

Historical/Archive Department Report

5-8-2018

The 2018 Western Pacific Historic Convention in Salt Lake City is now a past memory. Eugene Vicknair had a great line up of presentations, along with several tours and layout visits.

I would encourage all that may have missed the convention to visit the WPLives.org web pages and specifically the Memories from the 2018 Western Pacific Railroad Historical Convention page.

[http://wplives.org/news\\_items/Memories\\_from\\_the\\_2018\\_WP\\_Historic\\_Convention.html](http://wplives.org/news_items/Memories_from_the_2018_WP_Historic_Convention.html)

**THANK YOU, Eugene.**

During the convention I was able to meet with attendees and discuss several items of interest about the Historical/Archive Department. One of the more prominent discussions was modeling and the *Headlight*.

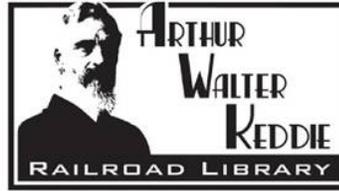
I will bring some of these discussions to the FRRS Board of Directors' attention in the next few months so that we may improve the Historical/Archive Department.

I would like to make a request to all members, please take the time to submit articles for the *Headlight*. We are very, very short on written materials for the *Headlight* and need more photos, articles and authors to help us get this publication back on-track.

We continue to get inquiries from members, and the general public, on materials that we may have in the archives. As we open the museum for this season, we will be looking for the requested materials and getting answers back to the requestors.

With so many of the archives not being cataloged or inventoried yet, we have had some difficulties in locating some of the requested materials. Each time I visit the museum (with the help of Paul Finnegan) we look for requested materials and supply the requested items to members and the public.

While not all the inquiries have been answered yet, we are still looking into pulling the information out of the Historical/Archive files in order to answer the questions. I have been able to answer some questions, however others are still pending.



Several inquiries came via email to the Museum Store, which in turn forwarded them to both Eugene Vicknair and me for answers.

I have been fortunate to have Frank Brehm as a resource on the Historical/Archive staff to help me in obtaining answers, or the correct resource to look for answers, for these inquiries along with Paul Finnegan who helps me all the time.

Paul Finnegan (the webmaster) and I have been working on getting more items/articles ready to be published on the web pages for the history of the WP and the FRRS. Paul has been a great resource in this endeavor, he has provided me with great insight in reviewing documents prior to publishing them.

If you have not visited the Historical/Archive department web page recently, please consider looking at them to see "What's New" in the Western Pacific Documents page.

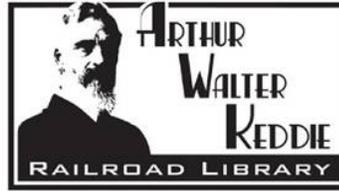
[http://wplives.org/wphistory\\_wp\\_documents.html](http://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html)

### **Needs for the Archives:**

We are always looking for help in getting materials properly stored and we need the support of the membership with helping supply storage materials for the archives.

Items listed below are needed to help keep our collection stored properly and should you wish to help us out, we certainly would like your donation and help.

- Computer Program to track all the Historical/Archive items (PastPerfect) is the computer program that I have been looking at, however I have not received a cost for that program as of yet.
- Archive Storage boxes for 35mm slides
- Archive Storage boxes for 8 1/2 X 11 materials



Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquiry about a donation, please get in touch with Eugene, Frank, myself or any member of the board of directors so that we may follow-up with the donor to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help us in the archive department.

Kerry Cochran  
Director, General Superintendent.