

To: FRRS Board of Directors
From: Paul Finnegan, Webmaster
Re: Museum Web Page
Date: November 9, 2016

I created a news archive item for the October [Pumpkin Express](#) event. It was linked from the main page and had information about the event to help publicize the event. Greg Elems, Leisa Wesch and Richard Gruninger sent me photographs they took during the event that I used to create a Pumpkin Express [WPRM Photo & Video Gallery](#) entry. Lisa also sent me a video she made of the arrival of the inaugural train at the patch. I used her video to create a video slide show that is also posted on the WPRM Gallery web page.

In preparation for the new year, I created the [2017 Calendar](#) web page and posted to the web site. Rick Gruninger commented about how confusing the days and hours of the museum schedule is to our visitors and members. Leveraging his idea I created a new web page, [2017 Museum Days & Hours at-a-glance](#). It shows which days the museum is open and what the hours are in a very simple, color-coded format. Special events (e.g. Santa Trains) are shown in red and are links to information about the special event. The web page is auto-generated from a UNIX shell script I wrote. As we move through the year, the web page will be automatically re-created early on the first of each month and only display the rest of the year. In future years, a simple text file is edited with that year's date information and it will update accordingly.

I also have set up the sign-up system for [2017 Crew Training](#). To support this I updated the liability release to be for calendar 2017 and added it to the [Museum Forms & Documents](#) web page. I plan to update the caboos train crew sign up tool after the 2016 Santa Trains are completed.

I updated the Election Information on the [Membership](#) Web page. I am still waiting for which seats are up for election this year. I have not received the Election Report for 2016 to add to the [2016 Election Information](#) news archive page.

I posted a [Santa Trains information](#) link on the home pages. It works very much like the Pumpkin Express page where it shows the information about the event and an interactive map for getting directions to the museum. I received and posted a short video from Michael Clawson from the 2015 Santa Trains on both the [2015](#) and 2016 pages. On Sunday November 6th, Charlie Spikes asked me to do an email blast to the Operating Department asking for crew signups for Santa Train Operations. I sent out the email and Craig Simmons tried to sign-up for crew. Craig contacted me that there was a problem with the signup system. I manually posted his signups and logged into our Hostmonster web service provider to investigate. The /tmp disk in Utah was 100% full. This interfered with our web site signup system. I opened a ticket with Hostmonster and they cleaned up the disk in less than an hour. Then everything returned to normal behavior.

Peter Arnold and I are continuing to make progress on the [Western Pacific Headlight Master Index](#) web page. Peter sent me another update 11/3/16. We now have issues 30 to 49 indexed with 212 topics and 680 index entries.

No progress was made on the [Restoration page](#) as I am waiting for input from people from the May 27th meeting.

On October 26th I submitted a [Train Sheet article](#) highlighting the work on the web site for the last two months. I also submitted a short article announcing the 2017 Crew Training classes. I provided Matt Elems with the material related to our sponsors and the 2017 FRRS Calendar so he could include them in the next issue.