

# FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

## President's Report

December 2021

The contract with the hotel for the WP convention has been finalized. I am happy to announce Tom Hervey has agreed to do the banquet talk, third try is a charm.

The November 6th photography class held at the museum by Mark Vollmer was a success. While it was small, it gave us experience in holding a class and what works and what doesn't. There will another class offered May 21, 2022. This time it will be lead by Craig Moore from Action camera with Mark Vollmer doing the class room instruction. Craig is planning on having a couple of models come out to the museum for the early evening portion of the field exercises for class members to photograph in and around our equipment. Models and details with their posing requirements to be worked out. Also this time the class sign up will be through Action Camera.

Another idea is in the development stage, with once a month on a Saturday evening, we offer a two or three hour period to those willing to pay an extra fare. It will be advertised as a "Golden Light photo session with Mark" and he will be there to help with technical details in photographing in the sunset and blue hour. Again this will be a semi-class situation, minus the class room time and the public will not be present. Details on what Mark will be paid and how long we stay open for the class to be finalized. My hope in offering these opportunities is to get our name out in front of a new group of people and attract attention to what we have to offer.

Late November, we were contacted about an M-5 WP locomotive horn that belonged to Rod McClure becoming available. Phil Schmierer paid Gail \$2500. Phil and I drove up to Washington on December 1st and returned on the 3rd with the M-5 coming home to the museum. At this time, I'm not at liberty to give details about the sale other than it is back home at the museum. Bottom line, Phil and I have kicked in \$1000 towards the purchase and I would like the museum to reimburse Phil the remaining \$1500. If you would like to help the museum in the purchase, donations would gladly be accepted. On the same trip, I also brought home a

second M-5 that Rod had left at Phil's for servicing. So 2 M-5 horns have come home and will adorn the WP 1503 and WP 805-A respectively.

At this time it looks like UP is getting ready to scrap older freight cars, including some WP cars. I am in the process of getting details on what and where these cars are located. I'm not very confident that UP will turn loose of any of these cars for the museum in donation form. I would like to add them to our collection, at least a couple, to fill out our representation of later cars and the telling of the WP story. I'm hoping to find out who has bought them to scrap and deal with them, like we did years ago with the ACF center flow hopper we have at the museum. I am looking at a class of covered hopper that WP bought in the year 1980, a class of high cube box cars WP bought in the mid 1970's and hopefully on of the last box cars WP bought with the new image herald. If we are going to buy any of these cars, it will have to go before the acquisitions committee and the board.

Work on the 165 continues and Roger Stabler has plans for work sessions next year, weather permitting earlier in the year.

Work on the SN 1642 and WP 705 has stopped for the season. Other projects took manpower and time. I'm hoping that we can start working on them next spring. Help is still greatly appreciated for them.