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2008 WPRRHS Convention - 2008 Members Day
Z-Scale Western Pacific Layout - Museum Work

CZ locomotive 803-A is in the shop for work, keeping company with GP7 704. - FRRS collection photo

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WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD
MUSEUM at PORTOLA**

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The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily from the first Saturday in March through the first Monday in November. The Diesel Shop is open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily during these dates.

Train operations begin the last Saturday in May and continue each weekend through the first Monday in September.

The museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday in November through the first Friday in March except for special events in which advance 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 is free, although a suggested donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated.

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- WEB PAGES of INTEREST -

FRRS Official Site	www.WPLives.org
WPRR Historical Society	www.wprrhs.org
CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net
Western Pacific Pages	www.WPLives.com
WP Virtual Museum	wpmuseum.railfan.net
Sac Northern On-Line	www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y
Tidewater Southern Pages	www.TidewaterSouthern.com
Tidewater Southern	www5.pair.com/rattenne/WP/TidelIndex.htm
Central Calif Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco/

2008 WPRRHS CONVENTION

The 12th Annual Western Pacific RR Historical Society Convention will be held April 11-12, 2008, in Sacramento, California. The convention will be at the Clarion Hotel Mansion Inn, located at 700 16th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

Additional information on the 2008 WPRRHS Convention can be found on the WPRRHS webpage (www.WPRRHS.org or reachable by link from the Society's main www.WPLives.org website). Tickets are available by mail or, for the first time, on-line via PayPal. Ticket prices are:

- Deluxe Fare with banquet: \$65.00 per person
- Convention only: \$35.00
- Banquet only: \$30.00
- Convention (on-site registration) \$40.00

Note that Deluxe Fare Ticket and/or banquet are not available if your registration is received after April 4, 2008. As always, there is no charge for non-rail spouses to attend the convention, only for the banquet. If you have any questions, please contact 2008 Convention Chairman, Tom Campbell via email at wpcon2008@yahoo.com.

Sacramento was, of course, an important point throughout the Western Pacific's history. The railroad's main shops were located here until the Stockton Diesel Shop was built in the 1970's. After that, the Jeffrey Shops continued servicing freight cars. Sacramento was also home to subsidiary Sacramento Northern and was the

northern terminus for subsidiary Central California Traction Company. When the WP embraced Centralized Traffic Control, the dispatching center was located in Sacramento, right behind the depot at 19th and J Streets. The depot still stands today, housing a Spaghetti Factory restaurant.

The presentations scheduled for this year are:

- ..Sacramento Northern's Belt Line - Bill Burg
- ..WP Covered Hoppers - John Ryczkowski
- ..Railroad Firefighting Equip. - Paul Beckstrom
- ..Last 4 Fs Plus 1 - Larry Hanlon
- ..WP 426 Class Cabooses - Mike Mucklin
- ..WP Brass Locos in HO Scale - Bill Gilbert
- ..Sacramento's Streetcar Suburbs - Bill Burg
- ..Design of the Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society's New Layout - Bob Rohwer
- ..Painting WP Diesel: 1941 to 1981 - Bill Gilbert
- ..Photography and the Collector - Allan Lamb
- ..Bringing Home the Keddie Wye
 - Jim Pendley & Scott Brons
- ..WP-SP Detours - Randall Cape
- ..Foreign Cars on the CZ - Bob Webber

Our keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet will be Andy Kinicki, a 30 year veteran railroader (most of it with the WP) who retired in 1983 as Director of Safety and Rules. He was instrumental in dispatching the bicentennial units to arrive for the Keddie Wye photo op and this story will make up at least part of his presentation.

Be sure to join us for a great time at the convention!

2008 MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY

The FRRS is expanding upon our traditional Membership Dinner and Meeting, held annually on the first weekend of June. Starting this year, we will be holding a full day event celebrating the members of the FRRS and hosting special events at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum.

All members of the Feather River Rail Society and their families are invited to enjoy a day of fun and games at the museum on Saturday June 7th, 2008. Events will include a BBQ, music, prize raffle, special equipment displays, train rides and a variety of games and activities. There will also be a "State of the Society" Address by FRRS President Rod McClure and a Board of Directors "Town Hall Meeting". The day will close out with a video presentation: "Western Pacific RR Museum – 2007 Year in Review", a preview of special events for the Western Pacific 100th Anniversary in 2009-2010 and a WP Employees Fireside Chat.

