

## HELP PRESERVE THE WESTERN PACIFIC

Your contributions help tell the story of the Western Pacific and its people. Our members and volunteers also take an active hand in operating the museum, restoring and maintaining our rolling stock and building up our archives.

The Society produces two publications: *The Train Sheet* is the official newsletter concerning current events of the Society and *The Headlight* is a glossy, color magazine featuring articles on the history of the WP system.



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## The WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD and the FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

In December 1982, the last built transcontinental railroad ceased to exist when the Western Pacific Railroad was approved for merger into the massive Union Pacific Railroad system, itself part of the original transcontinental railroad. Always a frugal and innovative operation, the WP pioneered important industry advances still in use today, including diesel power, turbocharging, centralized traffic control, roller bearing-equipped freight cars, computerization and the use of concrete ties, just to name a few.

In 1983, the Feather River Rail Society was formed to preserve the legacy of the Western Pacific. The UP graciously donated many pieces of equipment and granted use of the former WP locomotive facility in the city of Portola. This 37-acre site includes a 16,000 square foot diesel shop in active use from 1954 until 1974 as well as 2-1/2 miles of track.



This facility is now home to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola. By the late 1990s, the FRRS had assembled what is considered by many to be one of the premier collections of equipment and archival material focusing on a single railroad family. This collection includes over 30 locomotives and 128 pieces of rolling stock, as well as corporate records, artifacts and historic photos and films. Visitors to the museum discover this is a hands-on facility where they are encouraged to climb into the cabs of locomotives and even run a locomotive themselves. The working diesel shop features an exhibit room and a variety of other railroad-related displays are located throughout the building.

Many unique and important items are preserved in the museum's collection, including the first diesel locomotive purchased by the railroad, the last operating locomotive built



to pull the *California Zephyr* passenger train, one of only five remaining WP steam engines, a 200-ton rail mounted crane, a passenger car once used for blood donation service during wartime and many of the WP's surviving corporate records.

The FRRS is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 volunteer organization. The continued existence of this museum and archives depends upon revenue gathered from memberships, donations, fundraising, admissions and store sales. Please help support our mission to preserve and protect the legacy of the Western Pacific and its people.

Portola offers many accommodations and services for travelers and is the only incorporated city in Plumas County. Located at an elevation of 4,856 feet in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Portola is 150 miles northeast of Sacramento and 50 miles northwest of Reno.

*Please join us and help preserve the WP*



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## RUN-A-LOCOMOTIVE

**You** can operate one of our vintage diesel locomotives with your own private instructor. Our World Famous *Run-A-Locomotive* program allows you to rent a vintage locomotive and operate it on the museum grounds with your own private instructor. A unique experience!

Different locomotive types and power available in blocks of 1, 2 or more hours! Groups welcome.



Gift certificates are available in the Museum Store or online. The *Run-A-Locomotive* program operates spring to early fall, weather permitting.

*Locomotive availability subject to change*

**Go to [www.RunALocomotive.com](http://www.RunALocomotive.com) for more information**

## Admission Fares

Purchase tickets in the Museum Store, located in our Historic Diesel Shop. FRRS members and those with guest passes get free admission and train rides.

*Run-A-Locomotive* includes admission.

Non-Members	Museum Admission	Train Rides	Cab Rides
Adult (19 and over)	\$10.00	\$ 4.00	\$20.00
Senior (65 and up)	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00	\$20.00
Military (active)	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00	\$20.00
Youth (5-18)	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00	\$10.00
Child (4 and under)	free	free	
Family (2 adults plus children 18 and under)	\$25.00	\$10.00	

Admission and train rides tickets are valid all day. Cab rides are for one run only.