Historical/Archive Department Report 9/9/2026

During the last few months, Ethan, Paul and I have been working on the SSW 23908 (Cotton Belt) archive car. We have cleaned up the car, moved several items into order and have started to sort some of the items that have been sitting for a number of years.

We have also started on the inventory numbering system for the car like the main archive car. This will help us when we place items into storage giving us a location number where to find some of the collections.

I have a number of photos that I am currently working on to get scanned so that we can get them posted in the Historical/Archive pages on the website.

As I reported in the last report, charter member John Ryczkowski has made a large donation of several drawings. As my time and funds permit, I have been scanning them and getting them saved in our cloud storage and soon to be posted to the Historical/Archive pages on the website

Our archive staff member Ethan Doty the magazine whisper, has done a great job sorting and inventorying our collection of train and modeling magazines. This has been a great help to the archives.

For those of you who will be attending the 2026 WP Convention next month in Oroville, you will see some of results of this work.

Speaking of the 2026 WP Convention, it's about three weeks out and we look forward to seeing everyone at the convention October 1st, 2nd, 3rd. We hope that more members and interested parties attend and make this a great convention.

On another note, Ethan Doty continues his work on sorting out and identifying several HO models that so not fit into our collection and/or are not something that we would keep in the collection. He has been placing them in the museum store for sale and most have been selling well.

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

We continue to work on getting several of the collections inventoried and cataloged.

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.

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

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