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In the last few years, several FRRS members were able to work with him to create articles for the WESTERN PACIFIC Headlight magazine, the society's journal of WP history. It includes articles of interest for modelers and those wishing to know more of the historical aspects of the Western Pacific and subsidiary roads.

One of Norm's greatest adventures was when he returned to the museum in 2022 during the WP convention, and was an engineer on the restored WP 165 steam locomotive.

We will all miss the founding father of the Feather River Rail Society.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Norm and Barbara after museum closing on May 25, 2024.



FRRS Founder Norm Holmes ready to run WP 165

- Photo by Kerry Cochran 5/15/2022



November 2023 WPRM Track Work

- Roger Stabler

I have spent several weeks doing track work at the museum with the help of David Elems, Greg Elems, Charlie Spikes, Hank Stiles and Dwayne Vander Veen. The Balloon Track and the East Lead have been tamped and surfaced from the Edenwold Crossing to about 100 feet east of the back gate and fence area. Loren Ross helped for a couple of days on the tamping of track east of the sewer crossing. The worst of the elevation and cross level issues in the Balloon Track have been eliminated.

The tamper suffered a bearing failure in the main generator that powers the work heads, so until I get it repaired tamping anymore track will have to wait.

We replaced the headblock ties and switch ties to the heel block in the rip track switch and put new ties in the heel block of the junction switch. I plan to do some more tie work in the junction switch weather permitting.



Above: Roger Stabler spiking ties in the Rip Switch - Photo by Greg Elems 11/16/23 Left: David Elems spiking the switch stand on the Rip Switch - Photo by Roger Stabler 11/15/23