

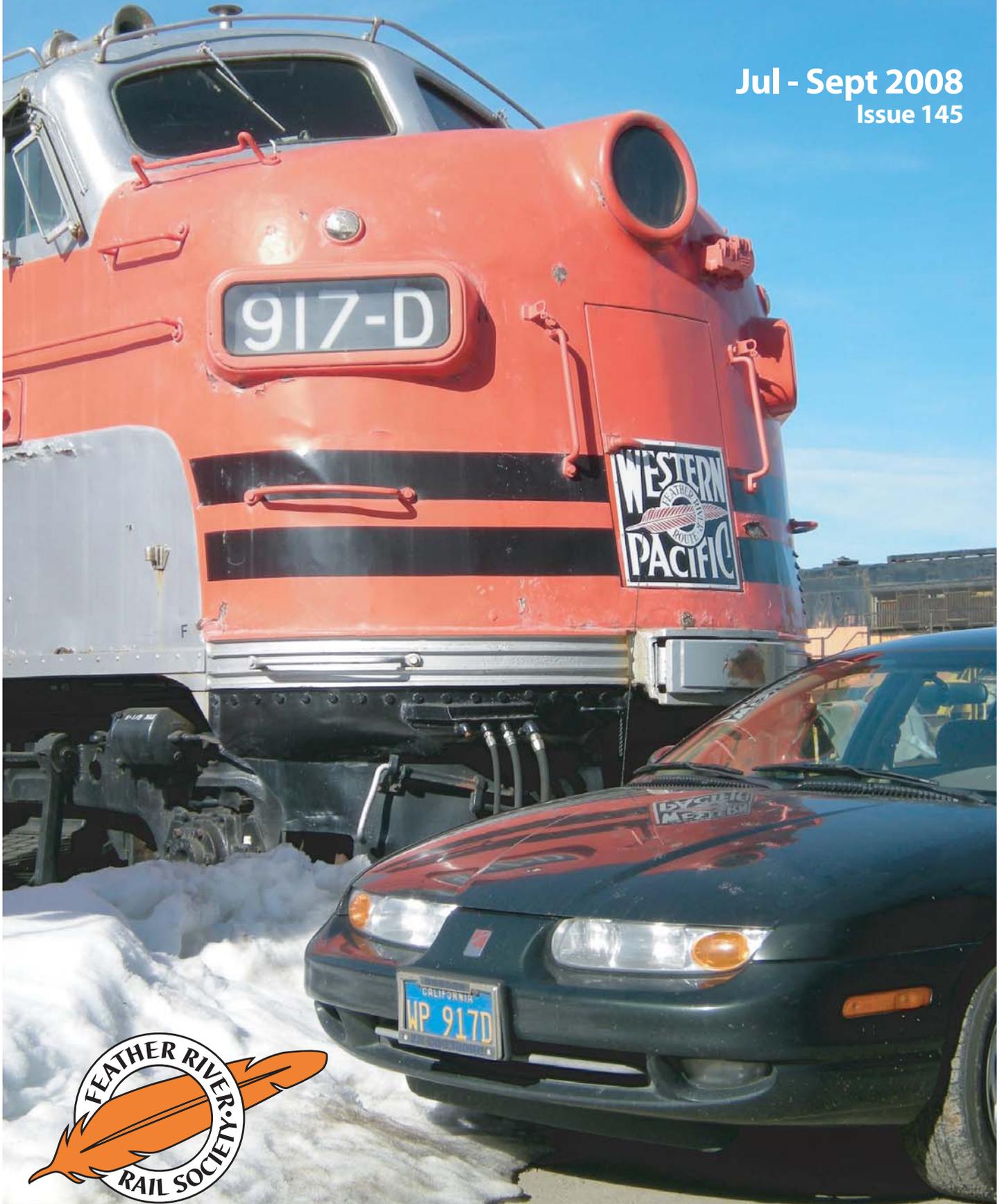
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The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily from the first Saturday in April through the first Monday in November. The Diesel Shop is open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily during these dates.

Train operations begin the last Saturday in May and continue each weekend through the first Monday in September.

The museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday in November through the first Friday in March except for special events in which advance arrangements have been made. 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 is free, although a suggested donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated.

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Cover Photo - A vanity license plate proclaims a member's favorite locomotive.
- Wayne Monger photo

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FROM THE EDITOR

- Eugene John Vicknair

As everyone has probably noticed, we have had some serious production delays with the Train Sheet for a while now. The reasons have been many and various and they have taken a long time to sort out. We have tried very hard to ensure that everyone got the information on what the Society is doing and have been working on ways to improve the lead time and quality.

As mentioned a couple issues ago, we have been doing a lot of changes behind the scenes. This issue will be closely followed by the October - December 2008 issue and then the first issue of 2009, bringing us back up to date. We have also begun using, with this issue, a new printer and mailing house. This move not only gets us a faster lead time for publication and mailing, it also keeps our costs to produce the Train Sheet from increasing. We are now using the same printer and mailer as we use for *The Headlight*.

We have also increased the coordination and cooperation with the *Headlight* staff, a change that will benefit both publications. For those who have not heard the news yet, Mike Mucklin has taken over production duties on the *Headlight*. (Thanks to Bruce Petty for all his hard work producing the *Headlight* for the last few years.) The next issue will see a revamp of the magazine with a great new look.

So, keep an eye out. You're going to see some new things with our publications in 2009, along with a few other exciting events as the FRRS celebrates 100 years of the Western Pacific and 25 years of the Western Pacific Railroad Museum.

