

President's Pin

- Greg Elems

The contract with the hotel for the WP convention has been finalized. I am happy to announce Tom Hervey has agreed to do the banquet talk, third try is the charm. We're getting a good start on this and it looks like it will be a good one. Watch our web page and Face Book page for details.



The November 6th photography class held at the museum by Mark Vollmer was a success. While it was small, it gave us experience in holding a class and what works and what doesn't. There will be another class offered May 21, 2022. This time it will be lead by Craig Moore from Action Camera with Mark Vollmer doing the classroom instruction. Craig is planning on having a couple of models come out to the museum for the early evening portion of the field exercises for class members to photograph in and around our equipment. The models will be posing for portraits and Mark will give hints on how to include them with the trains. Models and details with their posing requirements need to be worked out. Also, this time the class sign up will be through Action Camera. Another idea is in the development stage, for June, July and August, once a month on a Saturday evening, we will offer a two or three hour period to those willing to pay an extra fare. It will be advertised as a "Golden Light Photo Session with Mark" and he will be there to help with technical details in photographing in the sunset and blue hour. Again, this will be a semi-class situation, minus the classroom time and the public will not be present. My hope in offering these opportunities is to get our name out in front of a new group of people and attract attention to what we have to offer.

In late November, we were contacted about an M-5 WP locomotive horn that belonged to Rod McClure becoming available. Phil Schmierer paid Gail \$2500. Phil and I drove up to Washington on December 1st and returned on the 3rd with the M-5 coming home to the museum. At this time, I'm not at liberty to give details about the sale other than it is back home at the museum. If you would like to help the museum in the purchase, donations would gladly be accepted. On the same trip, I also brought home a second M-5 that Rod had left at Phil's for servicing. So two M-5 horns have come home and will adorn the WP 1503 and WP 805-A respectively.

At this time, it looks like UP is getting ready to scrap some older freight cars, including some WP cars. I am in the process of getting details on what and where these cars are located. I would like to add them to our collection, at least a couple, to fill out our representation of later cars and the telling of the WP story. The cars we are looking at are the last covered hoppers that WP bought in the year 1980, a class of high-cube boxcars WP bought in the mid 1970's and hopefully one of the last boxcars WP bought with the new image herald. If we are going to buy any of these cars, it will have to go before the acquisitions committee and the board.

That's all for now, until next time, stay warm.



Greg Elems giving a brief history of the museum and safety tips at Photo Workshop 11/6/2021 - Photo by Jana Dunn