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WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD  
MUSEUM at PORTOLA

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**The museum is open:**

April: Thursday - Sunday

May - September: Daily

October: Thursday - Sunday

Hours: 10 - 5, weather permitting.

If you wish to visit during the closure period, it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the museum will be open.

Entrance to the museum for members is free. Non-members are required to pay an admission fee.

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**Membership Report as of 6/28/19**

Associate	32	Life	223
Active	240	Family Life	120
Family	126	Special/Sponsors	37
Sustaining	16	Total	794

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CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net
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