



The Train Sheet

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A Memory Preserved by Paul Finnegan

Similar to many of our museum members, my love affair with trains began a long time ago as a small boy. My family often traveled from the big city of Spokane, Washington to their small town roots of Butte, Montana. My favorite mode of transportation for making this journey was always the Northern Pacific's *North Coast Limited*. I eagerly looked forward to the return trip home, not to get home, but rather since we waited for the train leaving Butte in the mid-afternoon on the platform. Unlike the big city where you waited downstairs and couldn't even see the train arrive, in Butte I could feel the train's power and hear it thunder into the station.

Even better than the ride on the train was the wait before the NCL's arrival. My grandfather, Kenneth Julson, would take his only grandson by the hand and walk the length of the platform time and time again. He would explain railroading in terms a five-year-old, then later an eight-year-old, and later still a ten-year-old could understand. There were usually two GP-7s idling in the ready track for the local



In "Perلمان Green" paint WP GP7 707 at Portola on September 17, 1999 - Frank Brehm

work and switching in the yard. Since switching usually fouled the main, when the passenger train was due, the crew would wait on the siding adjacent to the passenger platform and watch the world go by.

With my grandfather's friendly smile he often got us invited up into the cab of the idling locomotive for a visit. I knew no greater joy than a visit in the cab when I was young. Today, the Northern Pacific is gone and the passenger station in Butte is shuttered and bare -- but here in our museum we keep my boyhood memories alive with our Western Pacific GP-7s, 707 and 708.

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The normal operating season for the museum is the first Saturday in March through the first Monday of November. The grounds are open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily. The museum building is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily. During the non-operating period the museum is closed except for special events in which arrangements have been made in advance. If you wish to visit during the non-operating period it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the museum grounds will be open.

Entrance to the museum is free, although a suggested donation of \$2.00 is greatly appreciated.

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Notes From the Chairman

At the outset, may I say, it is a privilege to be in this position and be a part of a tremendous Museum, which has been described by many as a "Sleeping Giant".

There can be no doubt that a tremendous amount of effort by many has brought this organization to its present level. Many plans are in the works and hopefully the effort will continue to bring them to fruition. The Museum and the board have been fortunate in that the County of Plumas, City of Portola and the Board of Supervisors have an interest in helping the Museum grow.

Among the goals deemed achievable is the refurbishing of the roof of the building due to its extreme deterioration. Another aim is to complete the modification of the boxcar to become the home, at least on a temporary basis, of all the historic documents and memorabilia in the possession of the Historical Committee. John Walker, Chair, has done an exemplary job in bringing this about.

In all candor, I am not sure it is achievable but one of my own personal primary goals is to make the "Little Steam 440 #737", the original Union Pacific engine, an acceptable static display.

Having recently been apprised of the fact that the Ingersol-Rand engine in the museums possession is the only one of this type known to exist, a bit of "TLC" will be directed toward it to assure its preservation.

There are many, many things that we as mem-

bers can do, to not only perpetuate the Museum, but also to assure progress. I am aware that geographically we are to some very remote. Nevertheless, in my time as a member of this organization I have developed a great regard for the Museum and its members: hopefully they can be encouraged to become more active in helping enhance the efforts that are ongoing.

I would be remiss were I not to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of our immediate past president "Skip" Englert. Unfortunately, he has experienced some health problems but still is an active member of the Board and continues to manage the "R.A.L." Program.

In closing, I again express my gratitude for being allowed to be a part of a tremendous institution and wish to assure all that I will do my utmost in assisting others in furthering our Museum's growth.

The Headlight

Issue 17 (the big CZ 50th Anniversary issue) is nearing completion and will hopefully go to paste up in a few weeks.

Articles being submitted for future issues include an article on Binney Jct. in Marysville, the WP's proposed but never built San Francisco peninsula line, an article on the Jeffery Shops in Sacramento, a look at the WP's Stockton Yard, an excellent article on modeling the U23B's and some other ideas which are still works in progress.

Our magazine staff is constantly looking and developing new material months, even years in advance. This magazine is an all volunteer effort, none of the staff gets paid for any of this. This is YOUR magazine. We need YOUR contributions. Don't wait for someone else to write an article, they're waiting on you.

We desperately need cover photos, "Portrait of a Feather" photos, modeling articles as well as historical articles. A new feature, the Collectibles Corner, features short articles and photos of unique WP items such as lanterns, china, service awards, etc. Please consider sharing some of your items with us in this column. Contact Frank Brehm at 916-334-7476 or via email at headlight@wplives.com for details.