**AUGUST MUSEUM REPORT**

- David Epling, Museum Manager

Despite the slowing economy, our Gift Shop, Train Ride and RAL income numbers for August 2008 were up over last year. We have been doing more walk-in RALs, filling gaps in the schedule (of which there were few during the month, as we were heavily booked to begin with and could not accommodate any walk-in RALs), and doing better getting people into the Gift Shop.

Railroad Days revenues for Friday through Sunday were almost double last year's totals, this despite the overall event seeming to draw less people than last year. The majority of our visitors on Railroad Days weekend mentioned seeing us in Sparks at the Farmer's Market, at Hot August Nights and on the KOLO TV Staycation programs.

Bart Hansen has been a standout in maintaining the Z Scale layout. All of our equipment is now MicroTrains coupler equipped. We've received a \$200.00 donation from ZTrak Magazine. The owner, Rob Kluz, promised this donation before we went to the National Train Show in Anaheim, California. He indicated that this will be an annual donation for us.

Bart has become quite the "utility infielder" for us. He now knows how to run the register in the gift shop and would cover one of my days off on a volunteer basis. Bruce Veilleux also has indicated he would come in and work on my days off.

Craig Simmons secured the donation of a new refrigerator for the crew lounge. He and Bart Hansen went and picked it up just before Labor Day weekend.

I picked up a Washing Machine that was donated to us and am still looking for an Electric Dryer. We need to find a suitable place for it here in the shop where we can hook up the water attachments.

Tony Trombino, a local electrician, started the final work on the Silver Debris. Dave Malvorino was here the first part of August and he replaced and repaired our outside building lights.

NEW PFE REEFER JOINS MUSEUM

- Norman Holmes, Director

A new addition to our museum arrived in July, 2008. PFE 100468 was built in February, 1958. It is a mechanical refrigerator car PFE class R-40-30. The compressor and motor are missing, but this car fills an important spot in railroad transportation history.

From the first experimental ice refrigerator car in the 1800's to the present state of the art mechanical refrigerator car, the nation's railroads were the major source for transportation of perishable food. (Yes, trucks have made inroads in perishable transport.)

Early refrigerator cars were nothing more than converted box cars with a thin layer of insulation. Gradually, special built cars with thick walls for insulating material and bunkers in the ends of the cars for ice were constructed. Our museum has two complete ice refrigerator cars that are examples of this technology. (We have two older wooden refrigerators that require extensive restoration.)

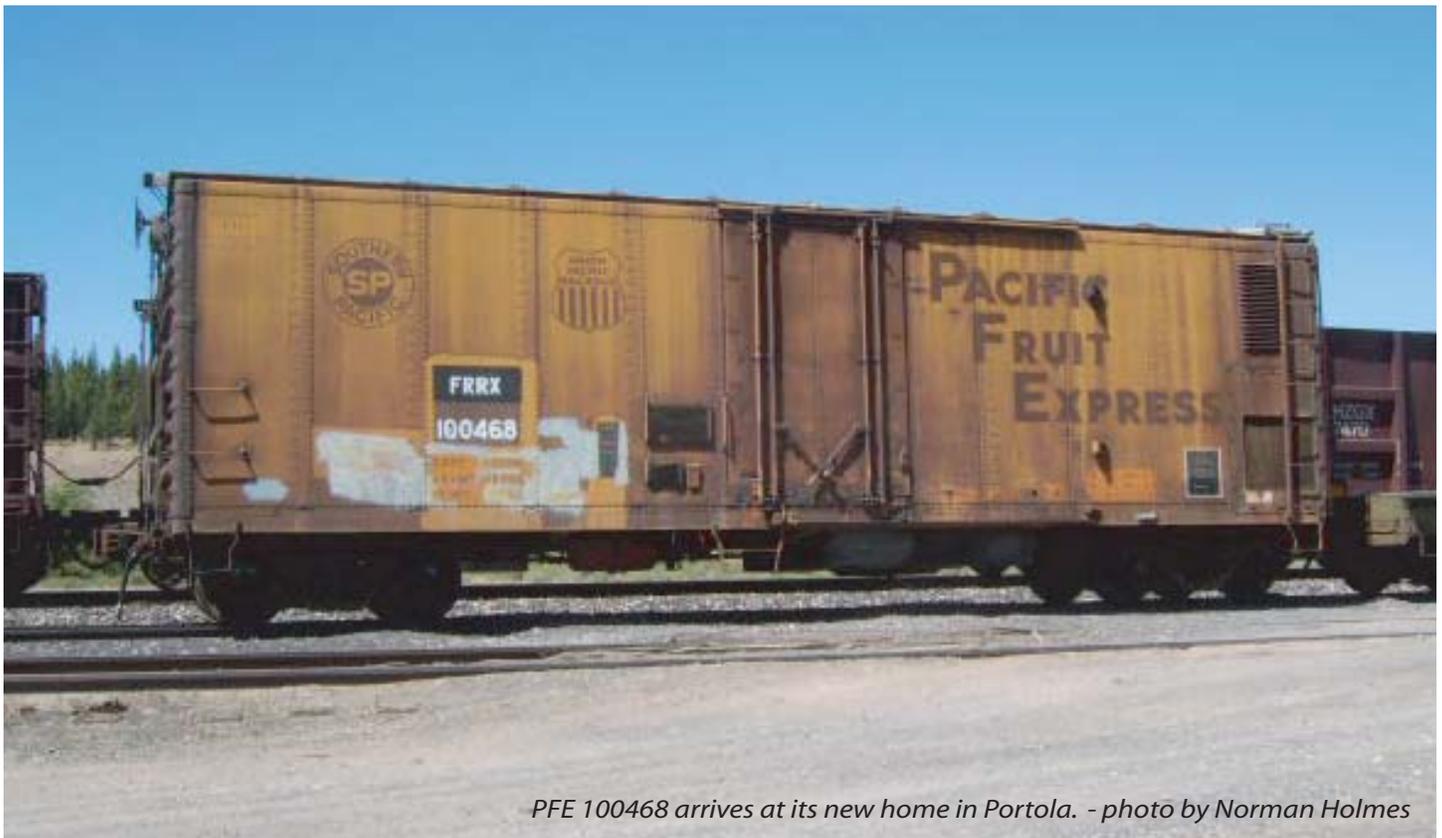
As early as 1885, a mechanical refrigerator car was patented using an axel driven ammonia compressor. A few cars were built and the project dropped. Other schemes were tried over the years, but it was not until the early 1950's that mechanical refrigerator cars began to replace the ice filled cars. This was brought

about mainly because of the shift to frozen food and the high cost of servicing the ice filled cars.

