

The online archive now has almost all The Train Sheets issues going back to the formation of the FRRS in 1983. The archive is under the “News” pull-down menu on the web site. Train Sheet #167 was added to the online archive and the master index on April 1st. The master index is designed to help the user easily find specific articles or topics in the archive.

Our collection of rolling stock is one of the strengths of our museum. The web site has a large number of photographs and information about many individual pieces. Under the “Museum > Museum Rolling Stock” pull down menu is a set of pages showing many of our locomotives, passenger cars, freight cars, etc. Some of the items in our collection (e.g. WP 805A) have their own “mini” web page. I have enhanced the revision control system I developed for managing our web site to now search the Train Sheet archive and insert links into the collection web pages to the individual Train Sheet articles about the item. The revision control system will automatically update the article links each time the Train Sheet archive is updated. I hope the users will find this very helpful when researching a particular piece of our collection.

I created a new passenger car web page for the WP 106. I found a large pdf file, *A HIGHER CALLING – the story of Western Pacific’s “Charles O. Sweetwood”*, prepared by Eugene Vicknair that did not have any links to it. The history is very well done and tells a tremendous story. To share this document I created the web page for the car and added it to the passenger car web page under the “Museum > Museum Rolling Stock” pull-down menu.

Ethan Doty, the Assistant Roadmaster, called a work day for March 26th to work on the west 1/2 switch. I added this to the Museum Event Volunteer Sign Up system. He took some photos at the event and sent them to me so I could create a new “Track Work” gallery on the WPRM Photo & Video Gallery web page under the “About Us” pull-down menu. Ethan also wrote captions for each of the photos. Take a look to see what the team did. If you weren’t

there this time, please feel welcome to come join in next time! Watch the Museum Event sign up and *Latest Museum News Update* on the home page for future opportunities.

We used the newly developed Crew Training Material web page for our annual rule training and exam sessions on April 9th and 10th. We had fourteen students (and three instructors) on Saturday and eleven students on Sunday. I created a down-loadable, static copy of the appropriate sub-set of the web site to use at the training. It can be loaded on a memory stick or disk drive and functions just like the real web site. We used it at training and therefore the training class did not require internet connectivity. All the material we used is available on line on the Museum > Operating Department > Crew Training Materials page.

We showed the new “*Use of Hand and Lantern Signals for Train and Engine Movements*” training video produced by the Operating Department at the training. You can view it on the Crew Training Materials page or on the “About Us > WPRM Photo & Video Gallery” web pages. It was filmed on site at the museum.

With very short notice, the Operating Department learned a school group was coming to the museum on Thursday April 21st. It was added to the “Operating Dept Crew Sign Up” tool which helped pull a crew together so we could run a caboose train for the visitors. I am always looking for feedback, content and new ideas.

If you have some, please don’t hesitate to contact me at webmaster@wplives.org.

Museum Web Page Update – June 2016

–Paul Finnegan, Webmaster

In early June an extensive suite of web pages about the history of the Western Pacific was released. Some of the material is from the old WPRRHS web site, some of it is new. It is under the Historical/Archive Department on the Museum pull-down menu. Eugene Vicknair gave an overview of the new pages at the 2016

Membership Meeting at the museum on June 4th. There are several more web pages under development that will be added when they are ready.

Are you interested in past articles from the *THE WESTERN PACIFIC Headlight*? The expanded Historical/Archive Department web page has information about all the issues of *THE WESTERN PACIFIC Headlight*, the Feather River Rail Society's journal of WP history. There is a web page showing the list of articles for each of the 49 issues and which back issues are available for purchase from the museum's gift shop. Peter Arnold is working with me to create a Master Index of the articles from all of the *Headlight* issues. The index is a work-in-progress and will be released as progress is made.

While exploring the museum, have you had questions about a piece of rolling stock you were looking at? An extensive set of equipment and railroad information signs have been created and are being installed around the museum. Additionally images of these signs are now posted in the *Train Sheet* Master Index. Find them on the web site via News -> Train Sheet Archive -> Train Sheet Master Index under "Signs." They are also listed under the name of the related equipment, e.g. "WP 123 Sign."

The last missing *Train Sheet* issues have been acquired, scanned, indexed and added to the *Train Sheet* archive. Now all 167 *Train Sheets* more than one year old are online. Special thanks go to Frank Brehm, Kerry Cochran, Matt Elems and Eugene Vicknair for providing copies of the old issues. As new issues reach their one-year publication date anniversary, they will be added to the archive and the index.

Have you recently moved, changed your phone number or email? If so, a new "Membership Change of Address" online tool is available for your use to inform the membership team of your new information. You can find the tool on the "Members" pull down menu or from the "Membership" or "Contact Us" web pages.

Is it time to renew your FRRS membership?

There is a new tool on the Members pull-down menu and Membership web page that will let you renew your membership online. It also allows you to indicate your areas of interest so we can help you find out more about various volunteer opportunities where you can participate. Did you know you can receive a color version of the *Train Sheet* via email? The online renewal page lets you specify if you want to receive your *Train Sheet* by email instead of by traditional mail.

We continue to post new photos and videos on the WPRM Photo & Video Gallery under the About Us pull-down menu. Check it out to see what's happening at the museum.

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Caboose Trains

Ken Finnegan is seen here on the rear of UP25732 on one of the early runs of the day. Ken was the conductor for the caboose trains on 9 July 2016.

-Matt Elems Photo