



# FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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Dear FRRS Member,

The Society ended 2017 and began 2018 with major celebrations for two of our most significant artifacts. In September 2017, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Western Pacific business car 106, better known as the "Charles O. Sweetwood". This is the unique Pullman observation car that served as a rolling Blood Bank during the Korean War. In April 2018, the museum hosted "Light the Fire", a fundraising dinner that honored our steam restoration crew and WP 0-6-0 165, while raising funds to return this 99 year old engine to operation in time for its next birthday.



Working inside the firebox of WP 0-6-0 165

Such events are high profile, but they are just two more pieces in an on-going series of projects to preserve the history of the Western Pacific. Thanks to the support of you, the members of the FRRS, work advances on our archives, including cataloging the existing collection and building our new Archives Research Facility. Mechanical work progresses on motive power such as WP F7A 917-D, recently returned to operation, and RAL stalwarts such as Quincy TR6A 1100 and U. S. Army H-12-44 1857. A recent work weekend and help from local Boy Scout troops saw major cleaning of the overall facility and improvements to displayed equipment such as Union Pacific DDA40X 6946.

The support of our members makes this possible. Please give generously to the FRRS and help us close out 2018 on a high note! On behalf of the Feather River Rail Society's Board of Directors, we thank you in advance for your continued support. The WP Lives thanks to YOU!

Wishing you all the best,

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As a 501c(3) non-profit supported primarily by the donations of its visitors and members, we depend on your contributions to continue our preservation, research and restoration programs. Donations may be tax deductible, please ask you tax professional.

Also, we are always looking for volunteers to help move our programs forward. And you don't even need to come to Portola. From your home you can write for our Headlight magazine, help coordinate special events, raise money for the Society or help with historical research.

We're also looking for people to help with our facilities improvements, mechanical work, operations, reporting events to the members, cataloging our archives and assisting with all the other items that keep a historic organization such as ours in operation.



*Western Pacific F7A 917-D recently returned to operation after heavy repairs. Cosmetic restoration work on the venerable covered wagon is next on the list. Here it passes sister WP 921-D near the sewer plant crossing on the day it returned to operation: June 14, 2018*

## **SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP!**

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### **Portola Railroad Days – August 24-26, 2018**

Come join in Portola's annual celebration of its railroading heritage.

### **Pumpkin Patch Trains – October 20-21 and 27-28, 2018**

The popular event returns for its third year, with more scares and surprises. Saturday nighttime trains will be running as well!

### **Santa Trains – December 8, 14-15 and 21-22, 2018**

Our annual winter celebration with homebaked goodies, visits from Santa and Our caboose train covered in festive lights.