Pacific Fruit Express, the nation's largest owner of refrigerator cars, ordered its first mechanical refrigerator car in 1953 and by the end of the year some 380 were in service. These cars were 55 feet long over the coupler faces. To meet the needs of smaller shippers, PFE ordered 500 40-ton cars that were 45 feet long with an inside length of 35 feet. These cars had refrigeration equipment which handled a wider range of temperatures, suitable for everything from fresh produce to frozen foods. The R-40-30 class pioneered this "all-purpose" refrigeration system. We have car number 468 of this order.

Ice refrigerator cars slowly disappeared in the 1970's as icing facilities were shut down and the mechanical systems pioneered by PFE 100468 and her sisters were embraced. The ice cars remained in service for a few years longer hauling loads that only required an insulated car. At this point, larger box cars were being built with insulated walls, filling this need.

Our car came to us as a donation from the California State Railroad Museum. Due to a change in plans for their museum expansion into the old Southern Pacific Shops they found they had more equipment than they had space to store and display. A number of cars and locomotives were transferred to other museums.



PFE 100468 arrives at its new home in Portola. - photo by Norman Holmes

PORTOLA RR DAYS 2008

- David Epling, Museum Manager

I am happy to report that we had an outstanding Portola Railroad Days here at the museum. The crowds, on Saturday in particular, were among the heaviest I have seen at a Railroad Days event.

First off, I want to offer a huge thank you to our staff and volunteers.

In the Gift Shop, Linda Knudsen and Linda Brimmer helped with the crowds and questions.

On the Train Crew we had Lew Barnard, Bart Hansen, Tim Carter and Craig Simmons, as well as Duane Vanderveen and George Sousa as Car Attendants. Protecting the pedestrian crossing was Tom Potts and Cheri Johnson. Spencer Walker ran the handcart rides. Pat Brimmer was the Ops Supervisor for the weekend.

Selling raffle tickets, train ride tickets and sodas was Karen Potts and Jack Hathaway. On Sunday, they were joined by Gail McClure.

This year, we also provided the tram crew that transported visitors between the downtown area, the park and the museum. This was operated by Bruce Veilleux and Russell Johnson.

Sally Thomas greeted visitors in the UP 105 Business car on Saturday. Charlie Spikes & Steve Habeck worked the rotary and Cody Wilson worked the UP 6936 Centennial that UP was kind enough to allow us to display, along with UP 1983, the Western Pacific Heritage Unit.

Wayne Monger presided over both the photo contest and the spike driving contest. The photo contest was held in the SN 1642 caboose. Matt Stentz was last year's winner and he won again this year with his photo of the signals at Keddie lit up at night with the moon in the background. The Spike Driving contest was held downtown and the winning spiker drove his 4 spikes in 21 seconds. Thank you to Union Pacific for donating the materials for the contest.

Frank Brehm was going to drive the Museum Fire truck in the parade, but as he was headed to the gate, the master cylinder decided to take the day off. Fortunately, Frank was able to stop safely.

Dave "Motown" McClain was also on hand with his motorcar and gave speeder rides all weekend.

Tom Carter brought in four of his "Spirits of the Old West" Gunfighters and they robbed the trains several times during the day. At the end of the day, the Spirits donated their spoils to the society. Thanks to Tom and his team.



Union Pacific SD70M 1983, the Western Pacific Heritage Locomotive, gets a scrubbing from our volunteers before Railroad Days.

- Wayne Monger photo

Model layouts on display were provided by Paul Martinovich and his son, who had their modular HO/HOn2.5 layout, the Gandy Dancers modular club from Sparks with their HO layout, the Truckee Meadows N Trakkers and Lee Van Treest, who ran his G Scale live steam layout on the dock area. As usual, the model displays were a big hit with the visitors. Thanks to all of you!

This leaves four people not yet mentioned: Rod McClure, Kevin Caldwell, Daniel Simpkins and Eugene Vicknair.

These four, and most of the others already mentioned (who worked between other assignments), got to spend the weekend doing an unplanned track repair. A locomotive passing over the switch for the east 3 track on Friday broke several ties. As this is a critical switch, repair work began early Saturday morning.

I think at this point, we showed why the WPRM's train and track crews are among the best, if not the best, in the Railroad Museum world. With a ton of people

watching and train rides going on which required passing through the work area, our operating and track repair crews safely and seamlessly kept the caboose trains running during the repairs with the use of good communications (READ: Authentic Railroad Gibberish). Kudos to our volunteers!

Sunday saw continued track repairs and a heavier than expected crowd compared to previous Sundays during RR Days. We also had a visit from a car owners club who were out on a weekend drive. Eugene Vicknair took a break from track repair to act as their docent, giving them the full tour, including a memorable fire-up of our SP Rotary thanks to Charlie Spikes.



