

WP Equipment Sightings

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Well it is that time again, a new issue of the trainsheet and a report of your sightings. I am amazed at how much this has grown. In this issue we have over 65 reports for this issue. Remember there are 2 ways you can report your sightings, one is via E-mail, and 2 is via the NEW Discussion board now hosted at the WPlives.org website. So without further ado, On to the reports.

Via E-mail We start with:

Dan Crews.

Roseville CA, WP 12107 (Covered Hopper) and WP 13117 (Bulkhead Flat) April 9, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 38658 (Boxcar) Westbound May 26, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 3154 (High Cube Boxcar) Westbound June 7, 2005

Roseville CA, WP 38002 (Boxcar) June 13, 2005

Roseville CA, WP 38502 (Boxcar) June 19, 2005

Tehachapi CA, WP 2248 (Flatcar) June 23, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 38093 (Boxcar) June 26, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 38175 (Boxcar) June 26, 2005

Roseville CA, (2) WP Boxcars. Unable to get the numbers June 27, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 66317 (Boxcar) (UP 4634 west) June 28, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 65680 (Boxcar) Westbound Manifest June 29, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 65638 (Boxcar) Westbound Manifest June 29, 2005

Dan Crews also starts off July (Not only does Dan live right next to the Union Pacific Winnemucca Sub, but he travels a lot)

Sparks NV, WP 11812 (Covered Hopper) July 5, 2005

Roseville CA, WP 38403 (Boxcar) July 5, 2005

Roseville CA, WP 67053 (Boxcar) July 5, 2005

Roseville CA, WP 65684 (Boxcar) July 5, 2005

Roseville CA, WP 67053 (Boxcar) July 17, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 66343 (Boxcar) July 20, 2005

Doyle CA, WP 65531 (Boxcar) July 21, 2005

Roseville CA, 38720 (Boxcar) July 22, 2005

Roseville CA, 65429 (Boxcar) July 22, 2005

Roseville CA, 65608 (Boxcar) July 22, 2005

North Highlands CA, 38026 (Boxcar) July 23, 2005

North Highlands CA, 65681 (Boxcar) July 23, 2005

North Highlands CA, 65658 (Boxcar) July 24, 2005

Roseville CA, 38518 (Boxcar) July 24, 2005

Chris Bekaris also had a good July

Roseville CA, 38254 (Boxcar) July 5, 2005

Roseville CA, 38251 (Boxcar) July 20, 2005

Roseville CA, 38195 (Boxcar) July 20, 2005

Roseville CA, 86122 (Auto Parts Boxcar) July 20, 2005

Roseville CA, 38404 (Boxcar) July 25, 2005

Roseville CA, 38275 (Boxcar) July 25, 2005

Roseville CA, 65608 (Boxcar) July 28, 2005

Roseville CA, 65429 (Boxcar) July 28, 2005

Gobble3gook Ted in Davis CA reported an EB manifest through Davis with a WP Feather Boxcar in the consist.

Roger Burdick reports WP 7718 in a work train in Colfax CA on July 20, 2005. As of press time, the car is still there.

Bill Gilbert reported WP Boxcar 65681 in Roseville on July 23, 2005

Pat and Linda Brimmer spotted 3 WP boxcars while traveling home to Utah from the Museum July 25, 2005, they were all boxcars and located at Elko, NV, an EB Manifest 50 miles west of Salt Lake City UT, and at Morton Salt Co, 30 miles outside of Salt Lake City.

August starts us off with the mother of all sightings. The Museum Road Caboose WP 484 was freshly re-painted and went east to Cheyenne WY with a Union Pacific hospital train crewed by the Museum's own Rod McClure and Steve Habeck. Even more significant was how the caboose came back to the Museum. Steve Lee, head of the Union Pacific's steam program tucked the 484 in behind the Auxiliary water tenders and returned the 484 safe and sound to the museum with the Western Heritage tour train headed up by the UP Challenger 3985.

First up is Dennis Felton who reported WP Boxcar 65663 in Bellevue OH on Aug 1, 2005

Merrill Thurman comes in next with WP 10208 (2 Bay Open Hopper) in Pryor OK on August 4, 2005

Bill Gilbert comes in next with a pair of sightings.

Oroville CA, WP 12048 (Covered Hopper) August 5, 2005

Layman Camp CA (Feather River Canyon). WP 38728 (Boxcar) August 12, 2005

Tom Kummell comes in next with a WP Covered Hopper at Elvas Tower August 15, 2005.

Rounding out the E-mailed information is a visit to the Roseville Area by David Epling and Russ Johnson on August 13, 2005. The last 3 were in a parked train just west of McClelland AFB.

WP 67016 (Boxcar)

WP 67021 (Boxcar)

WP 65621 (Boxcar)

WP 65605 (Boxcar)

Just when you thought it was done...along comes the reports from the PRM Discussion board. I am going to use user names instead of real names unless provided in the signatures.

August 3rd, Seth Adams reported multiple WP boxcars around Eugene OR

August 6th, User AC60W reported WP Boxcar 66347 on the QPDRV in Roseville CA

August 7th, User AC60W reported WP Hopper 12061 on the MRVOA in Roseville CA

August 8th, User GTE reported BAEX 460, a former WP boxcar WP # N/A Eb at Sparks NV

August 16th, User Tkrummell reported WP Hopper Number N/A at the Arden O/P in Sacramento CA

August 8th, User GTE reported WP Hopper 11687 in Sparks NV

August 27th, User zblindman both reported WP Hopper 11687 in Alta CA headed towards Sparks NV

I gave a lot of thought as to whether or not we should include UP 1983 in this listing, I decided not to include it because it is not a real WP unit.

In Memoriam: WAMX 2506 ex WP 3009, working on the Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad (Watco owned) was involved in a collision with parked tank cars in Nickerson KS on August 19, 2005. The damage looks to be terminal. Photos are available at the following URL:

<http://www.railroadforums.com/photos/showphoto.php?photo=28807&cat=576>

And that brings us to the end of this report through the end of August. Remember to send in your reports to me at frrsweb@sbcglobal.net or you can post them to the FRRS Discussion board. the link is on the FRRS/PRM website located at <http://www.wplives.org> Remember our battle cry...WP LIVES!