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**Pacific Coast Region NMRA  
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2019 Joint PCR/FRRS Convention  
May 2-5, 2019  
Sacramento, California**



## 2019 Western Pacific Historical / Pacific Coast Region Joint Convention

*by Eugene Vicknair*



The Sierra Division of the Pacific Coast Region - NMRA and the Feather River Rail Society invite you to attend the Diamond Rails Forever 2019 Joint PCR/FRRS Convention in Sacramento, California, at the McClellan Convention Center, 5411 Luce Ave, McClellan Park, CA 95652. The convention will run from May 2-5, 2019.

Registration is open! You can register on-line at <http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/> or mail in your registration by downloading the form on the website. Cost for the complete convention, including the banquet and PCR breakfast, is \$155 per person. Day passes, special events and add-ons line convention model cars are available.

In addition to celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pacific Coast Region, we will also be honoring the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "California Zephyr"! Several of the clinics and presentations will focus on "The Silver Lady" and we are welcoming many special guests who worked the train, including a group of Zephyrettes who will be holding their annual reunion during the convention.

As a special treat, several "meet and greet" sessions shall be held where you can meet the Zephyrettes and talk with them about their experiences.

WP centric presentations this year include a show on Modeling WP MOW Cars by Kerry Cochran, a presentation by Ken Rattenne called "The West in Western Pacific", a look at the downfall of George Gould in his quest to build the WP by Jeff Asay, shows that explore WP's dining service by Loren Dunlap and Janet Steeper, Virgil Staff films featuring the "California Zephyr", a history of the Zephyrette employees by

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### **Upcoming Events...**

- Annual Crew Training Saturday April 27
- WP 165 Steam Work Session May 1 - 5
- WP Historic / NMRA Pacific Coast Region Joint Convention - Sacramento May 2 - 5
- Operating Season Opens May 25
- Second Annual Crew Training Sunday May 26
- Members Dinner & Annual Membership June 1

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Catherine Moran von Ibsch and a history of the Quincy Railroad by Eugene Vicknair. Mark Williams will be doing two shows: a history of the "California Zephyr" and of the "Zephyrette" RDC cars. And there are other shows and surprises in the works.

There will also be book signings by two authors! Jeff Asay will be doing a signing of his new book on the Western Pacific, "The Iron Feather", and Janet Dawson, author of the "California Zephyr Mysteries" series of books, will also be signing her work. She will also be doing a presentation on her books and research into the CZ used to create them.

Check out the convention website for more information on clinics and presentations, including the PCR / Modeling track and its great line up of clinics. <http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/clinics>

The guest speaker for the closing banquet will be recent NMRA President, Charlie Getz. He has had an eventful term, to say the least. Charlie will be speaking on "Reflections on a Life in Model Railroading." Charlie Getz was born in Japan in order to be near his mother. His parents were stationed in Japan as part of the Occupation Forces under McArthur. This heritage led Charlie to a life-long love of Rice and Brass Engines. On a recent trip to Tokyo, Charlie was able to visit Tenshodo and Tokyo Disney. He became a hobbyist in 1961 with a Christmas present of a Mantua General in HO and has dabbled in HO, HO<sub>N</sub>3, On3, N as well as a few miscellaneous scales.

And of course there will be layout tours, operating sessions and prototype tours. Information is being posted regularly so check out the website. <http://pcrnmra.org/conv2019/>

When you register for the convention, be sure to purchase the special convention model cars. Two beautiful cars are available for this convention from Kadee. They are the Tidewater Southern 50' PS1 Cornucopia boxcars, road numbers 501 and 519. There are a total of 150

of #519 and 75 of #501 available, so get your 2-car sets before they go. Cost is \$35.00 for a single and \$68.00 for the 2-car set.

They can be ordered as part of the Registration process or, if you've already registered but have decided to order more, from the Company Store. As a bonus, an article about these cars, written by Eugene Vicknair (webmaster of [www.TidewaterSouthern.com](http://www.TidewaterSouthern.com)) and published in Issue No. 50 of the *Western Pacific Headlight*, will be included with each car/set purchased.

The Convention Committee has also made arrangements for a convention polo shirt with an embroidered convention logo on the pocket. Cost is \$30.00 each.

To attend the convention, you must be a member (or join) one of the two organizations but it is NOT necessary to belong to both of them.

Please come and join us at the convention! This will be a special one.

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## Election Update

- Matt Shuman



The three seats held by Bob Sims, Roger Stabler and Janet Steeper, comprise the June 2019 FRRS Board of Directors election. Nominations opened January 1<sup>st</sup> and closed January 31<sup>st</sup>. The three incumbents were re-nominated, but no other nominations were made by the membership.

The election committee made notification of a potential "White Ballot" election to the FRRS Board and membership. In a white ballot, there is no mail-out election and the candidates are automatically seated. Board eligible members were allowed to submit for a write-in campaign up to March 15, 2019. No member expressed an interest in initiating a write-in candidacy.

The 2019 FRRS Election process for a "White Ballot" is now closed and it appears that we do have a "White Ballot" for the 2019 Election and that the three incumbents will remain in office. This still needs to be reviewed and validated by the FRRS Board.