FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Event Reports
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2025 WP-RG JOINT CONVENTION

REGISTRATIONS
We have approximately 22 registrations so far.

MAILER
The Convention mailer is complete and will be mailed out shortly after the fundraiser.

VIRTUAL CONVENTION
TSG Productions will be providing recording of presentations and presenting a virtual convention for those who cannot attend in person. The virtual convention cost will be $25.

SACRAMENTO MODEL RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE – May 17-18

Michael Coen, Greg Elems, Eric McKay and myself had a display booth at the SMRHS open house. We shared WP history and information on the museum and society with quite a few visitors and with the club members. They club is planning a group trip to the museum soon.

ARDENWOOD RAILFAIR – May 24-26

Michael Coen, Greg Elems, Eric McKay and myself also crewed a booth and sales table at the Ardenwood Rail Fair. We did right around $1,000 in sales during the 3 days, handed out a bunch of brochures and information flyers and made stronger connections with the Society for the Preservation of Carter Brothers Railroad Resources and met the new president of the Golden Gate Railroad Museum.

KAISER-FRAZER CAR CLUB – May 31

About half of the K-F Owners Club which was in Portola for a meet was able to come to the museum. Due to the heat that day, some of the owners chose to leave the area early. They received a guided tour and got to take a couple train rides. The group was very happy with the event and thanked the museum volunteers and staff for a great experience.

RV CLUB – June 3

About 20 members of an RV club from Grass Valley came to the museum on Tuesday, June 3. They received an in depth tour and then got to explore the museum, including a special look inside the “Charles O. Sweetwood” and looks inside the Troop Sleeper, UP 105 and WP 2001.

Several members expressed an interest in returning to do RALs. The gross from this club event was about $750 plus some donations.

MOTORCAR OPERATIONS – July 5-6

A reminder that the West Coast Railroaders Group will be operating their motorcars in conjunction with the caboose train on Saturday-Sunday, July 5-6. I am talking to the group and will work with the Ops Department on scheduling and operational details.

As I understand, we have another RV group and a scout troop coming to the museum in the near future. Also, there will be a wedding reception on August 28. We are working to encourage more group events.

If you know any car or motorcycle clubs, scouting or school groups, or people looking for a unique venue for a wedding reception, birthday, etc. please encourage them to contact the museum.

FALL EVENTS

We should start planning for Portola Railroad Day and the Pumpkin Patch Express NOW. We need to reach out to the community for someone to run the Haunted Railcar. Patty Clawson was going to reach out to the local youth clubs to see if anyone wants to do cookie and / or ice cream sales for these events. We also need to find a food truck. I have attempted to contact We Cook For You but have received no answer.