

Meeting our Mission Statement Feather River Rail Society

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Archive Manager

In our mission statement we make the statement: "The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad."

Within the policy of the mission statement there are several "Mission Goals" such as:

- Museum Services
- Historical/Archive Department
- Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola
- Museum Store Operations
- Human Resources/Volunteer Services

During the last few years, we have expanded the services that the Historical/Archive Department has offered and several members and groups have taken advantage of these services.

Back in October 2022, we were contacted by documentary filmmaker Rowan Kinnane, from Tasmania, Australia. He informed us about several video projects that he was working on. One of those was the Flying Scotsman's visit to the USA. He was interested on the trip of the Flying Scotsman across the Altamont Pass. He had looked at our website and found photos in our collection that he wanted to use.

During our yearlong exchange of emails and discussions on the Flying Scotsman, we exchanged several messages and photos along with some videos that were in our collection. Thanks to Ken Meeker and Virgil Staff's collections, we were able to find several items that were very useful to the project.

In my last communications with Rowan, he indicated the production of the documentary would be released in 2024. Once it is released, we will get a link posted to the FRRS website for our members to view.

One of the other requests we received this year (2023) was from a writer, Patrick Hiatte for the heritage column for the Cowcatcher magazine. He is writing a column for the magazine on the California Zephyr and was looking for some photos of the Western Pacific. After several exchanges, we were able to set up a photo request and he indicated what photos he would like to use from our collection. Our webmaster, Paul Finnegan, set up a download link and we were able to place a set of photos in a folder for Patrick to download the photos. When the article is published, we will be sent a couple of copies of the magazine so we can see the pending articles.

Both of these projects were approved by the Archive Manager. Credit for the photos and videos will be given to the Feather River Rail Society/Western Pacific Railroad Museum.

I want to thank all the members of the Historical/Archive Department on the help and to show how we are meeting our mission statement on providing educational support to the general public.

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The Western Pacific played a major role in developing the economy of Plumas County and the surrounding region. The Western Pacific Railroad Museum is proud to be a part of that heritage and to hold a position in supporting the ongoing economic health of our community. We welcome the support of that community in return. We ask our members and visitors to support our business sponsors, companies who have generously contributed to the museum and its mission to preserve the Western Pacific family.



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