Look for more events to be added in the coming months. More information can be found in the next issue of The Train Sheet and on the museum website at www.WPLives.org. This event is FREE to all FRRS members and their families.

ROTH IRA DIRECT DONATIONS

It has come to our attention that a new IRS law was enacted in 2006 that allowed anyone with either a traditional or Roth IRA account who is 70 1/2 years or older can designate all or part of their required annual distribution to be given directly to a qualified charitable organization. Our Feather River Rail Society meets that qualification.

Normally IRA distributions are taxed as earned income (you didn't pay tax on the IRA contribution when you put the money in.) This distribution qualifies as a deduction from your gross income for the year. This is a tax savings for you and a benefit for our organization.

If you would like to make this donation to our organization you should consult with your IRA custodian for the appropriate forms. This donation does not affect your regular itemized or standard deductions.

The FRRS tax ID number is 68-0002774.

ADOPT A PROJECT

- Eugene Vicknair, FRRS Director

As a member supported, volunteer driven organization, the FRRS relies on the dedicated help of those who have joined us in working to preserve the history of the Western Pacific. We receive no public funds and very little corporate support to aid in our mission.

There are many things that keep the society moving, from large, flashy work such as restoring cars and locomotives, to smaller, unsung "back office" projects that are critical to keeping the Society operating.

There are many such projects that need your help. If you would like to get more involved in aiding the Society, please contact any of the directors listed in the masthead on page 2. There are even projects that do not require you to be local to the museum. Assisting in elections, the WPRRHS conventions and fundraising are examples of things that many members work on from home.

A few of the projects currently needing support are:

- Extension of the Volunteer Area Deck
- Repair of the Diesel Shop
- 2008 Members Day set-up
- Museum grounds clean-up and improvement

Also, the various museum departments, including Operations and Mechanical, are always looking for new people to join their teams.

For the ambitious, there are many restoration projects with a variety of skill levels. Some of the equipment waiting for an advocate include WP 483 caboose,

Tidewater Southern 0565-H bunk car, WP 3051 U30B locomotive and WP 320 passenger coach. If you want to join in restoration projects, contact Restoration Manager Steve Habeck for more information.

Finally, there are committees and annual events that always need volunteers. Coming up this year are Portola and Dunsmuir Railroad Days, Railfan Day and the Santa Trains. Looking forward to 2009 we have the Board Elections and some planned special events.

And if you just have something you want to do that you feel would benefit the Society, just ask and we can help connect you with someone that will give you the information you need to make it happen.

The FRRS only grows with your help. Thank you for keeping the legacy of the Western Pacific alive!



WESTERN PACIFIC IN Z-SCALE

- David Epling and Matt Parker

The year is 1983. The corporate identity of the Western Pacific Railroad is quickly disappearing as the WP has been swallowed whole in a merger with Union Pacific. Model railroad manufacturer Kadee is making the tooling for its soon-to-be-released F7 locomotive in Z-scale. Two staffers from "Model Railroader" magazine visit the Kadee plant and, upon seeing this tooling, the seeds are planted in their minds that will produce a layout representing the "Western Pacific in Z-scale." Construction of the layout was completed in 1985, and a seven part series of articles detailing the planning, design, and construction of the layout began running in the magazine in February 1986.

Fast-forward to 2007. A committee spearheaded by FRRS members David Epling and Tom Carter is planning construction of a new demonstration model railroad layout for the WPRM. This layout is envisioned as a traveling tool to give viewers a taste of the Western Pacific. In studying how to create this proposed layout, Dave and Tom trace the history of the "Western Pacific in Z-scale" layout and find its last known location to be a railroad museum in the upper Midwest that has gone defunct. Presuming the original layout to be lost, Dave and Tom bring to the Board of Directors a proposal to recreate the original layout in N-scale. The Board approves of this proposal and requests that the committee prepare a budget proposal for the project.

Then, the unexpected happens. On August 27, 2007, Tom finds that the original layout is up for auction on eBay! He and Dave quickly confer with FRRS President Rod McClure, who authorizes them to contact the layout's owner on behalf of the FRRS. The owner agrees that the WPRM is the ideal home for the layout and cancels the auction. At the following meeting, the Board is apprised of these developments and unanimously supports pursuing purchase of the layout, authorizing the Model Railroad Committee to begin seeking contributions for this acquisition. The purchase was completed and the layout was picked up on October 23 by member Merrill Thurman, who transported it to

the museum from Friesland, Wisconsin free of charge. Upon picking up the 22 year old layout in Wisconsin, Merrill is happy to report that it is in great condition. Only minor damage is found despite its years of use by "Model Railroader" and then even more years of storage and movement.

