

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Old Business Item 1
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WESTERN PACIFIC HISTORY DAYS

At the last meeting the Board approved creating a replacement event for Portola Railroad Days to be held on August 2-4. With the WP Convention now out of the way, we need to start looking toward getting this new event together and publicized, as well as seeking out sponsors for the event.

Greg Elems and I have been discussing issues around this event. Also, as per Board directive I have been working to bring in the "Chiggen" as guest equipment. Greg has discussed approaching Union Pacific about having heritage locomotive(s) present.

One item we need to address is officially designating a committee to plan and execute the event. This should be done at this meeting.

Some ideas for the event that have been brought up by various members:

- Inviting modular model train group(s) to set up in the diesel shop
- Inviting outside organization like a classic car club or Animal Ark in Reno to provide demonstrations
- Having food vendors and craft vendors as we did for Pumpkin Patch trains
- Getting local scout troops to assist with facility set-up / clean-up and visitor management during the event
- Collectible / model train swap meet
- Historical actors performing WP related characters

Also, would probably be a good idea to reach out to some of the local folks who are looking to resurrect Railroad Days and make contact with them.