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Chris Skow and Ethan Doty have been busy in the Archive Display Room at the museum. Chris and Ethan moved all the display cabinets and painted the floor, boy does it look great. After finishing up with the floor, Chris and Ethan moved in two display cabinets and rearranged the entire room. Setting up some new displays and adding more materials to the room

Greg Elems and Ethan Doty also moved three display cases inside the building next to the museum store under the photos on the wall. Hopefully I will be able to get some more materials out of the archives and place them in the display cases for the public to view.

While during the off season, the archive staff has been working on several slide collections and cataloging more of the archive materials that we received over the winter.

The 2025 WP Historic Convention will be held in Sacramento California, on September 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th at the California State Railroad Museum. This will be a joint convention with the Rio Grande Modeling and Historical Society. Registration is now open for the convention. Please visit the website for registration information and hotel location and registration.

The convention committee has selected two convention cars for this year's convention. These cars will be produced by Accurail (made in the USA), a WP 40' DS Wood Boxcar and a D&RGW 40' PS-1 Steel Boxcar. Please order in advance on the convention website.

Each month we release new materials to the archive's web pages. Please be on the lookout for these new items. The new material is announced in the Latest Museum News column on the website.

Please understand this is a **"Work in Progress"** and several collections have not been inventoried or processed as of yet.

If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web page recently, please consider looking at them to see “What’s New” in the Western Pacific Documents page.

https://wplives.org//archives.html

We still need help in getting funding and storage materials for the Historical/Archive Department. Should you be able to help out, please let us know!

Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquiry about a donation, please get in touch with one of the archive staff or the archive committee to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

I would also like to thank the members who are at the museum taking in archive donations when I am not available. These members perform the needed help that I need when I cannot be at the museum.

Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

Kerry Cochran
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