*Spencer Walker gives a family a run on the handcar.
- Wayne Monger photo*

Sunday's big event was the arrival of Amtrak train #5 (which would have been WP train #17), the westbound *California Zephyr*, around 2:15 PM, followed by train #6 (#18) the eastbound *California Zephyr* about three hours later. The detours were caused by trackwork on Donner Pass and the opportunity was seized by tour operators, who placed the former CZ cars Silver Rapids, Lariat and Solarium on the rear of #5. Seeing the 3 original CZ cars on a passenger train in Portola was both exciting and sad at the same time. Exciting to see that train arrive and sad to see it leave. The Silver Solarium's CZ herald lit up on the back, as well as the rotating red mars light, made for an awesome sight. At the west end of our yard, we had WP FP7 805A (our former CZ locomotive), WP replica F9B 925C, WP GP7 707, WP GP20 2001 and the UP / WP SD70M 1983 on hand to greet the westbound "Silver Lady" with a horn salute as she glided by. Hogger Phil Gosney on the *Zephyr* kept a nice even speed as the cameras rolled.

As Railroad Days wound down, it came time to put

everything away. While the train crew put the yard back together, the track crew put the finishing touches on the switch repair. Tom Olsen went full out and cleaned the grounds of every speck of trash, including emptying all the garbage cans he could find. Russ Johnson, Tim Carter, Spencer Walker and myself put all the tables and chairs away and placed the picnic tables back in the shop. By 7:00 PM Sunday night you could not tell that there had been an event on the property. I think it was cleaner after than it was before.



*Lew Barnard at the throttle of WP GP7 707.
- Wayne Monger photo*

And speaking of before, I would be remiss to leave out exemplary work by new FRRS Member Dave Ferreira. He came up Thursday and stayed until Friday doing prep work that was invaluable to our efforts to show off the museum over the weekend. Thank you, Dave!

In conclusion, thanks to everyone who helped, this was a great event. It was my first Railroad Days as Museum Manager and I am proud of every one of our people who made this the weekend it was. Financially, we came close to, if not over, double the amount made last year in donations and gift shop sales. So once again, we've made the WPRM shine. Thanks to you all!



*Kevin Caldwell and Eugene Vicknair square off with their chosen spike driving tools during the switch work.
- Wayne Monger photo*

2008 NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

The weekend of July 18th- 20th saw our WPRM Booth set up at the National Model Railroad Association's National Train Show in Anaheim, California. This was an opportunity for the Southern California members to help promote the Museum and the RAL Program.

The Rent-a-LoCo program was presented as a "brand" and the primary focus of the booth. Around 500 names and addresses were collected for future promotional programs by way of a RAL session giveaway, one each day. The show was attended by approximately 25,000 members of the public. WPRM was the only historical group at the show, and we did generate a lot of interest which will hopefully lead to some increased visitation. The Train Show administration was quite generous as this booth cost the museum only \$200, quite a bargain for the amount of exposure we received. Our thanks to the NMRA for the opportunity!

Mike Mucklin deserves special thanks for show coordination, creating the signage and getting it printed, as well as lining up other members to help staff the booth, among many other tasks. SoCal members in attendance during the weekend were Mike, James Mason, Don DeLay and myself. Museum manager David Epling and Bob Simms traveled south with the Z-scale layout to display, and brought some gift shop stock to sell in the booth, despite some minor mechanical problems. (This was the Z-Scale layout's first trip off-site. Thanks to Bod and David for getting it there and back in one piece.) Most of the signage from this show then traveled up to the Hot August Nights booth, so we did get our money's worth on the printing. Thanks also go to Eugene Vicknair for his creative input and suggestions on the signage.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this happen. Admittedly this show took place in a "remote" location, but there is no doubt we will receive some positive results. For those of us stranded down here in the south it's one way we can help out.

The FRRS is participating in more and more off-site shows and we need your help! If you would like to volunteer to help out with a future RR show, or you know of a show coming to your area that might be a good showcase for the Society and the museum, please let us know by calling the museum at 530-832-4131 or e-mail us at Info@WPLives.org.

DEPARTURES

Long-time Life Member and volunteer Eric Stephens lost his multi-year battle with brain cancer on July 17, 2008. In addition to his work for the FRRS, he was also an electrician, guitarist and Eagle Scout, and was well-known for his humor and colorful personality.

Eric first became involved with the FRRS in the late 1980's, coming to Portola to help with Feather River Short Line 2-6-2 8, when it still called Portola home, and working on various facilities projects. Through his experience at the museum, he became a devoted fan of the Western Pacific and the *California Zephyr* in particular. He became a Life Member in 1992.

A move to Denver, Colorado kept him away for several years, but when he returned to California in 2000, he also returned to active duty at the museum. He led a major upgrading of the electrical system in the diesel shop, with assistance from his father Steve Stephens and long-time friend Eugene Vicknair. He also completed repairs and improvements to the electrical systems of the Office Car, the FRRX Baggage Car, the Shower Car and the Edenwold sleeper. He was instrumental in much of the planning for the Zephyr Project and worked on the documentation and disassembly of the Silver Hostel for restoration.



- Eugene John Vicknair photo

His final project for the FRRS was working with Eugene on the design of the Silver Debris crew lounge, as well as completing much of the wiring for the car. This

work was interrupted when Eric collapsed in February 2005 and ended up partly paralyzed. He was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor and started treatment. The work on the Silver Debris' electrical system was completed by Jay Sarno and James Mason.

In summer of 2006, members of the FRRS helped stage a 3 week trip around the west for Eric as a fundraiser for the FRRS and the National Brain Tumor Foundation. He continued to come to the museum when health permitted and was consulting on the idea of adding a solar power system to the facility when he passed away. His final FRRS event was attending the 2008 Convention, where he was presented with a special Zephyr Project jacket by President Rod McClure in thanks for his service to the Society.

