

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Director Report
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LOCOMOTIVE TRADE and DISPLAY

Had a meeting last week with Brett Tallman and we are still on target to do the locomotive swap in November. Greg Elems is going to coordinate with Todd Roberts of the city.

RAIL DONATION

I am working on getting support letters from some of our county supervisors concerning possible donation of a large quantity of rail. Hopefully know more next meeting.

BOXCAR DONATION

In talking to Brett Tallman, he informed me of a Reading Company 50' steel boxcar that was built in 1939 that is available for donation in the Bay Area and asked if the FRRS would be interested. It does not have trucks or couplers, but does retain its roofwalk and high mount brake wheels. Reportedly it is watertight.

I found a photo of the car online (below) and was able to determine that it is a class XAe Automobile Boxcar. I can find no references to any of these being preserved.



This car would be an interesting and unusual addition to our late steam era / early diesel era freight collection, even not being a WP car. However, if the Board is not interested, I recommend that we contact Reading Technical and offer our help to them in preserving this car.

JEFF ASAY BOOK

Jeff Asay has a new book coming out in November called "The Iron Feather". It is a corporate history of the WP and SN. I have forwarded the purchasing info to the store.

I would suggest that we confirm Jeff's permission then advertise the book for pre-order through the Train Sheet, Headlight and our website / social media. We could even promote offering member discount on the book for non-members who join the FRRS as part of a package offer when buying the book.

2019 HISTORICAL PHOTO CALENDAR

I am nearly done laying out the 2019 Historical WP Photo Calendar. As we still have several 2018 calendars left, I am also proposing that we offer the calendar for pre-order as we did in years past. We can advertise a December ship date and then order the pre-order amount plus 25-30 for the store. That way we will limit our cost exposure and have cash on hand to cover the calendar printing.

PUMPKIN PATCH EXPRESS

I would like to make a special thank you to Bart Hansen and family who have secured donation of the haybales for the PPE and are also donating a portion of the pumpkins. This is a huge boost to the event.

GROUP TOUR

On September 30, we have a large group from an RV club called "Fiberglass and Friends" come visit the museum. I volunteered to act as their docent / guide and when I learned that there were about 30 people, Greg Elems kindly offered to join me as co-docent and lead two groups on a walking tour of the museum and our equipment. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and coordinate this group, and who gave them a caboose train ride, including Charlie Spikes, Loren Ross, Bil Jackson and KC Dunn.

I heard a lot of positive comments from the group and many expressions of how much they enjoyed their visit.