

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 remiss 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](mailto:kcochran@wplives.org).

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### **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



(soon) and a project to restore these sections into a tribute to Stephen's love for the WP.

We are still getting several inquiries and have been answering them as time permits.

One of the questions had to do with a gentleman working on a model train and wanted information on the Oro Dam Builders. One good thing about this request, we had an article in Issue of Headlight issue 13 that Kent Stephens did for us. I was able to get the person hooked up with the museum store for payment and I made a copy of Headlight issue 13 and sent it to him.

While not all the inquiries have been answered yet, we are still looking into pulling the information out of the Historical/Archive files in order to answer the questions. I have been able to answer some questions, however others are still pending.

I have been fortunate to have Frank Brehm and Eugene Vicknair as a resource on the Historical/Archive staff to help me in obtaining answers, or the correct resource to look for answers, for these inquiries along with Paul Finnegan who helps me all the time.

Paul has also created a page on the website under the Historical/Archive pages to post some of the Questions/Answers so that we can direct inquiries there for the same type of questions that have already been answered.

If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web page recently, please consider looking at them to see "What's New" in the Western Pacific Documents page ([http://wplives.org/wphistory\\_wp\\_documents.html](http://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html))

## Annual Board Nominations in January

Would you like to run to become a member of the FRRS Board of Directors? Do you know someone you would like to see run?

The nomination window will be open during the month of January. If you are interested, the full process and procedure for the annual election is available on the Membership page of the society website.

All nominees must be valid FRRS members in good standing.

## Additional New Employee in the Museum Store



*Tajanae Yager has joined KC and Jean in the Museum Store. Next time you are at the museum please drop in and say "Hi."*

## Support the FRRS when you shop at Amazon!

Use the link on the society web page to join the Amazon Smile Program.