



FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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Dear FRRS Member,

Visitors joining us for the 2019 Pumpkin Patch Express trains will have a real treat this year! As you may have seen on the Society Facebook page or in various news postings, Western Pacific SW1500 1503, the last switch engine acquired by the WP, has been restored to full operation and received a repaint to its green and orange colors. The 1503 is slated to be pulling the Pumpkin Patch and Santa Trains this year and is a celebrated addition to the operational fleet. Check out the photos on the next page! No less important is the ongoing work to create our Archives Research Facility, which has completed primary installation of its climate control systems and has received new electrical wiring and main panel.

Your support makes projects like these possible. Our volunteers are working hard to complete the Archives Facility to improve our capabilities for sharing and caring for our tremendous collection of WP paper and photos. And we are looking to return another locomotive to service in early 2020: Alco S1 Western Pacific 512. This engine is projected to get a new set of batteries and new paint, as well as mechanical work.

To keep these programs and others in progress on track, we need the support of our members and all those who remember and celebrate the Western Pacific. Please give generously to the FRRS and give these projects the support they need entering next year. Also, please reach out to those WP fans who maybe are not yet members and encourage them to support the Society as its continues to build and preserve the largest collection in the nation dedicated to a single railroad family: the mighty Feather River Route!

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,

Eugene Vicknair
Director and Funding Department

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President

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.

PHOTOS OF WP 1503 in COLOR

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP!

Pumpkin Patch Trains – October 19-20 and 26-27, 2019

Come join in the fun with more scares and surprises. Saturday nighttime trains will be running! Haunted railcar, vendors and other special guests will be joining us!

Santa Trains – December 7, 13-14 and 20-21, 2019

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

WP Historical Convention – Oroville, CA – April 16-18, 2020

The 202 WP Convention heads to Oroville, WP's California gateway and the entrance to the fabled Feather River Canyon. Watch for registration details coming soon!