The Silver Debris lounge will be dedicated to his memory. At his request, portions of his ashes will be placed in our *California Zephyr* equipment and in the cab of WP 0-6-0 165.

Eric is survived by his wife Andrea, parents Steve and Julie, sister Daydra, neices Leia, Chloe and Haley, and his "brother" Eugene, as well as his friends in the FRRS.

We lost another long-time member this summer. Frank Beavers passed away on June 13, 2008.

Frank had a brief career with the WP, living in an outfit car in the middle of the Nevada desert before going on to work in the Logging industry near Lake Almanor. Some would describe Frank as a fussy "old coot" with strong opinions and "a bone to pick" with just about everybody. But around his friends, Frank always had a smile on his face and a good word of encouragement.

Frank worked hard around the museum helping to prepare for special events and doing woodworking in the carpentry shop. He was a model railroader and historian. Wherever Frank traveled, be it at a model railroad show, another museum or just around his home in Westwood, he was always talking up the museum. Frank would distribute flyers touting the Society and was a great ambassador for us. He was an advocate of the WPRRHS and volunteered many hours sorting and arranging items in the Archives. He also chaired our very successful WPRRHS convention in Reno and made provisions to have his private collection donated to the WPRRHS upon his death.

His collection has now been moved to the WPRM and will become part of our archives. Our condolences go out to Frank's family and friends. He will be long remembered and very missed.

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS

- Matt Parker, Advertising Manager

In June 2008, the FRRS Board made a decision to become a sponsor of the Hot August Nights event in Reno, NV. This is the largest public event the FRRS has participated in. As a sponsor, we received radio and print advertising, banners placed around HAN event sites and a large booth near the center of the event.

Pulling this ambitious action together meant racing to meet several deadlines, but our volunteers came together with speed and skill to make it happen.

First, I would like to acknowledge Eugene Vicknair. Eugene put his nose to the grindstone and his artistic talents to work, allowing us to take full advantage of the promotional opportunities included with our sponsorship. Without his tireless efforts, some of these opportunities would have slipped through the cracks.

Second, I would like to thank President Rod McClure. He had his plate overflowing during the mad race to meet deadlines. Despite this, his prompt responses to inquiries, advice, and approvals, allowed us to take maximum advantage of this promotion.

Huge thanks to my bride, Stephanie, who, along with our son Will, sacrificed a day to drive to Roseville, pick up Hot August Nights pamphlets literally right off the press, and transport them back across the hill to the HAN offices before their deadline.

Finally, there was my team of All-Stars who crewed our booth during the event, made contact with the public and gave us the exposure to make this a success. Thank you to Tom Carter, Charlie Spikes, Cody Wilson, Craig Simmons, Ed Powell, John Walker, Bruce Veilleux, David Epling, Norm Holmes, Barbara Holmes, Tim Carter and Bart Hansen.

We also received help from the Hot August Nights management, who extended us extra time we needed.

Hot August Nights was a huge success for us in terms of public relations. Throughout the week, our volunteers spoke with thousands of people from all over the country about our museum. Many visitors expressed intentions to include us in future travel plans. Our exposure was outstanding and gave us the opportunity to connect with people we need as visitors and potential volunteers.

We brought our Model T inspection car replica, which was a big draw. Toward the end of the event, many

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WP 165 GETS NEW BOILER TUBES

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

Over Labor Day Weekend 2008, Dana Greeley of the WPRM Steam Team and his good friend Chris Parsons moved a trailer-load-plus worth of 2" diameter boiler tubes from Virginia City, Nevada, to the Museum. These tubes were surplus to the V&T Railroad. Norman Holmes made the arrangements to acquire them at a greatly reduced cost to us thanks to the V&T's generosity. There are now enough 2 inch tubes to replace those removed from the 165 earlier this year, and enough spares to give us a headstart on the next FRA mandated tube replacement 15 years after our first steam-up. Twenty-four new 5 1/2" superheater flues still need to be acquired to totally re-flue the boiler.

Even though we were able to get these tubes at a great discount, we still need your donations to help offset the cost. Please consider donating to the 165 fund and help us toward our goal of bringing WP steam back to Portola.

Thanks again to Dana, Norm, Charlie (who made space for the tubes in the steam boxcar and put them away) and to Chris Parsons for loaning us his rig for the move. A team effort is what it takes to get things moving!

Remember, Steam Department work sessions take place throughout the year. Come out and get dirty and have some fun! Don't forget to check out progress reports, schedule, information and other stuff on the 165 Restoration Blog: wprsteam.blogspot.com.

STEAM PHOTOS FROM THE VIRGIL STAFF COLLECTION

As mentioned in the last issue, the FRRS has been gifted with the Virgil Staff collection of Western Pacific photos, paperwork, historical research and other materials. Below pair of steam photos from the collection.



left - Our 0-6-0, WP 165, is captured hard at work in Stockton on November 8, 1938.

L. T. Haug photo.

below - It is not often one sees photos of a brand new steam locomotive being delivered, but that is just what C. W. Jernstrom found on May 5, 1938 when he visited the Rio Grande yard in Denver, CO. WP 2-8-8-2 260 is dead in train heading for her new owner.

both photos FRRS / WPRRHS - Virgil Staff Collection



THE SILVER PLATE LEAVES JAMESTOWN

Below are photos taken by George Sapp of CSRM capturing the "Silver Plate" as it left Jamestown on September 11, 2008 via the Sierra Railroad bound for Portola and restoration. Thank you to Mr. Sapp for sharing these great photos.

right - The "Silver Plate" waits on the Jamestown depot tracks, having moved from its long-time resting place near the restoration shop.



above - Sierra RR GP20 50 couples up to the "Plate" in the Jamestown yard and prepares to leave town.

right - Sierra 50 and the "Plate" present an interesting take on the mixed train as they pass the mill at Chinese.



