

WP Equipment Sightings



WP 713 works on the Richmond Pacific crossing Wright Street in Richmond CA.

Dan Furtado photo.

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Another issue deadline has come (Apr 30) and I sit here on May 2nd writing this out. This past 2 months since my last report was sent in with your sightings, we've seen some good stuff out there, a good range of cars and even a locomotive, but we'll get to that later in the report.

Bill Parker starts this one off with sightings of WP flatcars 13107 and 13117 sitting in the Roseville Yard on Feb 5, 2005. They were loaded with concrete ties.

Loren Dunlap reported sighting WP boxcars 38082 and 38306 headed north through Gridley CA on 3/2 at 1458 hrs.

Cliff Sturm spotted a good one. WP 86' Boxcar 86213, inside the General Motors Plant in Linden New Jersey on 3/5.

David Epling spotted WP Boxcar 66302, headed west just east of Portola on 3/5 at 1618 hrs.

Don Riley reported WP High Side Gondola 7718 in the city yard in Roseville on 3/13.

Ted in Davis reported a whopping 4 WP boxcars in the MRVJSJ on 3/27 at 11:40pm.

John Manter, making yet another cross country drive back to Maine, reported sighting WP Boxcar 38128 in an Eastbound Manifest just west of Evanston WY on 4/2.

Ted in Davis reported another pair of WP Boxcars on the

MSJRV on 4/8 at 0730.

Biff Byrum reported WP Boxcar 38289 sitting with a south-bound manifest in Roseville on 4/22.

Merrill Thurman reported sighting a WP 12xxx series Covered Hopper in a manifest at Baton Rouge LS on 4/30 at 2234. he further reports his last 5 road trips sighting WP 12xxx series hoppers on each trip. Someone buy Merrill a pad of paper. Just kidding, Merrill is one of this column's regular supporters.

That is the freight cars. I saved the best for last. WP GP7 #713, owned by the Pacific Locomotive Association in Sunol, CA has leased the unit to the shortline Richmond Pacific in Richmond CA. The locomotive moved from Sunol to Richmond on 4/18. Don Melcher was the first to report this locomotive's movement having stumbled across it at Mulford accidentally. Fortunately it stayed there long enough for him to go get a disposable camera for pictures. Richmond Pacific has leased the locomotive while their SW1200 #1268 gets an electrical overhaul and other major work. So for now, WP definitely lives in the 21st century as 713 turns a wheel for revenue.

That is all for this issue of the Trainsheet, remember to send in your sightings to me at frsweb@sbcglobal.net or to the WP List or FRS list. and above all, remember our battle cry:

WP LIVES!