- Frank Brehm

Obituaries

We have lost two members recently: Richard Mitchell died July 14 and Robert Dobbins died on August 16.

Richard Mitchell worked for the Santa Fe in Richmond until his retirement and was active in the Northern California Railroad Club. Mitch hosted several bus trips from the Bay Area to our museum.

Robert Dobbins was an enthusiastic supporter of our museum and was very generous in his contributions to our endowment fund.

Both will be missed.

Web Pages of Interest

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| PRM | www.oz.net/~samh/frrs | SN Page | www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y |
| WPRRHS | www.wprrhs.org | Tidewater Southern | www5.pair.com/rattene/WP/TideIndex.htm |
| CZ Virtual Museum | calzephyr.railfan.net | Tidewater Southern | members.aol.com/TSRY/page5/Tsmainpage.htm |
| The Western Pacific Site | www.wplives.com | WP Virtual Museum | wpmuseum.railfan.net |

Facilities Report

The end of the summer season has arrived. The big news is the paving of approximately 400 running feet of the driveway into the museum and the installation of a new paved crossing for member access.

The sleeping car is in the building awaiting the installation of the air conditioning unit. Rewiring the car for 110 volts AC is virtually complete. Mike Barlow from Bishop, CA is a professional electrician and has been ram-rodging the job. Many kudos to Mike for his expertise and perspiration on this job and the electrical upgrade to the membership support facility complex (MSFC), which includes the sleeping car and shower car areas between track 5 and 6. On October 18, Bob Vieira of Sierra Pacific Power Company of Portola, using a cherry picker, removed the last of the old overhead wires that stretched from our main power pole to the building. With this action, this phase of the power upgrade is complete.

Fifteen tons of scrap (plus or minus a few pounds) was removed this summer from the yard area. Due to the low price of scrap metal, nothing in terms of money was received but we did make a hole in the junk pile in the area known as "the island". The city has now allowed us to dump any remaining scrap in their scrap pile located at the town dump at no charge.

The conversion of the SSW/Cotton Belt RBL boxcar into an archives storage unit is underway. Two new members, Ralph Foster and Bart Rohles, from Santa Clara, CA completed the work of painting the interior of the car started by John Walker. They also laid down the sub-floor material necessary before vinyl floor sheeting material can be installed.

The oil house was cleaned out in August by Ken Iverson, myself and John Schroeder, hired for the summer. John is the Student Body President for Portola High School. The job was greasy but needed to be done.

An inspection of the track before railroad photographer's day revealed a list of defects which included missing bolts in switches. Most of the defects discovered were not FRA defects however one broken frog on east track 3 and 4 switch was an FRA defect and had to be welded. The frog has developed another new crack and will have to be changed out. By spring, and before the start of operations, all other noted defects will be remedied.

Toby Smith will be grading a spot by the hill between the parking lot and the picnic area parking lot in order to build a track on which to put the log flats that are currently in Loyalton. Toby will perform this work on October 25th and I hope he will be able to also dig up the water lines behind the shower car so a permanent water line can be installed thus eliminating the dry barrel riser as the only source of water for that car. It is

also my hope to remove the old fire plug in the same area. The fireplug is ancient and not a reliable tool in the event of a fire. A bad plug is worse than no plug because people come to depend upon them for fire suppression. When they don't work, when one needs them to work, the situation becomes exacerbated.

Eventually, I would like to rid the place of all old fire plugs and install a new dry barrel 3" riser pipe suitable for fire fighting, if necessary, located in front of the green baggage car. This had been a fire hydrant there at one time and all of the piping is still in place. This should be an easy installation.

Since my last report, the "Ore" car is out of business. For years there has been "Ore" and "Core" samples languishing in sample cartons. They were wall to wall for half of a 50 foot boxcar and 4 to 5 feet high. Hundreds of cartons marked and recorded somewhere as to a specific location from which they were removed. We were finally given the okay to dispose of these samples. If you want some interesting samples of geology, look out on the backside of the balloon track, there are 3 dump truck loads of them. All the cartons went to the re-cyclers, three bales full.

The projects for the fall still fill a long page, but as each project is completed a large check goes beside that item along with a great deal of appreciation to those that participated in their completion.