This 4' by 10 1/2' layout consists of three "shadowbox" sections, each representing specific areas of the Western Pacific Railroad. One section presents the Feather River Canyon, while another showcases both the Nevada Desert (this portion based on the picturesque Palisade Canyon area) and California Hill Country (WP First Subdivision). The final section is dubbed the "City Terminal Section" and draws its inspiration from the urban environments WP traversed on the east side of the San Francisco Bay. The three sections break out into individual pieces, allowing for easy transport of the layout, making it ideal as a portable interpretive display. Its size will also allow it to fit into our display/baggage car, permitting it to be easily included in off-campus events such as Dunsmuir Railroad Days.

Financial donations are still being sought to help offset the costs of purchase and acquisition of rolling stock for the layout. The layout includes no rolling stock, save for a F7 locomotive and two cars graciously donated by the former owner, so donations of rolling stock would be appreciated as well. The FRRS has already received a pledge from Mr. Joe D'Amato of MicroTrains, who has offered to donate a few custom painted for WP GP-35 locomotives; other pledges of rolling stock are beginning to come in from the membership as well. Member support of this acquisition would be most appreciated. For further information, Model Railroad Committee Chairman David Epling can be contacted through the Museum or by e-mail at david_epling@wplives.org.

We would like to thank everyone who made this possible, particularly Merrill Thurman and everyone who donated to the cause. This historic model layout will be a great tool for getting people involved in the story of the WP. Look for the Z-Scale Western Pacific at some of our events starting in the summer of 2008!

MUSEUM MECHANICAL WORK

-Work continues on WP 917-D and begins on Quincy Railroad #3

In February of this year, work began on replacing the Roots blowers on the engine in WP 917-D, one of our F7A streamlined freight locomotives. Excessive amounts of lube oil were turning up in the engine's air boxes when it was operated, and the cause was deemed to be leaking seals in the blowers.

Removal and replacement of these components was an involved process. Initial work involved disassembly and removal of air intake components attached to each blower. This included removal of a portion of a water pipe coming off of the left side of the engine. The blowers, each weighing several hundred pounds, then had to be unbolted from the engine and lowered onto dollies, after which they were rolled to the rear of the engine room and muscled through a door onto pallets carried by a waiting forklift. The reverse of these processes was required in installing the replacement blowers.

This work occurred over several weekends and was delayed when it was discovered that the replacement blowers received were both for the left-hand side of the engine. Once the proper blower for the right-hand side of the engine arrived, the replacement was completed in late July.

Unfortunately, when the engine was fired off to test the success of the blower replacements, it was discovered that a water pipe inside the engine oil cooler had cracked and was pouring cooling water into the engine lube oil. This necessitated keeping the locomotive in "out of service status" pending repair of the oil cooler. Repair of this latest issue will also be a labor-intensive project that will involve using our WPMW 37 derrick to remove the roof hatch from this locomotive and lift the oil cooler from the engine room. The cooler will then be transported for repair at a radiator shop in Reno, after which it will be replaced into the locomotive. Plans are afoot to work on this project over the winter so that the 917-D will

again be available for service next season.

In additional Mechanical Department news, the FRRS Board of Directors at its September meeting agreed to a request that the Mechanical Department evaluate repairs needed to return Quincy Railroad locomotive 3 to service and formulate a list of necessary work, along with a deadline for completion of repairs so that this locomotive will be available for service during the 2008 season. Early input suggests that the work needed is relatively minor.

By using this small, 44-ton GE industrial locomotive for our light switching and for caboose trains when visitor counts are light, the Society expects to achieve a reduction in our expenses related to our consumption of fuel. With the recent significant rises in fuel costs, the Society, like other organizations who are large consumers of fuel, must look for ways to reduce this expense. The planned future use of this locomotive will be a big step in responding to this issue. This locomotive recently spent some time in the shop where, through the efforts of Norm Holmes, it received a fresh coat of the silver and blue paint the unit wore during its service on the Quincy Railroad.



Quincy Railroad 3, a General Electric built 44-ton locomotive, shows off its new paint in the WPRM Diesel Shop. The locomotive is currently undergoing a mechanical evaluation with a goal toward returning it to operation.

