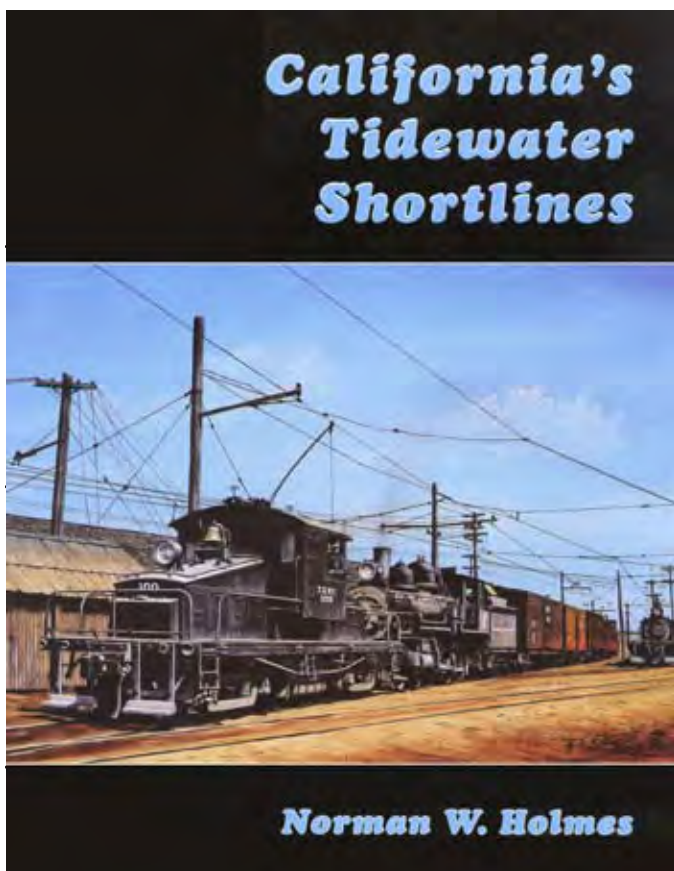


NEW NORM HOLMES BOOK

Chief founder and long-time FRRS director Norman Holmes has a new book out: "California's Tidewater Shortlines." This book covers the shortline railroads that reached or worked the docks on navigable water in Northern California. Roads covered include the Tidewater Southern, Central California Traction, Stockton Terminal & Eastern, Howard Terminal, Alameda Belt Line, Oakland Terminal and the State Belt in San Francisco. Many rare black and white photos can be found inside, as well as some color photos. There are rosters for most of the lines covered.

128 pages softcover, published by Shade Tree Books. Norm's new book is available through the FRRS Gift Shop and via the On-Line Store at <http://giftshop.wplives.org>. Price is \$32.95 and FRRS members get a discount when purchasing through the store.

New items, including models, books, DVDs, drink mugs and shirts, are being added to the On-Line Store on a regular basis. All proceeds go to support the FRRS and our mission of preserving, restoring and presenting the Western Pacific Railroad for future generations.



DINING IN THE DINER

- Eugene Vicknair, Zephyr Project Manager

As part of the Membership Appreciation Day on September 26, the volunteers working that day got a unique chance to enjoy a meal cooked and served in our *California Zephyr* dining car "Silver Plate". I was joined by Vicki and Deborah Epling, Cheri Johnson and my mother, Mary Ann, in cooking a breakfast of waffles, bacon, beignets (a French-Cajun pastry) and fruit.

Since the appliances in the "Plate" are not functioning yet, a set of electric cooking equipment was brought in to prepare the food (Thanks to Dave and Vicki Epling for loaning some of the appliances). Steve Habeck and Seth Adams have been working hard to get the electrical and sound systems working in the car and both got a workout on that Saturday morning. The volunteers filed in before the event started and were met by a wave of bacon smell wafting from the kitchen.

Everyone had a great time during our first, "full-up" meal cooked and served in the "Plate". The beignets were a big hit and everyone just could not get enough bacon. According to comments made by a CSRM docent when we were moving the car, this was likely the first full meal prepared in the car in almost 30 years.

During the UP 844 layover, we held our first dinner in the car. It was a catered meal for several of our large donors. Lena's Cantina in Portola provided the food for that event, which featured myself and Tom Carter acting as waiters, complete with black aprons featuring CZ and WP pins.

Thanks to everyone who helped out to make these events a success! We will be holding more events in the Silver Plate in the coming year.



Coming next issue, a report on the special Mini-Zephyr train that ran up the Feather River Canyon and was on display at the Museum, as well as the recent work on the 805-A and the Silver Plate .