If any member would like to participate in projects on the grounds such as track work, building repair, new construction, or in any capacity, all that has to be done is contact me at (530) 832-1657 and we can look at a long list of projects and see if there is one you might be interested in.

- Doug Morgan

FRRS 1999 Dates

November 13	Board Meeting
December 3	First Sub Club Meeting
December 4	Santa Train
December 11	Board Meeting, Santa Train
December 31	Have a Safe and Happy New Year

As this issue was going to press I was saddened to learn of the passing of Hap Manit on October 31, 1999. Hap was one of the early members of the rail society and assisted with many projects throughout the years. He will be missed. The FRRS sends our sincere condolences to the family. We will have more on Hap in the next issue.

Operating Department

Now that the operating season is drawing to a close, I can say 1999 has been a very full year. With crew training beginning on April 24th and continuing on May 2nd 1999 full operations began on May 29th.

In June, members of the operating department worked 11 days at 12 hours per day with the WP 2001 during Railfair 99 in Sacramento. It seemed as though the line was endless at times as visitors came through to tour the cab of the locomotive and receive information about the museum. A very big "Thank you" to all of the members, past and present, as well as the wives who helped with the visitors at Railfair 99. Our Operating Department did an outstanding job.

Caboose train ridership has shown an increase again this year. Although at times slow in the mornings it always became busier in the afternoons.

Members of the operating department would also like to take their hats off in thanks to Sue and Bruce Cooper for operating the Beanery this year. Those hot lunches and cool drinks helped us make it through the season.

The Operating Department has logged over 1,853 hours of service with thirty-four members participating so far this year.

Beanery Report

First I would like to say we are glad to be back, and would like to thank everyone who came up this summer. It was a pleasure seeing all of you and we hope to see you again next year. Altogether, we served about 425 lunches for crew this season.

I would like to thank Ken Roller for his assistance with sweeping and mopping the floors every Friday and Monday. Thanks Ken. I would also like to say a big Thank You to Edna Ede who volunteered her assistance on some of the busier weekends. Thank You Edna. Bruce and I are looking forward to returning next year just so we can see all of your smiling faces and meet more of the membership as you come up to visit and work at the museum.

What can I say about Bruce? He endured the heat of the kitchen to ensure you had the best-cooked lunch ever. Not to mention some of the verbal bantering that took place. Thanks for being the chief cook! Our plans for next year include replacing the table covers and possibly a couple of other surprises.

As a reminder we will be serving cookies, coffee, and cocoa on the Santa trains in December. Bring the family and enjoy the trains during the last runs of the year.

See you there.
- Sue Cooper

Newly qualified Operating Department members for the 1999 season are:

Kerry Cochran	Passenger engineer
Dave Bergman	Yard engineer
Don Borden	Yard engineer
Melissa McGrath	Yard engineer
Paul Finnegan	Fireman
Chris Simpson	Fireman
Lew Barard	Brakeman
Jeanne Collins	Brakeman
William McGrath	Brakeman

Congratulations are also in order for Don Nelson who has been appointed Assistant Trainmaster.

We plan on having new rule books ready for the start of next years operating season. All Operating Department members will receive this in the mail. If you are not a part of the Operating Department come on up and take the open book test. We enjoy having new faces and the rewards include self-satisfaction as well as a feeling of achievement once you complete the training. Openings exist in many positions.

In closing, I and the rest of the Operating Department crew would like to pass on a really big "Thank you" to all of the members who have donated time to the Portola Railroad Museum so far this year.

- Jim Gidley

Gift Shop Report

Three new video tapes are now available from the Gift Shop.

1. California Zephyr. Rare 16 mm archival film footage and personal recollections of those who worked on the train including Ernie and Kathy Von Ibsch, Arthur Lloyd and Virgil Staff. By Copper Media - 55 minutes - \$19.95 includes compact CD with sounds of WP CZ.

2. Western Pacific - The Last Decade. WP in the diesel years, CZ, freight, locals and switchers. Includes a brief history of why the railroad was built. By Charles Smiley - 68 minutes - 24.95.

3. A Look Back in Time. Transfer of two old WP 16mm films, one Destination America, a journey across the WP from Oakland to Salt Lake City by a prospective employee filmed in the early 50's. The second, Railroading with Safety, a rule book review filmed in the early 60's. Both show early WP diesels in orange and silver. Also includes 2 WP CZ radio commercials. By Western Star Productions - 56 minutes - \$24.50.

