

To: FRRS Board of Directors  
From: Paul Finnegan, Webmaster  
Re: Museum Web Page  
Date: April 7, 2021

## ***WP Mileposts***

Several years ago, I took an interest in our archive's *Milepost* magazine collection. The Western Pacific published an employee newsletter, *Mileposts*. Two hundred and fifty-four issues were published from August 1949 through March 1983, just before the merger with Union Pacific.

Working with Kerry Cochran, I have been searching our archives and collecting the magazines, then sorting and cataloging which issues we have. My intention was to start scanning them and posting them to the Historical/Archive Department's web page. The old [WPRRHS website had a web page](#) that was "under construction" that said it would have them, but none were ever posted. My intention was to start scanning them last year, but COVID got in the way and I never made it to the museum to work on scanning them.

Kerry found a disk in the archives that had scanned *Mileposts* from 1954, 1955 and 1956 and uploaded them to our cloud server. I used them to create a new page "[WP Mileposts](#)" on the H/A home page and released it on 3/3/21. Within a day or two, I got an email from former FRRS member Steve Baldwin thanking me for posting the *Milepost* magazines. It turns out, he was the person who created the disk Kerry found and had left it with the Museum Store six or seven years ago to post on the website! After more email communications with Steve, it turned out he had many more issues scanned (and more unscanned that he is willing to scan for us) so he has been working with me to get more issues posted. I am most appreciative of Steve's help, and his offer to work with me, to get this project completed. He has saved me a couple hundred hours of work and advanced the project's schedule probably by at least a year.

As of 4/7/21 we now have 182 issues posted on our website. Additionally, I created a Google Custom Search Engine so a user can search *only* the *WP Milepost* collection on the web page. I also added a button that shows or hides a table of contents for each issue. There is also a button that show/hides all the tables of contents. The idea here is a user can show all the tables of contents and then use the browser's search (control f) to look for specific words in article titles.

## ***Mailtrain***

We continue to have members and the public signup on our "WPRM News" email distribution list on Mailtrain. We now have 180 email addresses, 18 have joined in the last month.

I crated a new private Mailtrain email list that has all the members of the Operating Department on it and used it to send out the first "Calling All Crews" email for the 2021 season.

## ***General Items***

3/12/21 – Posted material for March FRRS Board Meeting on Minutes & Reports web page.

3/15/21 – Updated status of QRR 1100, SP 2873, WP 1503 and WP 2001 on locomotive collection pages based on email from David Elems.

3/18/21 – Posted new modeling item from Kerry Cochran, [Modeling the Boxcar](#).

3/20/21 – Setup June 5 Crew Training Date on website.

3/23/21 – Added "FP45 in WP Colors?" to [Historical/Archive Department File Cabinet web page](#).

3/24/21 – Setup website for 2021 Train Operations:

- 1) I put a notice in the Latest Museum News about the June 5 in-person training.
- 2) I created a [News Item](#) on the News Archive Web page.
- 3) I added some more words to the Crew Training Registration web page.
- 4) I set up the Train Crew signup web page.
- 5) I set up and tested the Extra Board.
- 6) I sent out the CALLING ALL CREWS email (35 members).

3/24/21 – Sent out “[WPRM News Vol. I, No. 2](#) - Museum announces 2021 Crew Training for June 5, 2021” email to 170 subscribers (2 bounced).

4/1/21 – Posted Freight Car Classifications on [Modeling web page](#).  
Posted Oroville Jul 1941 Seniority Roster on [Western Pacific Documents](#) under the H/A web page.

4/6/21 – Posted notice in Latest Museum News that *Train Sheet* #188 (Jan/Feb/Mar) is in the print shop and email subscribers should have received their copy.