

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Business Item NB5
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2018 WP HISTORICAL CONVENTION

The discussion since the end of the 2017 convention has been to hold 2018 in Salt Lake City. There appear to be a number of WP fans out there who are either not members or are former members looking to reconnect. Also, we have developed a friendly relationship with a Rio Grande group out there and they are willing to help with the convention.

Steve Lee has agreed to be our keynote speaker. We have identified a possible venue and are discussing cost and availability with them. The current idea is to hold the convention either May 2018 or May 2018, both a Thursday through Sunday. Possible events include tours of the Utah Railroad Museum, Kennecott Utah Copper and the former Rio Grande – WP Depot, and excursions on the Saltair line and / or the Heber Valley Railroad.

It has been pointed out that several model and RR historic conventions are planned for Salt Lake City in 2018-2019, probably related to the Gold Spike 150th in 2019. Also, there has been concern expressed about holding a convention so far away from our traditional attendee base.

Would the Board want to approve Salt Lake City as the 2018 convention site or look at an alternative.