- photo by Matt Parker

MUSEUM FACILITY PROJECTS

- Dodgepole Siding Completion Work Continues. Other Projects Planned for Upcoming Season

Throughout the summer of 2007, Assistant Roadmaster Wayne Monger has been spearheading a project to move forward with the completion of Dodgepole Siding. This track currently diverges from the inside leg of the balloon track and parallels the south lead. It is being used for equipment storage.

The ongoing project this summer has resulted in the construction of approximately 150 feet of additional track. Wayne's simple request of "just 4 spikes a day" from all volunteers working around the museum during this season has helped push the project forward while Wayne himself has done much work on it as well. Extension of the track has brought it to its next step toward completion, which will be the

construction and installation of a switch connecting the east end of the track to track 7. Dumping and tamping of ballast is also pending. This completion project has been expanded to include tie replacement and ballasting of track 7. Roadmaster Rod McClure expects work on this project to continue through this winter and next spring.

Wayne wishes to acknowledge Loren Ross, Tim Carter, Nick Tynan, and Don Borden for the example they set in consistently getting out and pounding spikes before moving on to their other project during days they spend working at the Museum this summer. He added that major Maintenance of Way projects planned for the 2008 season include beginning construction of the planned "display track" that will diverge from the south lead near Milward Switch and extend along the base of the hill through the south side of the parking lot as well as rehabilitation of the switch at the east end of track 3.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Rick Gruninger

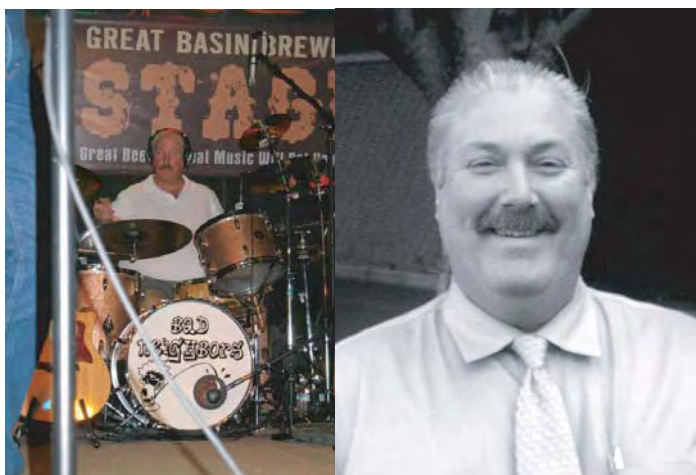
Like many of the FRRS' members, Rick Gruninger has had a life-long fascination with trains and railroading. "We would hear the whistle and run down to the tracks," he says, recalling childhood memories.

Rick has found himself in fortunate circumstances, giving him the opportunity to operate a variety of aircraft and sea craft. Although curious as to what the experience of operating railroad equipment would be like, he never had the opportunity to do so. Until the spring of 2006, that is.

At that time, he shared his curiosity with his upstairs neighbor, FRRS member Kevin Caldwell. Kevin told Rick about the WPRM, inviting him to satisfy his curiosity by attending the upcoming crew training weekend and getting involved with the Operating Department. Rick did so, and has been an active member of the WPRM's Operating Department since. His enthusiasm for railroading has frequently been an integral part of our operating weekends and special events during the past two seasons.

Working in Risk Management and insurance sales pays the bills so that Rick can pursue his hobbies, which, aside from volunteering at WPRM, include pursuing a love of music. When not helping out around the museum, Rick plays drums for the Reno-area band, "Bad Neighbors." Rick says the two things he enjoys about being a member and volunteer are learning the art of railroading and enjoying the camaraderie of his fellow members. He compares working with them to being part of a family.

Welcome to the FRRS/WPRM family, Rick! We're glad you're here!



May 2007 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 07-05-01.

. Minutes - Minutes from the April 2007 General Meeting.

. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end April 2007.

2. Business Motions

Motion 07-05-02

Model Railroad Layout

Tabled to future meeting. Vicknair / Cochran. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 07-05-03

Caboose Rental Contract

Consensus direction given to David Epling regarding contacting other organizations for copies of their contracts for this service as well as advice. Tabled to future meeting. Brehm / Cochran. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 07-05-04

Private Equipment Contracts

Acceptance of Private Car Owner Contract as submitted and approved by Corporate Counsel. Parker / Cochran. Aye - 7, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

Motion 07-05-05

Sale of MILW U25B 5057

Waiting on further contact with potential buyer. Tabled to future meeting. Brehm / Vicknair. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 07-05-06

Sale of SP SD9 4404

Reject proposed Sale Contract for SP 4404 and investigate possible leasing opportunities. Brehm / Monger. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Actions and Notices

- Election tellers have been appointed.
- Removal of old batteries to be scheduled to occur in the next few weeks. Company doing removal will also handle broken and damaged

batteries as part of service.

