

WELCOME to the 2026 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:

- Roye Family Layout -
- Thurs, Fri 4:00-6:00 PM Sunday 12:00-4:00 PM
- Walt Schedler HO Layout -
- Fri 4:00-8:00 PM
- Bill Gilbert Layout -
- Sunday 12:00-4:00 PM

- Northern California Transportation Museum
- 5666 Bagget Marysville Road, Oroville - enter at white gate
- Thurs 4:00-7:00 PM
- Oroville Dam Tour - 917 Kelly Ridge Road, Oroville
- Sunday, 10:30 AM

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Feather Falls Casino and Lodge
October 1-4, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday - October 1

- 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..

- 2:00 PM Frank Beavers Slides
- by Kerry Cochran
- 2:30 PM WP ACF 3-Bay Covered Hoppers
- by Kerry Cochran
- 3:30 PM Western Pacific HO Layout
- by Bill Gilbert
- 4:30 PM Registration closes
Vendor and Exhibit Room closes

Evening Events..

- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Roye Family Layout Tour - Chico
- 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM - NCT Museum open - Oroville

Convention proceeds and donations benefit
the WPRM / FRRS Archives

Friday - October 2

- 8:00 AM Registration opens
Vendor Room opens for vendor set-up
- 9:00 AM Photo / Modeling Display Entry opens
- 10:00 AM Vendor and Exhibit Room opens

Clinics and Shows..

- 9:00 AM Nevada-California-Oregon Ry Update
- by Shane Starr / Eugene Vicknair
- 10:00 AM WP Research for Modeling
- by Kerry Cochran
- 11:00AM Western Pacific Rotary Snowplows
- by Eugene Vicknair
- 12:00 PM lunch break
- 1:30 PM NE / SN Bridge Historic Dedication
- by Mark Karr, NCTM
- 2:00 PM Drift Busters
- by Dale Sanders
- 3:10 PM Going to College with the
Sacramento Northern
- by Alan Barrett
- 4:30 PM Model and Photo Display Entries close
Vendor and Exhibit Room closes

Evening Events..

- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Roye Family Layout Tour - Chico
- 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Walt Schedler Layout Tour - Colusa

Saturday - October 3

- 8:00 AM Registration opens
- 10:00 AM Vendor and Exhibit Room opens

Clinics and Shows..

- 9:00 AM Staff films
- by FRRS Archives
- 10:15 AM Stockton Yard and 2nd Subdivision
- by Greg Elems and Alan Barrett
- 11:10 AM 3D Printed WP Freight Cars
- by Tom Lawler
- 12:00 PM lunch break
- 1:30 PM Creating a Model Railroad with AI Tools
- by Eugene Vicknair
- 2:30 PM Modeling WP Boxcars in the 60s - 70s
- by Michael Coen
- 3:30 PM Western Pacific Marine Operations
- by Frank Brehm / Eugene Vicknair

- 4:30 PM Vendor and Exhibit Room closes
- 5:30 PM No Host mixer

Evening Events..

- 6:30 PM Closing Banquet
Guest Speaker: Randy Morton

Sunday, October 4

- 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Oroville Dam Tour
- 12:00 - 4:00 PM - Bill Gilbert Layout Tour - Quincy
- 12:00 - 4:00 PM - Roye Family Layout Ops Session - Chico
- 11:00 - 2:00 PM - WP Museum Caboose Train Rides - Portola

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



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



Preserving “The Feather River Route”

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