Order through the Gift Shop, Visa and Master Card accepted. Please include \$3.50 S&H and CA sales tax (7.25%) if applicable.

- Norm Holmes

A Memory Preserved

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In 1930 General Motors purchased the Electro-Motive Corporation (EMC), which designed and sold gas-electric cars. GM also purchased Winton Engine Co., the largest supplier of gasoline engines to EMC. Winton also manufactured diesel engines. GM combined these resources and brought to market diesel switchers and passenger locomotives in 1935. The subsidiaries were fully merged into GM by 1941 as EMD, the Electro-Motive Division.

EMD's Road Switcher model GP-7 was the first model using the high hood outside walkway style, that would be used by many units that followed. Western Pacific's GP-7s had dual controls and were at home on locals and main line freights. The original Pyle-National "barrel" style headlights were replaced by twin sealed-beam lamps in the late seventies. The GP-7s closed the door to steam power on the WP, and completed the dieselization of the railroad. They could be MU'ed with the mechanically similar F7s.

The GP-7 was a very successful model. EMD sold a total of 2,729 units. By far, the majority went to U.S. railroads -- 112 units going north to Canada and two went south of the border to Mexico. The design was based on the EMD 567B 16 cylinder 2-cycle diesel engine and developed 1500 horsepower. Each cylinder

measured 18½ x 10 inches. The "567" number comes from the displacement of each cylinder in cubic inches. The engine idles at 275 RPM and redlined at 800 RPM. The total loaded weight is 251,700 pounds. Depending on the gearing, the maximum speed of a GP-7 ranges from 55 to 89 MPH. The fully loaded GP-7 can hold 18 cubic feet of sand, 230 gallons of coolant, 200 gallons of lube oil, and 1500 gallons of fuel. It is 55' 9" long and the maximum height above the rail is 14' 6".

If you want to learn more than you ever really wanted to know about the EMD GP-7 visit the web site, <http://gelwood.el.wny.org/manual/gp7opman.html> where you can read the operating manual published by EMD.

Both of Portola's GP-7s were built in October 1952 by EMD. The museum's first GP-7, #708, was donated by Union Pacific in 1984. Our operational unit, #707, was retired by UP in 1985 and donated to the museum two years later.

From the Editor

Although this issue is late, the publication will be back on a regular schedule with the next issue, which will be mailed in early January 2000.

I would like to direct your attention to the article by Paul Finnegan which starts on page 1 of this issue. After mentioning to Paul during a visit at the museum that I was looking for articles or interesting stories to use in the publications he sent this to me via email. I am sure many of us have fond memories of past activities that have been rekindled while we help at the museum.

I invite all of you to visit the museum and if you choose, get dirty. There are always tasks that need attention. While you are there perhaps you could put pen to paper and let the other members know of your experience.

Without going into details, you can read about them in the separate departmental reports, this operating season so far has been a very busy and productive one. Many planned activities have taken place as well as many small jobs completed. Without the help of a small dedicated volunteer force much of what goes on at the museum, let along the day to day operations, would never see the light of day. Please remember this is your organization and help is always needed.

As a final note, please remember to keep your address current with member services.

-Frank Brehm

Year 2000 Calendar

The year 2000 Calendar project is now complete and has been received from the printer. Orders are being processed and sent out at this time. Management of this project was under the direction of the WPRRHS.

This is an impressive calendar with the proceeds helping both the FRRS and the WPRRHS.

With a list price of \$9.95, membership price is \$7.95 each. The calendar will be available in the Gift Shop. Mail orders are welcome. Shipping is \$1.50 for up to four calendars and CA residents are reminded to include 7.25% sales tax. Send your order to;

FRRS Gift Shop
P.O. Box 608
Portola, CA 96122-0608

Or call 530-832-4737. Credit cards are accepted.

We are also planning the 2001 calendar. If you have any WP related photos for possible inclusion in the calendar and would like to contribute a photo for consideration please send it to either

Vic Neves	-OR-	Frank Brehm
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Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society

2000 Convention Dates Set

Your Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society asks that you please mark your calendars now to join us at the historic Feather River Inn in Blairsden, CA June 10-12 next year for our annual convention.

The Inn was a favorite destination for travelers on the WP. In fact, the Inn was a flag stop for WP passenger trains for many years. Now serving as a conference center for the University of the Pacific in Stockton, the main lodge has been nicely restored and has a great meeting room and a fantastic dining room where the food is simply excellent!