- Member David Epling advised that he wished to acknowledge Director Parker for leading by example by participating in the Rules class despite the fact that he did not need to as he is a qualified UP Engineer. He also advised that there will be new upgrades coming to the FRRS / WPRM website.

President's Report

- Will be traveling for work most of May.
- Reported that the WPRRHS Convention went very well.

Museum Manager's Report

- Presented copy of Via Magazine with article on Small Town Museum.
- BofA Business Deposit account needs new signature card.
- April 2007 Gift Shop sales on par with April 2006.
- CCC on property and did good amount of clean-up in picnic area.
- Need to look at fire load on property and schedule clean up work party.
- Bruce Veilleux and Don Borden working hard doing volunteer projects.
- Portola Railroad Days rock climbing event canceled from our property.

Director's Reports

Vicknair - Thanked volunteers who worked on server room.

Holmes - Reported on death of a member and possibility of advertising in the Reno Gazette-Journal's Best Bet weekly entertainment section.

Monger - Forwarded concerns regarding quality of images in The Headlight. Also expressed his pleasure with the planning and execution of the WPRRHS Convention.

Stiles - Entry road into the museum needs to be sealed to prevent further deterioration. He volunteered to pursue further. Ready to roll for Lone Railfair.

Brehm - Thanked responsible parties for lunch and dinner served to volunteers that day.

Department Reports

MOW - Replaced ties at 2-3 switch, replaced point and head block ties at interchange, corrected a number of wide gauge spots in balloon. Thanked the volunteers who made it happen.

Mechanical - John Buberniak named new CMO.

Publications - One issue of The Train Sheet at press, one or two additional to follow in next

two months.

Operations - Twenty people at crew training that day, additional to participate next day.

Committee Reports

Elections - High number of ballot returns due primarily to the number of candidates running.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 8:08 p.m. Director McClure reported the following out of closed session:

The Board heard a report regarding ongoing litigation in the case of FRRS v. Kasten, ITAC. Consensus direction was given, no action taken.

June 2007 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 07-06-02.

. Minutes - Minutes from the May 2007 General Meeting. Removed by motion 07-06-01.

. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end May 2007.

2. Business Motions

Motion 07-06-03

Model Railroad Layout
Tabled to future meeting. G. McClure / Cochran.
Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 07-06-04

Sale of WP 646 Caboose
Acceptance of offer to purchase WP 646 caboose from Bruce Veilleux in the amount of \$1,500, pending approval of A & D committee. Stiles / Vicknair. Aye - 7, Nay - 2, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Actions and Notices

- Director McClure is contacting Orange Empire RR Museum concerning their caboose / party rental program for information.
- Shasta-Cascade RR Preservation Society President Matt Shuman provided an update to

the Board concerning Dunsmuir RR Days.

- Consensus direction was given to move forward with further investigation of FRRS participation in the National RR Historical Society's Rail Camp program.

Museum Manager's Report

- Attendance about same as last year. Quiet during the week.
- RALs good last week, slow this week.

Director's Reports

Stiles - Cost to seal asphalt coming from Scott Franklin in the coming months - anticipate around \$1,600. Working on Sacramento advertising. Lone Railfair event went well.
Monger - Parking lot graded. Display room has received a facelift.
Parker - Diesel fuel car now has placards mounted to it.
Vicknair - Informed Board of opportunity to purchase CZ sleeper Silver Thrush, however price is very high.

Department Reports

Financial - Financial reports and review provided by Treasurer Dan Brady.
Operations - In progress, volunteers welcome.
Fundraising - Draft bequest letter presented by Jay Sarno for Board consideration.
MOW - Some tamping has been done, need to look at footing issues.
Publications - The Train Sheet was at the printer for three weeks and is now at the mailing house. Looking at options to speed up production. New Headlight issue ready to go out.
Zephyr Project - Investigating new name boards, vinyl lettering.
Silver Debris - Work continues, light fixtures and ceiling fans up.
IT Services - Wiring runs installed and work continues on network. Aware of website problems due to implementation of upgraded software that was not compatible with the old one. Should be corrected shortly.
Restoration - Lettering on black WP 6424 Gondola should be complete today. Thanks to Director Homes for painting and to John and Mary Ryczkowski for lettering.
Facilities - Special thanks to Don Borden for all of his hard work on the property over the last several weeks. Has done a tremendous job cleaning up, servicing equipment and completing other projects.

