



FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

General Superintendent's Report

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While 2021 is behind us, we start to look into 2022. With the rise of the next strain of the COVID virus, I hope that all our members, volunteers and staff take caution and remain safe.

During the last couple of years, I have tried to present to the membership and our hard working staff of volunteers on what has taken place in the previous year.

While 2021 presented some challenges to us, we were able to push ahead and get several things completed. Below is the list of Accomplishments for 2021

Thank you goes out to all that made this possible.

While this list could be longer, it highlights just some of the major work taking place at the museum.

2021 FRRS/WPRM Accomplishments

While the museum's operations were severely impacted by COVID-19 in 2021, many items were accomplished by volunteers and the museum staff:

- 2021 WP Historic Calendars were published and sold out.
- Steam Department:
WP165 project is moving along. A small core group of the steam crew performed more work on the locomotive moving it closer to completion. WP165 steamed up for the first time in 2021.
- During May we had the balloon track repaired along with some major work, replacing 335 ties with new ties and the outside rail replaced with newer rail.
- The Hansen's removed all the old scrap pallets from the parking lot.
- The Museum Store floor received a new coat of epoxy paint.
- The Museum Store had a major reorganization with some new sales desks.
- WP705 got moved toward the shops so the prep work can start on the paint project. Old lettering removed, sanding and spot priming started (on-going project).
- WP 1503:
Received some mechanical work on the radiators to keep it working for the 2021 season.
- Quincy RR 1100:
Mechanical work to keep it working during 2021 for use around the museum.
- Archive Car:
Completed work on moving more collection into the archive car, including some newly found slide collections. We received several high-profile members photo/slide collections this year. See website for the new Historical/Archive Collection pages.
- Annual election, members meeting and dinner held in June.
- Crew training held in person and online.
- Answered several questions for information on the WP through the website. (These are questions that are sent to the Archive Department.)
- Congressman Doug LaMalfa:
His office helped us get approved for a SBA loan (to help during the COVID-19 Virus) and his continued support to the FRRS.
- Received two additional grants for COVID relief/support.
- Aided in the founding of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway historical group.
- SN 1642 Caboose exterior restoration work (on-Going project).
- Tree, brush and weed abatement around the balloon track and the museum to keep the fire danger down.
- General clean-up around the Engine House.
- Hosted Historic Railroad Photography Workshop held in November.
- Published ten equipment books.
- Configured and installed three screenly systems for the Display Room, the Museum Store and the main entrance.
- Wi-Fi system upgraded at the museum.
- New internet switch installed at the museum to improve performance and improve remote support of local area network.
- Phone system rewired.
- New Museum Tour system went live and QR code signs were placed on over 100 artifacts at the museum.

Not to forget our team:

The volunteers who limited themselves to being in a very small group to keep the museum safe and in shape during 2021.

Webmaster for keeping our website up to date.

Four issues of the *Train Sheet* were published per schedule.

A new issue of the *Headlight* was published and sent out to the members.

Keep an eye on the FRRS website for new announcements and news.

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.

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Director/General Superintendent