

hopefully we can set it up occasionally inside the engine house as a replacement for the old HO layout that used to be in the gift shop.

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Andy Anderson ran 5 hours of RAL's. John Walker packed for upcoming excursion train concessions. Kevin Caldwell and Hank Stiles completed last minute servicing of WP 2001, which will now be used on an excursion on the McCloud Railway.

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Norman Holmes ran RAL's. Kevin Caldwell, Brittany K. and Hank Stiles worked on mechanical items while Rod and Steve set WP 2001 out for transport to McCloud.

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## WPRRHS Report

- Thom Anderson, WPRRHS Admin

A column in the Headlight titled "W.P. Model Report" has not been seen in the magazine since the passing of Pete Solyom, who wrote the column on a regular basis. The column covered new WP-related products that had either been announced or reached the marketplace. The Headlight staff is looking for someone to volunteer to collect this information to appear in the Headlight, and probably the Train Sheet as well. Anyone interested in volunteering for the position should contact Administrator Thom Anderson or Headlight Editor Dave Pires either through the Society P.O. box or via e-mail at [dpires@pacbell.net](mailto:dpires@pacbell.net). Meanwhile, Editor Pires and I will fill in. We both model in HO scale, so we could use information on other scales from those of you out there that model N, S, O, or any other scale (besides 12"=1').

The first batch Broadway Limited HO scale California Zephyr are reported (as I write this) to be on the dealer's shelves as you read this. Broadway has also released a model of a Railway Express Agency express refrigerator car. A single car and a two car set are being made with WP lettering. WP ran these cars until 1947. The model I viewed looked well done, however I had no photos or other information to make any comparisons to the prototype.

A few other HO products on the market include the following:

..Athearn released an early version Pullman-Standard 60-foot auto parts boxcar in WP paint with yellow lettering and two different numbers available. A late version without the roofwalk with white lettering will be available soon in at least two different numbers.

..InterMountain has announced an FP7 locomotive, though they have not thus far announced WP as one of the roadnames.

..Life-Like (recently purchased by Walthers) is releasing a U30B in WP silver and orange paint that can represent the first 5 units owned by WP. Society member Rick Schonfelder, who lives in Australia, reported that they were on the dealer shelves "down under" already. The model has the correct Blomberg trucks and the handrails are very well done, but does not come with the correct horn. Rick likes the color of the orange paint used on the model, but the lettering "looks a little big" to him.

..Kadee recently released their PS-2 covered hopper in WP with two different car numbers (11301 & 11330).

The headlight staff is working on an issue with a Sacramento Northern theme. At the risk of sounding like a broken CD (gotta keep up with the technology!), we sure could use some more photos and articles.

Loren Dunlap is preparing the 2006 WPRRHS convention, to be held in Chico on April 7-8. If you would like to help out, contact Loren at [dunlapl@comcast.net](mailto:dunlapl@comcast.net). Registration forms, etc., will be going out in early 2006, and more information will be forthcoming at that time.

With the retirement of Norma Hayes handling the convention raffle after the 2005 convention, we are looking for volunteers to help out with the convention raffle. Anyone interested in helping should contact Administrator Anderson through the Society P.O. Box or at [wpthom@hotmail.com](mailto:wpthom@hotmail.com).

On behalf of the Headlight staff, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!