

2008 WPRRHS CONVENTION

The 12th Annual Western Pacific RR Historical Society Convention will be held April 11-12, 2008, in Sacramento, California. The convention will be at the Clarion Hotel Mansion Inn, located at 700 16th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

Additional information on the 2008 WPRRHS Convention can be found on the WPRRHS webpage (www.WPRRHS.org or reachable by link from the Society's main www.WPLives.org website). Tickets are available by mail or, for the first time, on-line via PayPal. Ticket prices are:

- Deluxe Fare with banquet: \$65.00 per person
- Convention only: \$35.00
- Banquet only: \$30.00
- Convention (on-site registration) \$40.00

Note that Deluxe Fare Ticket and/or banquet are not available if your registration is received after April 4, 2008. As always, there is no charge for non-rail spouses to attend the convention, only for the banquet. If you have any questions, please contact 2008 Convention Chairman, Tom Campbell via email at wpcon2008@yahoo.com.

Sacramento was, of course, an important point throughout the Western Pacific's history. The railroad's main shops were located here until the Stockton Diesel Shop was built in the 1970's. After that, the Jeffrey Shops continued servicing freight cars. Sacramento was also home to subsidiary Sacramento Northern and was the

northern terminus for subsidiary Central California Traction Company. When the WP embraced Centralized Traffic Control, the dispatching center was located in Sacramento, right behind the depot at 19th and J Streets. The depot still stands today, housing a Spaghetti Factory restaurant.

The presentations scheduled for this year are:

- ..Sacramento Northern's Belt Line - Bill Burg
- ..WP Covered Hoppers - John Ryczkowski
- ..Railroad Firefighting Equip. - Paul Beckstrom
- ..Last 4 Fs Plus 1 - Larry Hanlon
- ..WP 426 Class Cabooses - Mike Mucklin
- ..WP Brass Locos in HO Scale - Bill Gilbert
- ..Sacramento's Streetcar Suburbs - Bill Burg
- ..Design of the Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society's New Layout - Bob Rohwer
- ..Painting WP Diesel: 1941 to 1981 - Bill Gilbert
- ..Photography and the Collector - Allan Lamb
- ..Bringing Home the Keddie Wye
 - Jim Pendley & Scott Brons
- ..WP-SP Detours - Randall Cape
- ..Foreign Cars on the CZ - Bob Webber

Our keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet will be Andy Kinicki, a 30 year veteran railroader (most of it with the WP) who retired in 1983 as Director of Safety and Rules. He was instrumental in dispatching the bicentennial units to arrive for the Keddie Wye photo op and this story will make up at least part of his presentation.

Be sure to join us for a great time at the convention!

2008 MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY

The FRRS is expanding upon our traditional Membership Dinner and Meeting, held annually on the first weekend of June. Starting this year, we will be holding a full day event celebrating the members of the FRRS and hosting special events at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum.

All members of the Feather River Rail Society and their families are invited to enjoy a day of fun and games at the museum on Saturday June 7th, 2008. Events will include a BBQ, music, prize raffle, special equipment displays, train rides and a variety of games and activities. There will also be a "State of the Society" Address by FRRS President Rod McClure and a Board of Directors "Town Hall Meeting". The day will close out with a video presentation: "Western Pacific RR Museum – 2007 Year in Review", a preview of special events for the Western Pacific 100th Anniversary in 2009-2010 and a WP Employees Fireside Chat.

Look for more events to be added in the coming months. More information can be found in the next issue of The Train Sheet and on the museum website at www.WPLives.org. This event is FREE to all FRRS members and their families.