HOT AUGUST NIGHTS *continued...*

parents wished to take pictures of their kids sitting in this unique vehicle, which gave us the opportunity to tell them, "Now you see what our museum is all about - hands on." The booth also included photos and documents from the museum collection, as well as great banners and promo pieces done by Mike Mucklin. The most important thing, once again, was our group of enthusiastic FRRS members greeting the visitors, telling them who we are and sharing their enthusiasm for the WP. We had a special unexpected visit from the Union Pacific Mini-Train, which was on its way to an event. It also drew a lot of the visitors at this venue and was well received by the Hot August Nights management.

Although we worked hard under demanding conditions, we also had FUN enjoying the special happenings around us as well as each other's company. Many have expressed interest in doing this again next year and I appreciate that.

Just how significant was this event in the northwestern Nevada region? According to Bruce Walter, Executive Director of the event, "...5,500 cars were registered for the event... and more than 800,000 people participated in the area's largest tourism event that generates \$350 million in business."

Suffice it to say, we were playing in the Big Leagues by signing on as an official sponsor of this event, which is why I think calling the volunteers who showed up to make this work "All-Stars" is appropriate. Again, congratulations to the team who made this PR opportunity a huge success for the FRRS and the WPRM. YOU GUYS ROCK

July 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Installation of New Board

Matt Parker - reelected
John Walker - elected
Rod McClure - elected

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 08-07-01.

. Minutes - from the April - May 2008 BOD Meetings.
. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end of June 2008.

2. Business Motions

Motion 08-07-02

Private Equipment

On advice of counsel, it is moved that the Private Equipment Policy will be applied from this point on in the following way: Anyone who wishes to store private equipment on the premises must either pay the rent according to policy, donate the equipment to the FRRS, or the property must be removed within a time set by the Board. Donated property must be acceptable for donation, must meet donation criteria and must be accepted by the Board.

G. McClure / Thurman. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.
Motion carried.

Motion 08-07-03

Anaheim Model Railroad Show

Approve sending Z-Scale layout to Anaheim with a budget not to exceed \$1000 to be paid for out of Z-Scale restricted fund.

G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.
Motion carried.

Motion 08-07-04

Gift Shop Computer

Purchase new laptop as outlined for gift shop with budget not to exceed \$800 out of line item Office Equipment 13620 - Fixed Assets Office Equipment. Purchase will be held for 2 weeks to seek possible donation of a laptop.

G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2.
Motion carried.

Director Monger requested that the record reflect that he strongly urged the Board to not purchase the laptop from WalMart, feeling that using this company is disrespectful to union members.

Motion 08-07-05

Donation of DRGW Boxcar

Conditionally accept donation of DRGW wood boxcar from Bay Area Electric Railway Association and approve fundraising / movement proposal as outlined. Donation is conditional based on funds to be raised to move the car. Funds to come from line item Steam Department / WP 165 - 56200.

Vicknair / Thurman. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.
Motion carried.

Motion 08-07-06

KOLO Advertising Opportunity

Approve budgetary expense of \$600 from line item Advertising - 67010 for ad purchase with KOLO. G. McClure / Habeck. Aye - 5, Nay - 2, Abstain - 1.
Motion carried.

Motion 08-07-07

Railfan Photographer Day / Member Day

In 2009, Railfan Photographer Day will be combined with FRRS Member Day on a day to be determined in September. Board will not meet on that date.

Monger / Thurman. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.
Motion carried.

Motion 08-07-08

Southern Pacific SD9 4404

Investigate viability of selling or leasing the SP 4404 in the next 30 days. Determine method that would give us the best benefit and come back to Board with findings, offers and / or information.

Thurman / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2.
Motion carried.

President's Report

- CSRM PFE reefer has been billed and approved for movement 2 weeks ago.
- Spoke with City Manager Jim Murphy about sewer trucks not stopping at crossing and tearing up road.
- Long-time member Frank Beavers passed away last month. The Board thanked Frank for his devotion and service to the FRRS. Frank ran the successful Reno WPRRHS Convention several years ago and was a former WP employee.

Museum Manager's Report

- Sales averaged \$700+ per day for June. 19 walk-in RALs for June.
- Most visitors are still from CA central valley. Visitors from all over country.
- Mike Coen brought 60 persons from his BMW club.

Director's Reports

Walker - Reported that C. Spikes has expressed interest

in working on Ryskowski motorcar. Also reported that M. Parker write up on FRRS Telegraph service was picked up by local press.

Department Reports

Restoration - Report given on cosmetic restoration plans for WP U30B 3051.

Trackwork - Thanks to the crew that is making great progress repairing the switch to tracks RIP 1 and 2.

Fundraising - Reported that thank you letters have gone out for merchant donations for Member Day.

IT - Thanks to Jay Knudsen for installation assistance on fax line.

Committee Reports

Model Railroad - Bob Sims has been added to the committee.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:47 PM and reconvened to open session at 10:14 PM. Counsel Alan Turner reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board received a report and recommendation of the investigative committee involving alleged member misconduct. By concensus, the Board gave direction to the President to schedule a hearing on August 16 at 1:00 PM in order to allow the affected party to respond to the allegations. The Board requested counsel be present.

The Board also heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS vs. Kasten/ITAC. No action taken."

