

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORT

DATE: May 5, 2014
FROM: Eugene Vicknair - Director
ITEM: New Business Item 2
SUBJECT: **2015 Military Vehicle Show - Fundraising**

Seeking approval from the Board to explore an off-shoot of the previously discussed car show. In discussing such shows with Tom Carter, he has learned that shows of military vehicles (jeeps, tanks, support vehicles, motorcycles, etc.) require much less in the way of “prepared surfaces” than a classic car show. A simple grading and gravel covering of our parking lot would suffice for most vehicles.

These kinds of shows are growing in popularity and we have several pieces (U S Army H-12-44 1857, Pullman 8300 Troop Sleeper, WP “Charles O. Sweetwood”) that would complement such a show. In Northern California, MV shows are held annually or twice annually in Gridley and Lodi. Income would be from admission charges, fees from vendor tables and donations. We would have a unique opportunity to use such an event to educate the public on the role of railroading in wartime and defense readiness. We could also invite other military related rail vehicles, such as a new US Army genset switcher or the restored Army Hospital car from Utah State Railroad Museum. One centerpiece event has already been proposed: a pull contest between US Army H-12-44 1857 and a tank.

I would like to explore the logistics of such a show to be held in 2015 as a fundraising event for the FRRS. Target dates to be determined. July 4 or Memorial Day would be appropriate, but could suffer competition from other events.

Also, I would propose that any proceeds be divided between the FRRS and the Wounded Warrior program.

REQUESTED ACTION: Consensus direction Director Vicknair to proceed with exploring the logistics and costs of this proposed event. Report back to the Board in October 2014 and, if favorable, create a planning / operating committee for event and approve date and budget.