

VOLUNTEER DAY 2013

On April 27, 2013, the FRRS will hold our first ever Volunteer Day. This is an event designed to give members old and new a chance to learn about the various departments, programs and projects that one can volunteer for at the Society. Department Heads, Project Managers and current volunteers will be on hand to explain aspects of their programs, give tours of the museum facility and answer your questions.

Departments and projects you can volunteer for include Archives, Operations, Mechanical, Steam Restoration, Fundraising, Zephyr Project, Facilities, the Museum Store and Publications. Also, we're always interested in folks who want to take on special projects.

You can tour the volunteer support facilities and learn how to make reservations to stay at the museum and what accommodations are available to members. The day will end with a members only dinner.

Please join us on April 27 and learn how you can help the FRRS in its goal to keep the Western Pacific alive!

Visit the WPLives.org website for more information.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 1, 2013 is the date for our annual Membership Meeting and Dinner. This annual event is a great chance to meet and catch up with other members, tour the museum and learn what has been happening and what will be happening with the FRRS.

The event starts with dinner at 5:30 PM after the museum closes to the public. The Membership Meeting follows at 7:30 PM, which includes the results of the Board of Directors elections. Typically, the evening finishes off with a multimedia show and discussions of WP history.

Mark your calendar and join us at the museum on June 1. That day is also one of our two Operations Department crew training / rules exam sessions.

Crew Training and Rules Exam for 2013 will be...

May 11 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

June 1 – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

WP 165 PROGRESS

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

The first Steam Work Session of 2013 is going to be a big one! After years of dismantling, we're going to be putting some very big components back together.

If all goes according to plan, during the week of April 20-27, we will have two heavy lift cranes at the museum with the goal of placing the 165 back on her drivers. A lot of work has been going on both at the museum and away to prepare for this major event. We need many hands to make the work light. Won't you please join us?

Also, the superheater flue fundraiser is nearing its goal! We have 18 of 24 flues covered. With only 6 more to go, your help is needed to finish this major milestone. The donation for each flue is \$350. Please visit the WP 165 news page at wprsteam.blogspot.com for information on how to donate.

The next steam work sessions in 2013 are scheduled for Thursday, July 18th through Saturday, July 20th and Thursday, September 26th through Saturday, September 28th.



Looking tired and ragged, WP 0-6-0 165 waits for an uncertain future near the end of WP's steam days. Today, she is getting nearer to being the first WP steamer to operate in over 30 years.

WP 165 needs your help. Steam engines run on 4 things: fuel, water, rails and money. We've got 3 of those in abundance, but your help is needed for the last one. To donate to the 165, you can post mail a check to Steam Department - FRRS, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122. Or go on-line to the WP Store: giftshop.wplives.org. Click on Monetary Donations and select 165 Donation to support the return of steam to Portola.