

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: March 2017
ITEM: Director and Event Reports
FROM: Eugene Vicknair
SUBJECT: **Director Report**

Meetings with local officials

I will be having several meetings on Friday before the Board Meeting on Saturday with City Manager Robert Meacher and members of the city council and board of supervisors.

We will be discussing recent weather damage and repair options, upcoming grant submissions, meetings with local donor candidates, the 2017 Convention and other museum related items.

I will provide a verbal summary at the meeting.

Surplus Locomotive Parts Offered to FRRS

A business part in Vancouver, WA has an out of service GE centercab locomotive they will be scrapping. They contacted us via the website and offered parts from the locomotive to us before it is scrapped. In discussion with Bil Jackson and David Elems, it was expressed that there are likely some parts from the engine that would help us with Quincy 3 GE 44 ton and some of our Alco locomotives.

This locomotive is rare and was built as #102 for the Pacific Lumber Company. It is a 1956 built 80 ton engine one of 3 built for Pacific Lumber Company. The other two have been scrapped.

Photos:





If we decide to pursue this, we would need to set up a team and budget to go to Vancouver and transport parts back.

TV Show Possibility

The TV series "American Pickers" is going to be filming in the area in a few months. While I don't think the Society should be part of the "sales" aspect of the show (and a couple directors I spoke with as well as Patty Clawson feel similar) it is suggested we try to get them to come to the museum for a tour or RAL that could be a extra segment of the show. Would like to get Board thoughts on this idea.

SUBJECT: 2017 Convention

Registration flyers were mailed about 4 weeks ago. We had an initial burst of registrations but they now have slacked off with about 30 people registered.

We have 90% of the presentation slots filled and about 60% of the vendor tables. We have been receiving donations for the raffle. I have about \$1,500 in checks I will be handing off at the meeting to Steve Habeck, plus any additional I receive between this report and meeting.

Greg Elems is helping me find a banquet speaker and David Epling has been helping me lock down additional shows. Thank you to them both. Also huge thanks to Patty Clawson who has been very helpful in setting things up.

One speaker of note: Portola City Manager Robert Meacher will be speaking along with Steve Habeck on the present and future relationship between Portola and the WPRM and plans that both entities want to see happen.

Officials Meeting

It has been suggested that we have a small room available on Friday or Saturday for breakout meeting(s) with invited political officials, such as city leaders from Reno, our state reps, etc. The cost for the extra room would be \$150 plus any cost for a lunch or appetizers.

The idea is this would give officials from the area a chance to interact with FRRS directors and managers and with each other. Patty Clawson and I can expand on this in the meeting.