

Working with Kerry Cochran and David Elems, I have released a new Mechanical Department Web page on the Museum pull-down menu. We expect that this will grow over time and capture information and materials important to the Mechanical and Operating Departments at the museum.

Working with Kerry Cochran and the Safety Committee, a new Museum Safety web page was created on the Members pull-down menu. This is intended to be the central point of contact for safety material on our website. This is also a work-in-progress and is expected to have more material added to it over time.

Museum Web Page Update - October 28, 2018

- Paul Finnegan

I have been continuing to work with Kerry Cochran to create a set of web pages related to modeling the Western Pacific and related lines. They were released to the public on October 12th. It includes indices to modeling articles in the *Train Sheet* and the *Headlight*. It also has modeling information and photos of WP and related road models. To see for yourself, go to the Archive/Historical Department's home page on the Museum pull-down menu. The link to the new modeling pages is in the "Historical/Archive Department Resources" list.

I received a very nice set of photos from Dick Couden, Greg Elems, Bob Sims and Eugene Vicknair from the September Steam Department work session. I also received a written report from Roger Stabler detailing the events of the week. I used this material to create a new photo gallery and a news item on the website.

I received the graphics for this year's Pumpkin Express event in October and added a link on the home page to the 2018 Pumpkin Express news item. As I received more information about the event, I updated the news item.

Santa Trains is coming soon; I will post information about it on the website as it becomes available.

Flyer's Corner

Hi! I'm Flyer, the new kitty taking up residence at the museum. For now, my human friends are keeping a really close eye on me and making me stay in the



Museum Store. When people are visiting the store, I get put in the display case where I can watch them. I hear this is a big museum and when I get a little older, I will get to explore it. My human friends have told me there is a passel of mice out there. Those critters had better watch out because, when I grow up, I want to be a first-class mouser!

Next time you are at the museum, come visit me in the store. But watch out, I am really quick and I will try to get out and explore the rest of the museum now!

General Superintendent's Report - Oct. 12, 2018

- Kerry Cochran

2019 WPRM Convention: Please look on the website for the latest information. The convention registration is now open. This year we will be again holding a joint convention with the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA. We did this about two years ago in Modesto and I expect this will be a great convention with them again in 2019.

The convention will be held May 2 thru the 5, 2019 at the McCellan Conference Center in McCellan Park, Ca. (just south of Sacramento).

There are going to be several California Zephyr presentations (that is my understanding right now) at this convention along with a lot of presentations given by the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA.

Watch the website for more news as it gets closer.

Pumpkins Trains are on the way, get ready for the spooks and goblins. My understanding is that posters are printed and distributed for this event, please volunteer to help and remind all your friends to come and visit us.

Then we move on to Santa Trains, please look out for notices for help from our President Steve on help needed for this event.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, Director Bob Sims was appointed the Model Committee chairperson. I am sure that we will hear from Bob soon on what he may have in mind for the committee.

Speaking of the Model Committee, I have started work with our webmaster (prior to Bob's appointment) on modeling web pages. These have not been made public yet. I have some more work to complete prior to their release to the public.

Motivation to create this new section on the website includes several members and guests at the 2018 WPRM Convention in Salt Lake City asking about modeling and several members have expressed desire to see modeling articles published again.

I have had several conversations with members and members who have left the society because of the lack of modeling events, conversations and articles.

This has prompted me to look into getting the web pages started, discussing the modeling committee with Bob Sims and looking into getting more modeling back into some of our publications.

I hope that we will be able to meet our members' expectations in the coming months with the release of the new web pages and some of the work the modeling committee will do.

If anyone has any questions on the modeling committee, please contact Bob Sims and/or myself so that we may address your concerns.

I have also asked the Headlight staff to look into adding the modeling sections back into the magazine.

Please look for an article about the donation of Stephen Cavanaugh's Western Pacific HO layout sections. Stephen was a well-known modeler and Feather River Rail Society member. A portion

of his HO layout is now at the museum awaiting a restoration into a new display.

"As always, there are so many volunteers that help around the museum all the time and I would be remissed if I did not say thank you to all of you. I may have missed some specifically by name; however all of your help is greatly appreciated".

At any time should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kcochran@wplives.org.

Historical/Archive Department Report

October 12, 2018

- *Kerry Cochran*

The last couple of months we have been getting several donations of various railroad artifacts.

Some of these donations have come from Director Bob Sims who found a WP Diner 504 Silverware Wooden box, and CZ Silver Two piece try and cover set plus over 25 WP books that he had.

One of our new volunteers, Randy Morton, has been donating several WP artifacts including a book of San Francisco track plans, WP/SN/TS Joint Facilities book, WP/SN/TS Industry Switch Lists, Pacific Car Demurrage Bureau Circular No 1 Instruction to Station Agents and more.

I was contacted by a Mr. Duncan for an estate that indicated a certain collection of railroad books, magazines and video tapes be donated to us, and with the help of the Museum Store and the volunteers at the museum, on September 26th 25 boxes of books, five boxes of magazines and one box of video tapes were dropped off at the museum and placed into the container until I can get them moved into the archive car.

On September 9th, with the help of Paul Finnegan, Eugene Vicknair and Chris Kaprielian and museum volunteers Greg Elems, David Elems, Ethan Doty a portion of Stephen Cavanaugh's Western Pacific HO layout was moved to the museum to become a new display. Look for more on this move on the website