

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Event Reports
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2018 CONVENTION

Advertising for the convention went out 3 weeks ago with the opening of pre-registration. Registration packets went into the mail earlier this week. So far we have about 10 people signed up and are expecting more when the packets are received. Info on the convention is also in Headlight 50, currently being printed, and the next Train Sheet, as well as websites and publications for the Rio Grande Modelling and Historical Society and some local modeling groups around Salt Lake City

We have a possibility of a ride on the FrontRunner train to Ogden and back with a tour of the Utah State Railroad Museum at Ogden. Heber Valley cannot do an excursion on Sunday, April 22, but could do one on another day. Would like feedback from the directors on this.

With assistance from a local modeler, we have 2 layout tours being set up and hopefully more to come. Have confirmed 7 shows. Still need 3-4 more.

I am starting to sign up volunteers to help work the convention. I need 2-3 persons to work the WPRM sales table, 1-2 to handle registration and 2-3 to be extra help and cover breaks for the sales and registration folks. If you want to volunteer, please contact me.

MARCH WORK WEEKEND

I have been talking to Charlie, Steve and Kerry about this event. The plan is to have a breakfast in the Silver Plate on Saturday and then have crews doing clean up and repair work around the museum Saturday and Sunday. We are compiling a work list that now includes:

- Clean cab interior of WP 501
- Clean cab interior of WP 708
- Clean cab interior of UP 6946 (including nose)
- Clean interior of Pullman 8300 Troop Sleeper
- Clean Museum Store, reorganize desk area (under supervision of KC Dunn)
- Clean, vacuum and deodorize Edenwold
- Clean Shower and Lounge cars, including refrigerator and cabinets
- Clean Board Room
- Clean and light reorganization of Display Room
- Sweep Diesel Shop floor and clean / organization public spaces
- Plant wildflower bed near Malfunction Jct.
- Redo hours on entrance sign at gate

- Redo Diesel Shop entrance sign
- Prep and mount additional information signs on equipment
- Clean baggage car
- Clean Silver Plate (some cleaning needed before event so we can prepare and serve breakfast. I plan to work on the car the weekend of the March Board Meeting.)

To get some additional help, Charlie and I are considering inviting a couple of Boy Scout troops from Reno. Also, Phil Oels has often offered to lead some tree trimming and brush work around the property, so we could also include that.

For the breakfast, Steve is going to set up one of the light plants to power the Silver Plate and Charlie and I are going to bring in some portable gas and electric cooking gear. The tentative menu is:

Eggs

Sausage

Hash Browns

English Muffins

Mixed Fruit

Beignets

Orange Juice

Apple Juice

Coffee

Water

I will be working on the breakfast and will need 2-3 other folks to assist.

We have a sign-up sheet on the website. Information is going in the next Train Sheet and will be on the website and Facebook after the Board Meeting weekend.

Please encourage volunteers to sign-up and attend this work session. We are on track to have a very positive year and it would be great to start it by getting a lot of these clean-up and reorganization items completed.