

WELCOME to the 2024 Western Pacific Railroad  
Historic Convention, hosted by the Feather  
Falls Casino and Resort in Oroville, California.  
Produced by the FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY.

Oroville, California was always a major location on the Western Pacific. Set at the foot of the long climb into the Feather River Canyon, Oroville and Portola were the end points of WP’s Third Subdivision, traversing the railroad’s namesake route and arguably the most famous section of the WP. It was also a major terminal for the Sacramento Northern, which operated a branch into the city. Severed by flooding west of town in 1937, the SN line would operate as an isolated feeder to the WP until 1957 and was electrified until 1954. Today the Union Pacific and BNSF still operate the fabled Feather River Canyon Route, keeping the WP heritage alive!

Convention Special Events

LAYOUT TOURS:

- Walt Schedler HO Layout - 1140 3rd Street, Colusa
  - Thurs / Fri 4:00-8:00 PM, Sun 1:30-4:00 PM
- Gene Kuhn HO Layout - 4520 Dresser Road, Yuba City
  - Thurs 5:00-7:30 PM, Fri 4:30-7:00 PM
- Mike Andrews O Layout - 888 Southland Drive, Yuba City
  - Sunday 1:00-5:00 PM
- Northern California Transportation Museum
  - 5666 Bagget Marysville Road, Oroville - enter at white gate/
    - Thurs 3:30-5:30 PM, Fri 5:00-7:00 PM, Sun 1:00-3:00 PM
- Oroville Dam Tour - 917 Kelly Ridge Road, Oroville
  - Sunday, 10:30 AM



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday - April 10

- 11:00 AM Registration opens
  - Vendor Room opens for set-up
- 12:00 noon Registration closes for lunch break
- 1:00 PM Registration reopens
  - Vendor and Exhibit Room Opens
- 1:30 PM Meet and Greet
  - in Lobby and Exhibit Room
- Clinics and Shows..
  - 1:30 PM Work Trains of the Western Pacific
    - by Chris Skow
  - 2:30 PM Scanning and Digital Photo Retouching
    - by Eugene Vicknair
- 4:30 PM Registration closes
  - Vendor and Exhibit Room closes
- 5:00 PM Meet and Greet ends
- Afternoon and Evening Events..
  - 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM - Northern Calif Transp Museum
    - motorcar and equipment exhibit
  - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Walt Schedler Layout Tour - Colusa
  - 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM - Gene Kuhn Layout Tour - Yuba City

If you have questions...  
Ask one of our VOLUNTEERS

Friday - April 11

- 8:00 AM Registration opens
  - Vendor Room opens for vendor set-up
- 10:00 AM Vendor and Exhibit Room opens
- Clinics and Shows..
  - 8:20 AM Introduction
  - 8:30 AM Tidewater Southern Freight Trains
    - by Alan Barrett and Greg Elems
  - 9:30 AM Western Pacific Early 1980s Video
    - by Mark Freiberg, Larry Goss and Greg Elems
  - 10:25 AM Western Pacific ACF 3-Bay Hoppers
    - by Kerry Cochran
  - 11:00 AM Railroads Affected by the Oroville Dam
    - by Dale Sanders
  - 12:00 PM lunch break
  - 1:40 PM SN Freight Operations in the 1970s
    - by Jeff Asay
  - 2:30 PM Western Pacific and Nevada Northern
    - by Mark Bassett
  - 3:20 PM WP Tricked the Nevada Northern at Shafter
    - by Mark Bassett
  - 4:10 PM First Five Years of Service on the WP
    - by Jim Atkins
- 5:30 PM Model and Photo Contest Entries close
  - Vendor and Exhibit Room closes
- Afternoon and Evening Events..
  - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Walt Schedler Layout Tour - Colusa
  - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM - Gene Kuhn Layout Tour - Yuba City
  - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM - NCTM - motorcar & equipment exhibit

Saturday - April 12

- 8:00 AM Registration opens
- 9:00 AM FRRS Board of Directors Meeting
- 10:05 AM Vendor and Exhibit Room opens
- 10:30 AM Photo and Model judging begins
- 3:00 PM Photo and Model judging ends
- Clinics and Shows..
  - 10:15 AM CSRM Archives
    - by Claire Phillips
  - 11:00 AM Sacramento Northern in Oroville
    - by Stuart Swiedler
  - 12:00 PM lunch break
  - 1:40 PM WP’s Interactions with the N-C-O
    - by Gus Paoli
  - 2:40 PM The Nevada-California-Oregon Ry
    - by Shane Starr
  - 3:30 PM Western Pacific’s SW1500 Fleet
    - by Eugene Vicknair
- 5:00 PM Vendor and Exhibit Room closes
- 5:30 PM No Host mixer
- Evening Events..
  - 6:30 PM Closing Banquet
    - Guest Speaker: Chris Skow

Sunday, April 13

- 10:30 AM - Oroville Dam and Oro Dam RR Tour
- 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Northern California Transportation Museum
- 1:00 - 5:00 PM - Mike Andrews Layout Tour - Yuba City
- 1:30 - 4:00 PM - Walt Schedler Layout Tour - Colusa

Fundraising Raffle Tickets and Archives prints  
will be for sale at the Museum Store in the Vendor Room



Preserving “The Feather River Route”