August 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Approval of 2008 Budget

Vicknair / Parker - accept the budget as amended
Aye - 7, nay - 0, abstain - 2

Election of Officers

President Nomination
Rod McClure - by Parker / Thurman
No other nominations
Aye - 7, nay - 0, abstain - 2

Vice-President Nomination

Steve Habeck - by G. McClure / Habeck
No other nominations
Aye - 7, nay - 0, abstain - 2

Secretary Nomination

Eugene Vicknair - by G. McClure / Thurman
No other nominations
Aye - 8, nay - 0, abstain - 1

Treasurer Nomination

Mike Coen - by G. McClure / Vicknair
No other nominations
Aye - 9, nay - 0, abstain - 0

Committee and Department Heads

No changes - as listed

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 08-08-01.

. Minutes - from the June - July 2008 BOD Meetings.
. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end of July 2008.

2. Business Motions

Motion 08-08-02

Meeting Start Times

Approve changing start time for remaining 6 PM meetings in 2008 to 4 PM.

Parker / Thurman. Aye - 6, Nay - 2, Abstain - 1.
Motion carried.

Actions and Notices

- 2008 TRAIN Convention Delegates - R. McClure and Thurman recommended that, due to budget, no delegates will be sent this year. G. McClure suggested that some of our friends in TRAIN and ARM can send us the materials from the conventions.
- Reviewed report provided concerning formal storage and equipment moving policies. G. McClure suggested that a committee be formed to flesh out the business proposal in coordination with legal counsel. Committee appointed - G. McClure is committee head, R. McClure, S. Habeck, M. Parker, M. Thurman.

President's Report

- Life Member and long-time volunteer Eric Stephens has passed away. Pirate flag was lowered to half mast. A memorial will be held soon.
- PFE reefer 100468 arrived in one piece from CSRM. Arrived in Portola Yard July 14.
- Keys and locks are being changed under previously approved key and lock policy. All gate locks have been changed and all foreign locks removed.
- Hole filled by Dodgepole Siding.
- Ordered bucket of microbes for oil seperator. Company custom blended the material for us.
- V&T has emailed and approved back rent payments.

- Repairs complete on "Silver Plate". Setting up with Sierra for move to Oakdale. UP will inspect for move in Oakdale. Estimated \$3800-4000 to move. In UMLER, have COTS and single car air test. E. Vicknair will go to Jamestown to do a final inventory.
- Ken Finnegan put together an interactive database on the web concerning locomotive mechanical status.

Museum Manager Report

- Written report submitted.
- Did 59 RALs in July with 17 being walk-ins. 4 cited KOLO Channel 8 news item from July 16.
- Gift Shop gross receipts were \$23,761. RAL and Gift Shop income for May to July 2008 appears to be up about \$16,000 over same period 2007.
- Did \$1500 in sales at Anaheim National Train Show.
- Lots of positive feedback on look of the museum.

Director's Reports

Walker - Acknowledged Mike Mucklin for work on Anaheim Train Show. Chris Allan also assisted. James Mason showed up on Saturday. Bob Sims handled layout. D. Epling worked sales on booth. Dave Piers and daughter Ally and member Mark Granados came up and worked in archives car.

G. McClure - noted that according to Manager report that we are getting visitors from KOLO news item.

Department Reports

Steam - Have been working since Monday along with Nathan Osborne. Mr. Osborne has set up system for getting boiler thickness readings. C. Spikes has been working on cutting out superheater flues. No condition issues in belly of boiler barrel. Gave engine boiler wash. Dana and Chris cleaned tube sheets. Thickness mapping will continue. Once done, they will start Form 4. Then, we will begin fundraising for new tubes and flues.

Train Sheet - Issue in mail over 1 month with no delivery reports. Finally reports of delivery from members who had not received issues in a long time, likely due to bulk mailing. Next issue nearly ready for printer, but will be reconfigured as double issue. Discussed mailing and other issues with Train Sheet. Considering all future mailing as First Class.

Advertising - KOLO Staycations: KOLO did a lengthy, outstanding news piece on the museum. Co-anchors and weather reported commented on air about how great the museum and RAL sounded. Already, we have seen a big response. We sold several RALs, at least 4, directly from KOLO and have noted a lot of visitors coming up from Reno / Carson due to KOLO. Hot August Nights booth opens Tuesday. Model T delivered today. We have already had 1 RAL booked using Hot August Nights coupon. Farmer's Market: D.

Epling took N scale model of SP 2873 and set it up with power pack. Got people to run model and then told them they could run the real thing. Did raffle that got a lot of attention. Used large signs from National Train Show in Anaheim. Encountered people who saw us on KOLO. Talked to Nevada Make-A-Wish Foundation. They want us to do a booth at their next big event. Our visitor numbers now seem to be even or up slightly, while other museums are down. Gift Shop sales are up. *Track* - Track repairs are progressing faster than anticipated. Track to ramp is half complete. Lots of work going on. Phil Schmierer, Bill Parker, Cody Wilson, Seth Adams, Ken Finnegan, Paul Finnegan, Slim Liebey, George Souza, Rick Gruninger, R. McClure.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:03 PM and reconvened to open session at 8:10 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten/ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on an on-going issue of member misconduct. No action taken."

September 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motions 08-09-01 / 02.

- Minutes - from the August 2008 BOD Meeting.
- Financial Reports - removed by motion.

2. Business Motions

Motion 08-09-03

Portola Railroad Days

As goodwill effort to maintain relationship with local community, we will pay \$250 to PRRD Committee with understanding that in future all agreements with committee will be in writing. From line item 54090 - Special Events Expenses.

