Lanyi starts us off by observing WP 12097 Covered Hopper being interchanged to the San Joaquin Valley Railroad in Fresno CA at 1:00pm on April 29, 2005. His next sighting was WP Feather boxcar 38289 at Roseville CA at 9:30am on April 29, 2005. He reports seeing both if these cars in the same train a week earlier in the same train westbound at the Honeymoon Tunnels in the Feather River Canyon at 4:30pm on April 22, 2005

Merrill Thurman reported a string of WP covered hoppers at Baton Rouge, LA at 10:34pm on 4/30/2005.

Frank Caron reported seeing WP 12026 in a southbound Manifest at San Jose on 5/14/2005

Jim Baker reported seeing WP 12001, 12064 Covered hoppers in storage at Bethany on the Mococo Line. He also reports a Black Open top WP hopper in a MW train in the LA East Yard, He was not able to get the number.

Kevin Caldwell reported seeing WP 12066 in a westbound Manifest at Yermo, CA on June 13, 2005.

Roger Burdick in Alta CA reported WP 3852 and WP 65679 in 2 separate trains by his house on June 25, 2005. He also saw WP 63435 by his home on June 29, 2005.

Calrailfans Member Stantrain2000 Reported WP boxcar 66xxx in a Northbound Manifest.

Dan Crews is the big winner, but regular Roseville trips and living next to the Winnemucca Sub helps. He sighted the following;

WP 12107, and WP 13117 in Roseville on April 9, 2005,

WP 38658 was in a WB manifest by his home in Doyle, CA on May 26, 2005,

WP 3154 was in a WB manifest by his home in Doyle, CA at 14:45 on June 7, 2005,

WP 38002 was in Roseville, CA on June 13, 2005,

WP 38502 was in Roseville, CA on June 19, 2005,

WP 2248 (Flatcar) over Tehachapi on June 23, 2005,

WP 38093 and WP 38175 both in Roseville on June 26, 2005,

WP 65680 was in a wb manifest by his home in Doyle, CA at 07:20 on June 29, 2005,

WP 65638 was in a wb manifest by his home in Doyle, CA at 19:40 on June 29, 2005.

That's it for this issue of the Trainsheet, Keep the sightings coming and remember our battle cry;

WP LIVES!

Summary of Recent Board Meetings

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. Full minutes are posted on the FRRSlist hosted by Yahoo Groups.

May 2005 Board Meeting

Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motions 05-05-01 and 05-05-02.

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meetings held March 5 and April 2, 2005. Financial Reports – Tabled to June meeting.

Motions

Motion 05-05-02.. Election Tellers: Acceptance of proposed Election Teller list as provided by the President. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors voted in favor – Motion carried.

Actions and Notices

President McClure reported that as of the meeting, all was going well with the Rio Vista Junction equipment move and that the PR generated as a result was very positive. He further advised that there was question regarding some mechanical issues with one of the MRS-1s obtained from BAERA and as a result, the unit will be stored at CSRM until it can be resolved.

Closed Session

None

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- Portola Railroad Museum -

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Museum: (530) 832-4131
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The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily the first Saturday in March through the first Monday of November. The museum building is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily. Train operations begin the last Saturday of May and continue through the first Monday of September. The museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday of November through the first Friday of March except for special events in which arrangements have been made in advance. If you wish to visit during the closed period it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the museum grounds will be open.

Entrance to the museum is free, although a suggested donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated.

The Feather River Rail Society, a tax-exempt public benefit California corporation, is the historical society for the Western Pacific Railroad and operator of the Portola Railroad Museum in Portola, California.

The FRRS is not associated with the Union Pacific Railroad.

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No other articles or departmental reports were recieved.

Web Pages of Interest

Feather River Rail Society (Official Site) www.wplives.org

CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net
Tidewater Southern	www.tidewatersouthern.com
WPRRHS	www.wprrhs.org
SN Page	www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y
WP Virtual Museum	wpmuseum.railfan.net
Tidewater Southern	www5.pair.com/rattene/WP/TideIndex.htm
Western Pacific	www.wplives.com

- FRRS Membership -

<i>Yearly Dues</i>		<i>Single Life Membership</i>		<i>Family Life Membership</i>	
Associate	\$20.00	Birth-17 years of age	\$1200.00	Birth-17 years of age	\$1800.00
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Address changes may also be sent to membership@wplives.org

**June 2005 Board Meeting
Motions and Actions Summary**

Motions Passed

Consent Motions – approved
Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meetings held December May 14, 2005. Financial Reports – Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statement through May 31, 2005.

Motions

Dunsmuir Railroad Days .. Motion 05-06-02: Support and approval for proceeding with participation by the Feather River Rail Society in Dunsmuir Railroad Days and with signature on standard contract. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor – motion carried.

MRS-1 USN 612 .. Motion 05-06-03: Acceptance of Loan Agreement with CSRM as presented, pending review by legal counsel. Motion made by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor – motion carried.

Trains Unlimited Tours use of WP 2001 .. Motion 05-06-04: Agreement to contract with Trains Unlimited Tours for use of WP 2001, with qualified FRRS personnel, specifically Rod McClure and/or Steve Habeck, on board the locomotive during all operations, for a contracted amount of \$10,000, and with a standard liability contract, pending legal review. Motion made by

Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor – motion carried.

PLA Use of Heavy Duty Flatcar .. Motion 05-06-05: Authority provided to President McClure to negotiate with the Pacific Locomotive Association (PLA) use of FRRS Heavy-Duty Flatcar, for movement of their donated Alco S-6, with contract to be drafted by FRRS personnel and pending legal review, and with PLA responsible for all transportation of car from their facility to Livingston and back. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor – motion carried.

Actions and Notices

President McClure reported that Rio Vista move went nearly flawlessly. The second MRS-1 was left in Sacramento as a proactive measure, not due to hotboxes as had been reported. President McClure noted that this project required the help of a large number of our members and thanks was extended to all. Many compliments were offered by other organizations and their representatives for our professional approach and performance. Lots of great publicity as well.

WP 165 move appears to imminent and locomotive should be home within the next 30-60 days.

Director McClure reported that the latest mail out fundraising campaign netted \$8,535 before expenses.

Director Vicknair reported that Jay Sarno and Kerry Cochran have made great strides on finishing the electrical and

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sheet rock.

Director Cochran advised that overall, opening weekend went well, short on crews this weekend. He advised he will need more volunteers for crew throughout the year.

Director Stiles reported that SP 2873 (throwing oil and controller problem), WP 917 (now running) and WP 2001 (radiators and resistors) have been all been worked on.

Director McClure presented an official structural review of the WP Portola Hospital property. At this time, it would appear all buildings can be restored, although the cost will be quite high to complete the necessary work. The west wing may have to be demolished and rebuilt due to hollow brick masonry although this can be determined by having an in-place sheer test done on the walls.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:07 p.m. and reconvened 4:27 p.m.

President McClure reported out from the closed session that the Board received a report regarding ongoing legal issues. No action was taken. The Board also received information regarding a proprietary business item. No action was taken.

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

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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 (Currently under revision)

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. WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah

Upcoming Events

August..	Caboose Trains	Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
6	Board Meeting - 6 PM	Portola
6-7	Locomotive Maintenance Clinic	Facilities Work Weekend – prep for Portola Railroad Days
27-28	Portola Railroad Days	
31	Train Sheet Deadline	
September	Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM	
3-4	Locomotive Maintenance Clinic	
5	Labor Day, Further operations subject to weather and crew availability	
10	Board Meeting - 6 PM	Truckee
10-11	Truckee Railroad Days, Truckee	
25	Operating Season Ends	

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