The grounds are quiet and peaceful, except when a UP train rolls by on the other side of Highway 70! The Inn also has dormitory style lodging in cabins that are just up the hill from the main lodge. As part of the convention package, all meals and overnight lodging will be included. While the initial price may seem much higher than our normal convention registration, please remember that this includes rooms and meals. When you add it all up, it's cheaper than running around trying to find a room or another place to eat. This way, there will be no reason to miss any of the great speakers and presentations on the schedule.

We will be mailing more information as the schedule and prices are firmed up. But please mark your calendars now so you will not miss this great gathering.

The convention committee is also looking to get started on the planning of the 2001 and 2002 conventions. We need suggestions from people who are willing to do the local legwork in finding a suitable site and making the necessary arrangements. The convention committee will help with registration, advertising, finding people to put on presentations, etc. There is money available to handle the deposits and expenses involved in setting up the meeting so please don't feel like you will be on your own. We have guidelines in place and we will be happy to discuss your ideas. The most important thing at this early stage, is to find someone in the local area where the proposed convention will be held who can find the right facilities and draft up a plan for our consideration.

Directing a convention will require a serious commitment of your personal time. You will have to put a few modeling projects aside for a month or two and you will spend a few hours on the phone with the convention staff. But, the results will be well worth the effort and greatly appreciated by your fellow members. Please give it some thought and give John Walker a call at 916-671-9584, drop him a note at the museum or contact via email at run8john@thegrid.net if you think you would like to give it a try.

1999 Convention Report

On April 16 & 17 1999, 92 people attended the third annual WPRRHS convention held at the Newark-Fremont Hilton Hotel. Convention directors Jim Dias and Thom Anderson did a great job of putting together a well-received group of presenters that resulted in a thoroughly enjoyable gathering.

Clinicians included John Walker presenting material from the Society archives detailing WP's plans for building their own line up the peninsula into San Francisco. Jim Providenza showed how to make era specific models of the F-unit fleet. Tom Mougovan and Don Marenzi showed slides from their collections. For an unusual viewpoint, Rich Forst showed slides taken during cab-rides as a WP employee. Bill Decker showed how to modify the Life-Like GP20 into a high-hood WP version. Dave Pires showed several easily modeled WP flatcars, gondolas and tank cars.

Norman Holmes showed slides he took in the Bay Area before his move to Portola. Dave Stanley presented slide shows on the Sacramento Northern, Tidewater Southern and Central California Traction Co. Vic Neves and Wayne Monger showed their ever-popular WP-theme slide shows.

Saturday evening, following a buffet-style dinner, those attending the banquet were witness to a rare treat in the form of Mr. Harold Meeker, who joined WP as assistant to President Christy in 1966. He regaled those present for over an hour with stories about the inner workings of the railroad that only someone who was there when it happened could tell. Mr. Meeker's presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The evening was closed out with a viewing of favorite slides brought by the attendees.

Norman and Barbara Holmes brought the PRM gift shop to the convention and did very well in sales. Norman also showed two company films he had converted to video, a training film and an introduction to the railroad containing footage shot in the 1950s and 1960s. It is planned to have the videos available for purchase later this year. The member's swap table also did well.

Compared to past years, the modeling displays and contest entries were tremendous! There were over 100 models on display and nearly every contest category had multiple entries. There were also a number of items of WP related railroadians on display for viewing, including paintings, timetables, passes and lanterns.

The WPRRHS would again like to thank Jim and Thom for their efforts in bringing us all a great convention!

- John Walker

Minutes of Past Meetings

August 1999

The meeting was called to order at 1335 hours at the Portola Library. All Directors were present with the exception of Brehm & Monger. Guests present were Portola City Administrator Jim Murphy, Linda Brimmer and Chris Simpson. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. No Treasurer's report was available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. East England Tank Museum addressing the possible acquisition of the two military tanks now in possession of the museum. The disposition of this matter will be pursued.
2. Hundman Publishing Inc. asking to buy the F. R. R. S. mailing list. Discussion followed and it was decided that Director Holmes would research this and bring a decision to the next Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- a. Reported that Director Holmes had filed form 990 and sent to Ken Barnhart for completion. Chairman Anderson will sign & mail to IRS
- b. Museum Roof repairing and painting of roof could not be done prior to Railroad Days.
- c. Railroad Days two large and 3 small layouts will be displayed at the museum during Railroad Days.
- d. There is a concern regarding the lateness of The Train Sheet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SALT LAKE CITY 44 TONNER: After much discussion the Board authorized Director Holmes to proceed with the details necessary to return the 44 Tonner in Salt Lake City in its present state back to Portola. In the discussion it was debated as to which manner would be best. Whether it be parting out the unit at the present location or bringing it back as a whole unit. The Board, on a split vote, decided that it should come to the museum in its present configuration. MOTION 1-8/99

