

CMO Report

By Hank Stiles

Once again it is time to report on the ongoing saga of equipment repair at the museum. At times we feel like the postman in that we will endeavor to do our duties come rain, snow etc. That may be a bit dramatic but it seems that spring will just not arrive. Cold and wet gets old fast but we hope for better weather soon.

The FR&W 1857 (Fairbanks Morris H-12-44) has been deadlined due to leaks in the oil cooler. After much searching for seals and gaskets and a \$1500 estimate for repairs, it was decided to by pass the cooler as we will not be working the engine hard enough to require the cooler. The fact that this repair could be effected for under \$500 did not hurt either. We have all the original parts stored so we can return the oil cooler to service if the need arises. This engine should be up and running after the May maintenance clinic.

All of the parts should also have arrived for the WP 2001 by the May clinic so we can replace the discharge elbow gaskets on the oil pumps. This will allow us to install the water pump and that engine will be up and running without dripping oil on the ballast. Gaskets had previously been ordered twice and both times we received the wrong ones. Thankfully with the help of Ray at RSI (EMD parts distributor) we finely received the correct ones. It seems that 2001 being the first GP-20 made it a little bit of an oddball. This may go in the rental fleet so we can take WP 921-D out of service for some needed repairs.

Once we get all the servicing of our in-service locomotives completed hopefully we will be able to sit, drink coffee and swap stories. This will also give us time to think about the other jobs that need doing. Please come up and help us drink coffee and tell your own stories, we need some new ones.

See you in Portola.

Track Chart Books Available

The Feather River Rail Society is pleased to announce a limited run printing of the complete track charts of the Western Pacific Railroad including the Sacramento Northern and Tidewater Southern. Reproduced from an original booklet dated January 1, 1981 the complete system is represented including all branches. Spiral bound and printed on high quality paper with heavy color covers which are protected by a clear protective sheet this will be a great addition to your collection. Printed size is 8-1/2 x 11 in landscape format.

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Summary of Recent Board Meetings

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March 2003 Board Meeting

Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 03-03-02

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 1, 2003.

Financial Reports – Removed from Consent Agenda under motion 03-03-01

Motions

Motion 03-03-03.. WP Convention Excursion 2003

Run a tour in conjunction with Train Unlimited, Tours as outlined in the original proposal. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Habeck. Motion withdrawn for modification.

Motion 03-03-04.. WP Convention Excursion 2003

Run a tour in conjunction with Train Unlimited, Tours as outlined in the proposal given to the Board, with the current financial risk identified as \$1,400 and to be funded, if necessary from budget line item 54090 – Special Events Expenses. Motion made by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 03-03-05.. Settlement of Issues Surrounding Quincy 3 Lease to V&T

Motion to accept Settlement Agreement Contract with wording changes recommended by Legal Counsel. Motion made by Director Habeck, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 03-03-06.. Lease of Quincy 3 to V&T

Execute Settlement Agreement, then request return of Quincy 3 with reconsideration of lease upon repair. Motion forwarded by Director Cochran, seconded by Director Vicknair. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director McClure who abstained – Motion carried.

Motion 03-03-07.. Zephyr Project Parts Trip Expenses

Authorization for travel expenditure for Director Vicknair up to \$1,700 as provided in the Zephyr Project report for parts inspection, pending confirmation that those funds are available from the Treasurer, and under line item 56490 - Zephyr Project. Motion made by Director McClure, seconded by Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Vicknair who abstained – Motion carried.

Motion 03-03-08.. Site Plan Modifications

Accept changes and modifications to the Site Plan as proposed by Site Committee and presented by Director Vicknair. Motion forwarded by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Stiles. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Vicknair who abstained – Motion carried.

Motion 03-02-09.. Alcohol and Drug Policy

Acceptance of Alcohol and Drug Policy as presented by Director Cochran. Motion forwarded by Director McClure, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor with the exception of Directors Stiles and Brehm who voted against. Motion carried. Director Brehm. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Director Vicknair who abstained – Motion carried.

