

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: Feburary 2016
ITEM: New Business 4
FROM: Eugene Vicknair
SUBJECT: **2016 Repainting / Restoration Plan**

Over the past few months, I have been speaking to several members of the mechanical department as well as other members interested in ramping up our restoration and repainting work.

This is inspired by the push we did several years ago when Steve Habeck led a repainting program that resulted in several pieces getting redone, including WP 707.

Tom Carter has been pulling together the information for painting techniques and equipment and there has been a lot of interest expressed in having both the WP 1503 and CCT 24 repainted and repairs done to the 24. The 1503 is currently running thanks to the devoted efforts of Seth Adams and other members of our mechanical department. David Epling and Bart Hansen have expressed an interest in working on the 24.

In addition, SN caboose 1642 was a major addition to the Santa Trains and looks to be quite useful in our caboose trains.

Based on these discussions, I would like to propose a defined and limited program to repaint and repair these three pieces in 2016. This does NOT preclude or override any other repair, maintenance or restoration work that is on-going (RAL loco work, WP 165, etc.), but is intended to get these three pieces painted and in good repair in addition to these other tasks.

Currently in either the Restricted Funds or the 2016 Budget, we have the following:

- \$ 2000 mechanical supplies
- \$ 3000 mechanical tools
- \$ 4200 general restoration
- \$ 3978 CCT 24
- \$ 11046 WP 1503

Based on discussions and cost estimates, it is estimated that completing the proposed program will likely take an additional \$8,000 to \$12,000 to complete all three pieces.

It is here proposed that we begin with the funds on hand and prioritize the three pieces as follows:

1. WP SW1500 1503 – to be repainted in delivery green and orange
2. CCT caboose 24 – to be repainted in its 1978 red scheme
3. SN caboose 1642 – to be repainted in green and yellow to match SN GP7 712

The goal will be to complete the 1503 by July, the 24 by Portola Railroad Days and the 1642 by Pumpkin Trains. Work will proceed on a funds available basis and there will be a focus on finding sponsors for these pieces to help with directed fundraising and / or donations of needed materials.

Requested Action: I ask the Board's feedback and approval on this plan.