Committee Reports

Election Committee - 969 ballots sent, 437 ballots returned. Votes to be announced this evening. No disqualified ballots this year.

2009 Committee - Preliminary planning moving forward.

Status of Surplus Property

Yard Sale - The clean out of two of Hap Manitt's storage boxcars is complete. Appropriate items have been added to the archives, surplus items have been sold at a yard sale which netted over \$400, and balance has been hauled away. Special thanks to Director and Barbara Holms for coordinating the sale and Don Borden for coordinating the clean out.

Public Comments

- Member David Epling thanked Director Habeck for an educational lecture provided after the completion of crew training at the beginning of May.

- Director McClure introduced New Member Michael Coen, who is interested in the position of Treasurer for the organization, for a question and answer session.

Notices

- Membership Dinner: June 2, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.
- Membership Meeting: June 2, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
- Split meeting for July: Dunsmuir and Portola.

Closed Session

Adjourned to closed session at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 4:00 p.m. Director McClure reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report regarding on-going litigation in the case of FRRS v. Kasten, ITAC. Consensus direction given. No action taken."

June 2007 Membership Meeting Summary

VP Habeck thanked the guests for attending. He highlighted events from last year including the tour of our peers from the ARM-TRAIN joint convention in November 2006 and read excerpts from a very favorable article published in the ARM quarterly publication. He recognized Don Borden for his volunteer efforts in the weeks proceeding the meeting.

Director Cochran thanked members who voted for him in during the current election process. He stated his pride at what has been accomplished the past few years and the people who made it happen. He provided an update indicating that the Glad Hand Award, traditionally awarded at the Annual Membership Meeting, would instead be awarded at Portola Railroad Days this year.

Director Vicknair acknowledged Bruce Veilleux for his volunteer efforts performing tasks ranging from work on our computer network and webcam, to laying track and working on locomotives. He also thanked Director McClure for her work in preparing dinner for the members attending the meeting, James Mason and Jay Sarno for a variety of electrical projects completed and work done on the interior of the Volunteer Lounge car, and Terry Decottigenes and Director Cochran for sheetrock work completed in the car as well.

Director Brehm thanked the members in attendance. He spoke regarding the progress made by the Museum in refining the collection, application of improved business practices, and work being done on projects, but emphasized the need to continue moving forward. He asked that the membership be aware that there are many projects and day-to-day work happening that isn't readily visible with which the members will ultimately be pleased.

Director Stiles stated that the Board has worked hard with efforts to streamline processes and move the organization forward, but ultimately the FRRS is able to accomplish what it does because of the membership. He thanked all of the Society's supporters for their work in preserving the WP.

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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.

- FRRS Membership -

Yearly Dues

Associate \$20.00
 Active \$40.00
 Family \$60.00
 Sustaining \$100.00

Single Life Membership

Birth-17 years of age \$1200.00
 Age 18-39 \$900.00
 Age 40-61 \$600.00
 Age 62 and above \$300.00

Family Life Membership

Birth-17 years of age \$1800.00
 Age 18-39 \$1350.00
 Age 40-61 \$900.00
 Age 62 and above \$450.00

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.
 Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

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.
Family memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have one vote and include all members of ones immediate family.

Sustaining memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, maximum of two persons with one vote each.
Life memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only for life.
Family Life memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, are for a maximum of two people and have two votes (one per member) for life.

Send all applications, renewals and address changes to:

Feather River Rail Society - Membership Dept. - P.O. Box 608 - Portola, CA 96122-0608

Address changes may also be sent to membership@wplives.org



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Sometimes, the archives yield a photo with an interesting story to tell and maddeningly little information included. What looks at first to be an early photo of 4-6-0 94 leading a WP passenger train is actually a shot of it during its later excursion period. Joined by what appears to be a business car, the 94 is believed to be on display in San Jose, based on the buildings visible in the background. Based on the presence of WP gon 9533 (built March 1954), this shot is probably from the late 1950's.

-photographer unknown, FRRS collection

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



SP Rotary Plow MW208, now preserved at the WPRM, is shown here on display at the opening of the California State Railroad Museum. The date is May 21, 1981. - photo by Mike Mucklin

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