

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Event Reports
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2018 WP CONVENTION

In the weeks since the 2018 Convention, I have received more emails complimenting the convention, the programs and commenting on how enjoyable it was than for any other convention I have been involved in, and by a large margin. I think I have received almost 20 emails at this point.

Our final attendance tally was about 80 people, with 60 attending the banquet. There were a lot of compliments on the quality and substance of the presentations, the menu for the banquet and the layout tours and special trip to Ogden.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this convention happen, in particular FRRS and RGM&HS member Jeff Pierce, Derrick Klarr of UTA / Frontrunner and Kerry Cochran for all their help. Also, a big thanks to David Elems, who ended up handling the Society sales table for most of the event, and to Marc Desobeau for donating an original painting for a silent auction to benefit the archives and the convention.

2019 WP – PCR CONVENTION

The 2019 Convention will be held May 2-5, in conjunction with the NMRA Pacific Coast Region convention, which is May 1-5. The convention will be held in Sacramento at McClellan Park.

As it is the 70th anniversary of the California Zephyr, I have been talking with Cathy and Ernie von Ibsch as well as several directors and members about making the theme of the convention the CZ and turning it into a celebration of the train and its people. We are looking at special Zephyr focused special events. One item I hope to have done for the convention is a reprint of Headlight 17 and 18 as a combined book. 2019 is also the 35th anniversary of the opening of the museum and will be WP 165's 100th anniversary.

LIGHT THE FIRE

Final ticket sales stand at about 90 people for the dinner tonight. Net income for the 165 is projected to be about \$3,500 to \$4,000, plus any money generated by donations and the silent auction.

WORK WEEKEND

The Work Weekend is coming up next weekend, May 19-20. I will be cooking the volunteer breakfast on Saturday in the Silver Plate. Charlie Spikes offered to purchase lunch supplies for Saturday as well.

We have some folks coming in from the community, but we can use all the hands we can get. There is a LOT of clean up to be done, which now includes the Shower Car thanks to the recent damage. Charlie and I are working on final list of "chores".

2018 MEMBERSHIP DINNER AND MEETING

We have not been able to find someone to head the set up for the Membership Dinner, although Janet Steeper and myself have volunteered to assist. We need to get someone to head this up and determine how to handle the dinner.