THE TRAIN SHEET

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Motion 03-03-10.. Trade of Historic WP Materials

Trade WP materials for individual Life Membership and one issue of each available back issue of the Headlight subject to inspection of materials. Motion forwarded by Director Stiles, seconded by Director Habeck. All Directors present voted in favor, with the exception of Directors Brehm and McClure who abstained – Motion carried.

Motion 03-02-11.. Temporary Modification of Election Procedure

Temporarily accept the timelines as proposed by the Election Committee, for this year and this year only, in modification to the Nomination and Elections Policy. Motion forwarded by Director McClure, seconded by Director Cochran. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session to consider a personnel matter continued from previous meeting. President McClure reported that no action was taken with respect to the personnel matter discussed.

Items Postponed, Held Over or Continued

Quincy 3 Lease
Magnolia Tower
WPRRHS 2004 Excursion
Advertising Manager
PFE/WP 55742

April 2003 Board Meeting

Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

Consent Motions – Motion 03-04-02

Minutes – Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held March 5, 2003.

Financial Reports – Removed from Consent Agenda under motion 03-04-01

Motions

Motion 03-04-03.. PFE/WP 55742 Reefer Car

Acceptance of PFE/WP Reefer Car report as presented. Motion made by Director Vicknair, seconded by Director Holmes. All Directors present voted in favor – Motion carried.

Motion 03-04-04.. Museum General Manager

Creation of position of General Manager based on the written description presented. Motion made by Director Brehm, seconded by Director Stiles. Board consensus was to table this issue allowing Board members to review the description, forward commentary to President McClure. and have the item presented for action at the next meeting.

PRESERVING “THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE”

WP Lives, in Portola!

Mission Statement

The mission of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the history of the Western Pacific Railroad. The secondary mission is to preserve the history of the subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

Mission Goals

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the “Willing People” as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP’s influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP’s influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah

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Actions and Notices

Indian Valley Rec and Parks Dept, Greenville, CA requesting FRRS participation in 2nd Annual Sierra Nevada Chowder Cookoff to be held Saturday, Sept 27th in Greenville.

CMO Stiles is continuing to monitor issues regarding Quincy 3 on V&T RR.

Director Habeck and John Walker to update the FRRS/WP Display at the Portola Library.

Director Vicknair to explore costs associated with possible acquisition of SN boxcar 2349.

Reported that several pneumatic car jacks missing. Director Holmes stated that he had taken two to Virginia City. President McClure and Director Stiles advised there were three as well as some tools marked FRRS on the V&T property.

Portola Railroad Days: There will not be a carnival this year. Possibility of private cars on display, and expanded booths at the city park. The committee has requested that a percentage of any fundraising events go back to the city to help establish a fund for PRD events. This would not apply to gift shop or train ride sales.

Loren Ross and Director Breitwieser are working on RAL program and scheduling. There are currently 4 RAL engines up and running with a 5th to follow shortly.

Two inquiries regarding equipment trades/deacquisitions forwarded to A&D Committee for review. Items in question include ATSF diner, SP RS-32, SP SD9, BLW AS-616 and KCC Alco RSs. Crew Training weekend is scheduled for May 3-4.

WP Hospital broken into and fire hydrant leaking. Both issues being addressed.

WPRRHS Convention April 11-12. Domes Down the Valley Excursion April 13.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session to consider a personnel matter continued from previous meeting. President McClure reported that by consensus of the Board, direction was given to the President regarding resolution of the personnel issue and no action was taken. Also, no action was taken with respect to legal issues.

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Quincy 3 Lease
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PFE/WP 55742 reefer
SN 2349 boxcar

respectfully submitted by Eugene Vicknair, secretary

Upcoming Events

June (Cabooses Trains)

7 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting, 1 p.m., Bar-B-Que 5:30 p.m., Annual Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.
28-29 Amateur Radio Field Day

July (Cabooses Trains)

12 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
26-27 Porola Railroad Days

August (Cabooses Trains)

2 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
23 Volunteer Appreciation Day
23-24 Work Weekend