



# Report From the Board of Directors

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## Board of Director's Meeting October 11, 1992

On the publicity report, Hank Stiles proposed listing the museum in the Reno Yellow Pages. There is a March 1, 1993 deadline, so that this will be looked into more fully.

Lengthy discussions followed regarding various steam locomotives that may be obtainable by the FRRS.

Bruce Cooper had a vice-president from Wells Fargo Bank as a locomotive rental customer, and he asked him about obtaining grants.

The "Silver Debris" car was renamed "Silver Spike." Discussion followed about the complete refurbishing of this car.

On the publications report, Norm Holmes reported that he had checked with the printer in Salt Lake City on the re-printing of "WP Diesel Years." We will need to rephotograph each page, and to add an update on dispositions.

Norm Holmes reported on the Pacific Limited meeting held in Salt Lake City on October 2, 1992. All four groups agreed to form a non-profit corporation, the purpose of which is to operate UP, or other railroad, passenger excursions west of Salt Lake City at least once per year. Each group will have to contribute 1/4 of the needed car attendants for each operation. For late May 1993, there is a proposal for a 5-day run from Salt Lake City to Portland, Oregon in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail, including a 2-day layover at Baker City, OR.

The TRAIN Convention was discussed.

Discussion followed about the set up, publicity, and operation of 1992 Railfan's Day. Discussion included wanting 12 units operating next year, and the meeting for the set-up of 1993 Railfan's Day to take place in the summer of 1993.

The sale of our US Steel #12 (80-tonner) was discussed.

We have sent a request to Century Locomotive in Montreal requesting purchase of window frames for ALCO FA and EMD FP7.

The load box has been wired and set up using the rear dynamic brake grids of engine UP 6946.

Discussion of repairing or replacing radiators on MRS-1 locomotives was next.

Regarding an organizational chart, David Dewey has submitted a proposal for such a chart for the FRRS, and Norm has several charts from different groups. The board voted to table action on this issue until the next meeting.

Discussion of the purchase of US Steel #16 was discussed as well as the possibility of acquiring an ex-WP GP35 or GP40 from the UP when their respective leases expire.

Discussion followed regarding the "Silver Accordion" car. The board discussed what to do about it, such as cutting it down and repairing it for use as an open air car.

Discussion was next about reactivating and reforming the committee to decide upon what further equipment we should acquire and what equipment already at Portola we should dispose of. The committee of Kent Stephens, Bruce Cooper, Wayne Monger, Vic Neves and David Dewey will meet and will submit a report by February 1, 1993.

The board voted to hold an appreciation dinner for city and county government people who have helped the museum.

The board voted to purchase a 752-E6 traction motor for

engine MILW 5057.

The board discussed revising and updating the FRRS operations rulebook for its next printing. It will need to be reprinted before the start of the 1993 operating season.

Vic Neves brought up that we need to get a committee moving on plans for the FRRS 10th Anniversary "Covered Wagon" Gathering to be held on July 4th weekend 1994. Vic Neves, Steve Habeck, Dave Anderson, Hank Stiles, Wayne Monger, Skip Englert and Norm Holmes were to be included on the committee.

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Norm Holmes reported that Don Olsen's "50 Years of the Western Pacific" video is now in stock in the gift shop.

Extensive discussions of steam locomotive acquisition followed.

On the facilities report, Gordon Wollesen stated that work was going on finishing up utilities for the outfit cars on track 5. We will be installing openable windows, sewer line, and specific electrical work.

On the Publication Report, Norm Holmes reported that there was no response from the printing company about re-printing "WP Diesel Years."

The Pacific Limited group has submitted a proposal to the UP for the 1993 trip to Portland and have asked for a response from them before the end of 1992.

The great success of the TRAIN convention was discussed. People were impressed with how well it ran and with the seminars. There was discussion of the many good comments by the visitors who visited the museum by bus tour on November 4, 1992 about the efforts of the FRRS volunteers and the number of locomotives in operation. There was discussion of UP's John Bromley's keynote address and of a letter sent to the UP thanking the railroad for allowing the FRRS to have a museum at Portola after her 7-year old son participated in our "Rent-A-Locomotive" program.

The Baldwin S-12 purchase was discussed as well as the sale of 80-ton US Steel #12. Discussion followed about pros and cons of purchasing two of the other three Baldwin S-8/S-12 switchers at Pittsburg. The board voted to discuss with the owner the purchase of these two units for resale purposes.

The operations rule book revisions were discussed.

The board voted to acquire two wooden log cars from Pacific Lumber at Scotia, CA.

The board voted to allow the Sierra Division of the NMRA to use our dining car for two days for their meet and for model railroad clinics during 1993 Railroad Days.

Kent Stephens will check on the status and availability of some D&RGW wooden cabooses which are identical to the original series of WP cabooses.

Bruce Cooper has made contact with the owner of a collection of railroadiana that is on display in the Sparks, NV Post Office. The owner would be willing to donate it to our museum provided that it remains intact and under lock and key.

Norm Holmes announced, that as a Christmas bonus, a pocket calendar with the FRRS name and logo would be sent out to members who receive "The Headlight."