

2021 FRRS/WPRM Accomplishments

- Kerry Cochran and team

While the museum's operations were severely impacted by COVID-19 in 2021, many items were accomplished by volunteers and the museum staff:

- 2021 WP Historic Calendars were published and sold out.
- Steam Department:
WP165 project is moving along. A small core group of the steam crew performed more work on the locomotive moving it closer to completion. WP165 steamed up for the first time in 2021.
- During May we had the balloon track repaired along with some major work, replacing 335 ties with new ties and the outside rail replaced with newer rail.
- The Hansen's removed all the old scrap pallets from the parking lot.
- The Museum Store floor received a new coat of epoxy paint.
- The Museum Store had a major reorganization with some new sales desks.
- WP705 got moved toward the shops so the prep work can start on the paint project. Old lettering removed, sanding and spot priming started (on-going project).
- WP 1503:
Received some mechanical work on the radiators to keep it working for the 2021 season.
- Quincy RR 1100:
Mechanical work to keep it working during 2021 for use around the museum.
- Archive Car:
Completed work on moving more collection into the archive car, including some newly found slide collections. We received several high-profile members photo/slide collections this year. See website for the new Historical/Archive Collection pages.
- Annual election, members meeting and dinner held in June.
- Crew training held in person and online.
- Answered several questions for information on the WP through the website. (These are questions that are sent to the Archive Department.)
- Congressman Doug LaMalfa:
His office helped us get approved for a SBA loan (to help during the COVID-19 Virus) and his continued support to the FRRS.
- Received two additional grants for COVID relief/support.
- Aided in the founding of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway historical group.
- SN 1642 Caboose exterior restoration work (on-Going project).
- Tree, brush and weed abatement around the balloon track and the museum to keep the fire danger down.
- General clean-up around the Engine House.
- Hosted Historic Railroad Photography Workshop held in November.
- Published ten equipment books.
- Configured and installed three screenly systems for the Display Room, the Museum Store and the main entrance.
- Wi-Fi system upgraded at the museum.
- New internet switch installed at the museum to improve performance and improve remote support of local area network.
- Phone system rewired.
- New Museum Tour system went live and QR code signs were placed on over 100 artifacts at the museum.

Not to forget our team:

The volunteers who limited themselves to being in a very small group to keep the museum safe and in shape during 2021.

Webmaster for keeping our website up to date.

Four issues of the *Train Sheet* were published per schedule.

A new issue of the *Headlight* was published and sent out to the members.