

Second Annual FRRS Southern Regional Meet

by So. Regional Staff

This year's Southern Regional Meet was held November 9, 1991 with a very successful turnout. Over 70 people attended the event with 13 new people joining the FRRS on site.

The day's events included clinics on the following subjects:

1. Easy to model WP freight cars by Tom Bacarella
2. WP Steel caboose clinic by Mike Mucklin
3. WP diesel paint schemes by Pete Arnold

Also included was an excellent slide presentation (a la Winterrail) by Vic Neves entitled "Remember the WP: the Final Years." His show was synchronized to music, and was an excellent representation of the Western Pacific in its final decade.

Ongoing throughout the entire day were the model and memorabilia displays and the popular vote model contest. Over 200 models of Western Pacific equipment were brought for display! The contest entries were the finest WP modelling efforts ever gathered. This year's contest winners were:

- Bill Mattil - diesel, highly detailed Athearn F7A
- Jim Brown - steam, beautiful HO Scale 2-6-6-2 Mallet
- Mike Mucklin - freight car, custom detailed and painted HO WP beer car
- Bill Mattil - caboose, modified Athearn WP steel bay window caboose
- Pete Solyom - passenger and M of W, CZ steam generator car & WPMW 37-9 cab

All the models, both in the display and the contest, were beautiful recreations and represented the Western Pacific

from early steam to the final diesels and rolling stock.

At the end of the day, the awaited raffle of gifts and prizes occurred. Contributions from many local hobby shops, Interurban Press and Flimsies™, as well as prizes from the FRRS Gift Shop helped make the raffle a very popular and successful occurrence. Last but not least, an FRRS Rent-A- Locomotive certificate was given away.

This year's meet organizer, Tom Bacarella, did an outstanding job in putting the event together. Participating in the organization with Tom were Dave Dodds, Mike Mucklin, and Pete Solyom. Additional recognition and thanks should also go to Dave and Skip Marshall for their time and effort involved in the FRRS Gift Shop, which, by the way, did an excellent amount of business during the day!

A special thank you is also given to Vic Neves for coming down from the Bay Area to give his presentation. Appreciation should also go to Bill Evans and Steve Habeck for representing the FRRS board in their Society/Museum update talk.

Lastly, much thanks go to Sylviane Bacarella, Sue Dodds and Sue Solyom for their help and support during the meet. Their assistance was invaluable!

We would personally like to thank everyone who attended this year's meet. We think that, without a doubt, its success was based on your participation.

Remember, start now on those WP contest entries and display models. We look forward to having an even better meet in '92. Please keep your eye out for upcoming notices. Until then, "Keep on Track."

Baldwin Update...

Our Baldwin AS616's are still on hold at M-K's yard in Boise, Idaho, pending an OK from Union Pacific to haul them to Portola. DODX flat cars have been ordered which will handle the load. We expect to be able to move the units within the next 2 months. Contributions for the loading and transportation are still needed.

We wish to thank the following for their contributions:

- Richard Kirker
- Steven Fauth
- Ralph Shafer
- George Comer

Upcoming Train Shows...

Great American Train Show,
San Diego Convention
Center, 202 C St.
January 25-26, 1992

Great American Train Show,
Pomona CA Fairgrounds
February 8-9, 1992

San Francisco Cow Palace
February 15-16, 1992

New Life Members...

The FRRS welcomes the following people as the newest life members:

- Dick Harley from Laguna Beach CA
- Dan Heilig from Westbury NY
- Richard Klammer from Penn Valley CA
- Warren Richards from Redwood City CA

How about you?