2001: Director Stiles gave an in-depth report on the status and condition of Engine 2001. It was his contention that the accident involving this engine was not of any great concern and Director Morgan concurred that a given amount of repair would erase the damage. Director Englert was of the opinion that the engine should be returned to the Museum as soon as possible, however, Director Stiles stated that the obligation to the Yolo Shortline had yet to be fulfilled and until such time as the engine was in running order and that obligation had been met then the engine could be returned to Portola. Director Stiles indicated he was working toward fulfillment of this obligation and would have a report for the Board at the September meeting.

SILVER HOSTEL: As to the retrieval of the Silver Hostel, Director Morgan reported that he will be leaving for St. Louis on August 23rd to prepare and make arrangements for bringing this unit to the Museum as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

RAILFAIR FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Monger forwarded an in-depth report of his expenditures for Railfair with cor-

roborating receipts. After some discussion this item was tabled until the Treasurer can examine the billings. He will report to the Board in September.

WP BOXCAR 22009: Director Vicknair gave an in-depth report and the A & D Committee recommendations are as follows: 1. The said car is a proper candidate for reuse 2. It is not unique in the collection 3. It is damaged and would be hard to repair The reuse as proposed is potentially unacceptable and the committee asks that the conversion be done in a manner sensitive to the potential concerns of U.P.R.R.

CREDIT CARDS: Director Holmes reported that four credit cards had been procured for use by various individuals to make purchases connected with their duties in performing work for the museum. Discussion followed - the Board decided to withhold distribution of the cards until such time that a meeting with the Treasurer would be held to determine the use, procedure and limits of the cards could be stipulated. A report will be given at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trainmaster Jim Gidley was present at the meeting and he indicated to the Board that it was his intent to appoint Don Nelson as "Asst. Trainmaster". Also he suggested that the Annual Board Meeting be held on Railroad Days in order to garner a larger attendance from the membership. Also at this time the Glad Hand Award will be proffered and he indicated that on Railroad Days there will be only 1 train and it will start at noon.

ALCO S-2 SWITCHER AND BUDD CAR: After much discussion concerning these two units which have been offered ... the possible acquisition was referred to the A & D committee for further action. Director Vicknair is to advise the A & D committee of this assignment.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS: A discussion by the Board as to the merit of member attendance at the ARM & TRAIN CONVENTION . After discussion the Board authorized the following:

1. Director Morgan to attend the ARM Convention with expenses not to exceed \$1200.00. MOTION 2-8/99
2. Director Holmes to attend the TRAIN convention in Virginia in November. Director Holmes will bring a projected cost to the September board meeting for consideration. Director Holmes has offered to pay his own airfare.
3. The Shasta Daylight Convention in Redding will be September 30 - October 3. Director Holmes was authorized to attend with hotel and gas expense to be paid by the FRRS in the amount of \$345.00. MOTION 3 - 8/99

LIBRARY CAR: The Board discussed the Library Car in great length. Work is in progress on this unit for archive storage. Conversion requiring the cutting of a door for easier access was discussed. Director Englert noted that Ken Roller had noted that an interior door could be erected directly behind the sliding doors thereby eliminating the need for intrusion into the existing metal for such access. This idea is to be considered by John Walker and Director Morgan. Wood has been made available for construction of shelving material, however, Email concerns about the utilization of wood in the storage of archives has been received. It was suggested that metal would better serve the art of preservation. Also, the

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possibility of other cars being suited for this purpose.

RAL: Director Englert brought forth the possibility of restricting RAL operations to weekdays only and after discussion the Board asked to have Director Englert survey the possibility of such action and the item would be discussed at a future meeting.