G. McClure / Thurman. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 08-09-04

2008 Santa Trains

FRRS to do Santa Trains. We will solicit donations from community and we will charge a gate. Details to be

determined by a committee to be appointed.
 R. McClure / Thurman. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.
 Motion carried.
 Committee: R. McClure, Parker, Epling, Monger, Habeck

Actions and Notices

- R. McClure received August 18, a letter from Kasgro concerning big red flatcar, KRL 600430. Car has been donated by Kasgro to the FRRS. We will have formal approval of donation on October Agenda.
- Linda Knudsen submitted a letter resigning from employment with the gift shop due to health reasons, effective September 15.

President's Report

- Virgil Staff took a bad fall last week. Broke hip and tore up his arm. R. and G. McClure visited him on behalf of FRRS. Still has more stuff for us.
- Silver Plate is billed. Waiting on Sierra for acceptance of car. E. Vicknair went to Jamestown to haul parts up.
- Emergency track work on RR Days replaced 11 ties. Still operated trains. Ops crews did a fantastic job working around the track work.
- Rod and Gail spent last weekend in Bay Area moving donated items from GGRM to Portola, including side skirts for GE 44 tonner locomotive.
- WP 917 - oil cooler was taken by D. Epling to A1 Radiator. A1 is looking for replacement. McClure found rebuilt radiator for \$2800 with core. Brand new is \$4300. Return and repair rotten one is \$1400 plus. This is last mechanical issue with 917. Consensus direction to pursue best route to get engine operating.

Museum Manager's Report

- August gross \$40,631.00. Preliminary look is that revenue is up for same period 2007 in all areas.
- C. Spikes suggested that we do a design contest among membership for a new donation box. Contest to run through Dec. 31.
- RALs were heavily booked in August.
- Lots of visitors citing Hot August Nights, KOLO and rerun of California / Bay Area Backroads. Also a lot from Channel 8 Staycations and some from Hot August Nights and KUNR Radio Ads.
- Portola RR Days - we had nearly double the sales of last year's event and attendance looked a lot higher than last year. Complimented the operations crews on their great operations and how well everything went.
- Z-Scale layout - complimented Bart Hansen on his work on the layout. Received \$200 from Z-Trak Magazine. This will become an annual donation.
- Bart Hansen and Bruce Veilleux had learned to run the register and would be assisting in gift shop.
- Craig Simmons secured donation of a refrigerator for the crew lounge. Received a donation of a washing

machine in good condition. Still need an electric dryer.
 · Tony Trombino and Dave Navarreno, local electricians, have been working on electrical on the Silver Debris. Dave also got outside building lights working again.
 · Gift Shop has 2 HO scale CCT 60 and 70 special models in stock. More WP HO stuff has come in.
 · Thanked Charlie Spikes for all his recent work.
 · Family of Frank Beavers is donating all Frank's models, photos and paperwork to museum. By September 21, we need to go to Frank's house and move all materials.

Director's Reports

Holmes - Jack Hathaway is willing to acquire 1 complete place setting set of WP relevant china and donate to the museum. Chris Skow brought up almost 100 people for RR Days. Board offered thanks to Mr. Skow. California Gold show is planning to spend several weeks doing shows in our area.

Monger - Thanks to Spencer for handling handcar during RR Days. Bart Hansen also helped with handcar.
Vicknair - Thanked Chris Kapreilian and Tim Carter for assisting with Silver Plate parts sorting and movement.

Department Reports

Train Sheet - Written report provided. Very few submissions, thanked Holmes, Parker and Allan for their articles. Issue 142 will become double 142-143 to speed up backlog.

Advertising - Parker had review of how well our marketing efforts have been working. In face of bad economy, we are seeing rise in sales, RAL and visitors over 2007. Stated that we need more people to support marketing efforts and resulting visitorship.

Committee Reports

2009 Committee - Plans proceeding. Have plans for displays in traveling exhibit, need funding. Waiting for special event dates from Union Pacific. G. McClure stated that CalTrans is willing to turn curve above Keddie into historical overlook when they reroute the road. We need to lay foundation for helping out.

Hospital Committee - G. McClure discussed recent trespassing and break-ins. Review of plans for CCC crew to come up and fence property.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:47 PM and reconvened to open session at 7:21 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten/ITAC. No action taken. The Board heard a committee report on a personnel issue concerning the Museum Manager Contract. Consensus direction given, no action taken."

- FRRS Membership -

Yearly Dues

Associate \$20.00
 Active \$40.00
 Family \$60.00
 Sustaining \$100.00

Single Life Membership

Birth-17 years of age \$1200.00
 Age 18-39 \$900.00
 Age 40-61 \$600.00
 Age 62 and above \$300.00

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Birth-17 years of age \$1800.00
 Age 18-39 \$1350.00
 Age 40-61 \$900.00
 Age 62 and above \$450.00

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.
 Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

Associate memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.
Active memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.
Family memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have one vote and include all members of ones immediate family.
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Life memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only for life.
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 Feather River Rail Society - Membership Dept. - P.O. Box 608 - Portola, CA 96122-0608
 Address changes may also be sent to membership@wplives.org



WP 165 GETS HER ROADNAME BACK

Vic Neves graciously donated an original WP tender emblem for the WP 165, which lost its own emblems many years ago. While very scarred from years of use and exposure, the original emblem will be perfect for making replicas to grace the side of the 165's tender.

Thank you to Vic for this great donation!

- photo by Chris Allan, Steam CMO

Mission 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."

Mission Goals

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the "Willing People" as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.

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Work continues on Western Pacific FP7 805-A, our former California Zephyr locomotive. Thanks to the efforts of several members, a set of F-unit dynamic brake grids were obtained from the former Western Pacific shops in Stockton. These were placed into the 805 under the supervision of Dave McClain and Larry Hanlon. The light colored d/b hatch can be seen above, right where the black paint begins on the roof. Plans for 2009 include repainting the roof and the d/b hatch.

-photo by Wayne Monger