



FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

General Superintendent's Report

Kerry Cochran

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The Santa Train weekends are over and hopefully we had a very good turnout from the community. We had several members step up and help us with this event. Mr. and Mrs. S. Claus made their annual trek to Portola to help us out again this year.

I am sure that our President Greg Elems and Vice President Steve Habeck, and all the helpers are glad that the season is over, but I am also sure that both appreciate our help at all times at the museum.

While the museum is closed for the winter, there are still some of our volunteers coming in to the museum to keep up with the mail, the museum store, (limited to checking phones and email) and several other small items that need attention while we are closed.

Please keep in mind that we need volunteers throughout the year to keep the museum in shape in order to meet our visitors' expectations. Several of our members work through the winter to keep the museum safe and in good shape for the following season.

Check the museum calendar for important dates, opening of the museum is getting close and the operating season will be upon us before long. Plus there are other events you do not want to miss.

Webmaster note: The 2019 WPRM Accomplishments in the original General Superintendent's report submitted to the February 2020 FRRS Board of Directors meeting has been updated with the following. – Paul Finnegan 2/13/2020.

2019 WPRM Accomplishments

- 2019 WP Historic Calendars
- Steam Department
WP165 is moving along. Accomplishments included: injectors and piping, firing valve, smoke box cover, super heaters and new boiler tubes and filling the boiler for the first test for leaks.

Steam crew was very busy.
- WP55069 Reefer Car
The society was able to save WP 55069 wooden reefer car and move it to the Santa Clara Fairgrounds where it is now under restoration.
- 2019 Rotary Run
The first SP208 Rotary Snow Plow event was held March 22nd with a sold out snow plow seats to members and guests got to ride while the snow plow made a few runs around the balloon track.
- WP Historical/NMRA/PCR Joint Convention
We held the annual WP Convention in Sacramento with a special CZ theme, a special 70th Anniversary California Zephyr issue (similar to a *Headlight* magazine) was published and the CZ Zephyrettes Reunion and Program occurred.
- Community Talks
Eugene Vicknair spoke at several community events in Graeagle, Mohawk Community Center and the Plumas County Museum.
- WP 1503
Received a new paint job, received new radiators, received some electrical work and returned to train service.
- Graeagle Independence Day July 7th 2019
We hosted a FRRS/WPRM booth with display and membership information.
- Lionel Train Collectors Club Convention/Meet
In July we hosted 216 people at the museum for tours of the museum.

- Archive Car
The archive car received a new HVAC system. This system will heat, cool and humidify the car to protect our archive material.
We received several high profile members photo/slide collections this year. Watch for more information to come as we get these inventoried.
- Congressman Doug LaMalfa
Held one of his Town Hall meeting at the museum.
- WP Celebration
Not to take the place of Portola Railroad Days (there was none in 2019), the WPRM held the first WP Celebration at the museum August 3rd and 4th.
This included train rides on the caboose train, guided tours and the Nevada Gunfighters provided entertainment.
- Pumpkin Trains
- Santa Trains
- SN 1642 Caboose exterior restoration

Not to forget our:

Webmaster for keeping our website up to date.
RAL Coordinator and RAL Engineers for keeping the program going
The caboose train crewmembers for their work.
Four issues of the *Train Sheet* were published per schedule.

And ALL the volunteers who help all the time no matter what is taking place.

2020 WPRM Convention: Please look on the website for the latest information. The convention registration is now open. This year we will be holding the convention in Oroville at the Gold Country Casino Resort, April 16th thru 18th.

There are going to be several model train layouts open to visit on Sunday April 19th, so keep an eye on the convention pages for more information.

The convention staff can always use help to make the convention a success. Please contact Eugene Vicknair or Kerry Cochran and let him know that you can give us a hand.

Registration for the convention is now open; please visit the website to register for the convention at: https://www.wplives.org/news_items/2020_Convention_News.html
There is also a link for a mail in registration form on this page.

In addition, we have 2020 Convention cars on order. Accurail are building custom HO outside braced Pullman 40' wood boxcars from the 26001 series. Look for them on the convention pages also.

“As always, there are so many volunteers that help around the museum all the time and I would be remised if I did not say thank you to all of you. I may have missed some specifically by name; however all of your help is greatly appreciated”.

At any time should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, I may not have an answer right away, however I will get one for you.

Kerry Cochran
Director/General Superintendent