



Historical/Archive Department Report

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The last couple of months we have been getting several donations of various railroad artifacts.

Some of these donations have come from Director Bob Sims who found a WP Diner 504 Silverware Wooden box, and CZ Silver Two piece try and cover set plus over 25 WP books that he had.

One of our new volunteers, Randy Morton, has been donating several WP artifacts including a book of San Francisco track plans, WP/SN/TS Joint Facilities book, WP/SN/TS Industry Switch Lists, Pacific Car Demurrage Bureau Circular No 1 Instruction to Station Agents and more.

I was contacted by a Mr. Duncan for an estate that indicated a certain collection of railroad books, magazines and video tapes be donated to us, and with the help of the Museum Store and the volunteers at the museum, on September 26<sup>th</sup> 25 boxes of books, five boxes of magazines and one box of video tapes were dropped off at the museum and placed into the container until I can get them moved into the archive car.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, with the help of Paul Finnegan, Eugene Vicknair and Chris Kaprielian and museum volunteers Greg Elems, David Elems, Ethan Doty a portion of Stephen Cavanaugh's Western Pacific HO layout was moved to the museum to become a new display. Look for more on this move on the website (soon) and a project to restore these sections into a tribute to Stephen's love for the WP.

We are still getting several inquiries and have been answering them as time permits.

One of the questions had to do with a gentleman working on a model train and wanted information on the Oro Dam Builders. One good thing about this request, we had an article in Issue of *Headlight* issue 13 that Kent Stephens did for us. I was able to get the person hooked up with the museum store for payment and I made a copy of *Headlight* issue 13 and sent it to him.

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.



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

Paul has also created a page on the website under the Historical/Archive pages to post some of the Questions/Answers so that we can direct inquires there for the same type of questions that have already been answered.

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)

We continue to add more materials to the Historical/Archive web pages.



### **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