PAVING: Director Morgan moved that appropriations in the sum of \$700.00 for the paving of the membership entrance driveway (including preparation of the crossing for crosstie inspection, replacement of defective ties and the installation of guardrails). After minimal discussion the Board approved this action. MOTION 4-8/99

RAIL FAN DAYS: Director Englert moved the Board pay for room and travel for Arthur Lloyd to attend this function in order to promote the C/Z restoration at a booth for the Silver Hostel. The Board was in complete agreement that this was indeed something that would enhance the possibilities of restoring this unit. Expense for this outing not to exceed \$150.00. MOTION 5-8/99

FILES IN SAN FRANCISCO: Director Holmes advised the Board of his desire to journey to San Francisco to retrieve and return 27 file cabinets donated to the museum. After discussion the Board was in agreement that it was in the best interest of the museum for this to occur. Director Holmes was asked to accomplish this in a manner that would be least expensive to the museum.

MUSEUM VAN RETURN: A discussion ensued as to the possibility of the return of the van, belonging to the museum and now being used by Director Stiles in his efforts to maintain Engine 2001. It would be used by the museum to pick-up people at the airport for transport into the museum. Portola City Administrative Officer Jim Murphy indicated that the city had a car that could be used for this purpose and they could make it available if such a need arose, Director Stiles indicated that there was still need for the van at its present location and he desired to retain it. He indicated it would be returned when work was completed on 2001. Director Morgan indicated that it was the original intent to dispose of the van when it was no longer needed at its present location due to the expense of repair and insurance. This item to be continued to the October meeting.

AIMS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES: The Chair indicated that the process of forming an Aims, Goals & Objectives Committee is moving ahead. Information regarding this committee will be forthcoming.

CAMP CAR: The A & D committee will address this project.

LUMBER ACQUISITION: Sierra Pacific Industries has donated a considerable amount of lumber, which was originally intended for shelving and storage space in the Library Car, and arrangements are being made for transportation from the Quincy Mill to the museum site. Portola City Administrative Officer Jim Murphy again offered the services of the City to assist in this endeavor. In the event it cannot be used in the library car there are no doubt other possible areas of construction that would be appropriate for its utilization.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES (TEA): Director Holmes presented a document for the TEA program in which a letter of proposal was exhibited and after some discussion Director Vicknair agreed to take this to the A & D

committee. This would be a good program in which the museum could acquire monies to enhance museum activities. Among those projects that might be considered would be the Silver Hostel. The proposal and request must be in place by September 10, 1999

POLICY: Director Stiles proposed the consideration of developing and adoption of a POLICY PROCEDURES MANUAL. It was decided to definitely pursue such development of a manual such as this as soon as possible.

PAINTING OF RAILROAD TRACKS ON STREET: The Board discussed the painting of the Railroad Tracks on Commercial St. in Portola. Director Englert was uncertain as to the time of application. Director Stiles felt that given the time limitations that perhaps this project should be delayed until next year. The Board directed Director Englert to resolve this issue.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

September 1999

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. Director Englert, Neves & Brehm were noted absent. Minutes of August meeting were approved. Financial report was presented in part and a full & complete report is expected from our auditor at the October 16th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was read from:

Dan Brady - re: financial report

Thank you from San Francisco Cable Car Museum

Dakota Southern R. R. - trade of cars available

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. T.R.A.I.N. Convention costs - Motion 8 - 9/99 Director Holmes to represent us at convention. Expenses not to exceed \$ \$1300.00

2. Train Sheet should be in mail within the week

3. Calendar Ad - Chairman Anderson to address this

4. 24 file cabinets from San Francisco are in Portola

5. Las Vegas Convention - Motion 7-9/99. Dir. Holmes to attend. Expenses not to exceed \$450.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A&D COMMITTEE. Director Vicknair gave a report on:

1. Alco S-2 Switcher and camp car. Director Vicknair will investigate the possible acquisition of the Camp Car. Other acquisitions will also be investigated.

2. T.E.A. grant request (copy in file). Director Vicknair also advised the Board that he was no longer a member of the A&D Committee.

The Board voted not to buy the Santa Fe RDC-I. Discussion concerning the WP 4-8-4 tender was held re: the possibility of leasing this unit. Director Morgan appointed to look into this. It was the recommendation of the committee not to sell the 4404.

A.G.O. Committee:

A motion by Director Morgan that the Board accept the crea-

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tion of an Aims, Goals & Objectives Committee. Motion passed # 6-9/99

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on development and adoption of a Procedures/Policy Manual. The Chair presented to the Board a manual prepared by Kerry Cochran. The Board felt that in addition to what he has already prepared, a study of past minutes regarding policies adopted should be included. Director Monger will produce past copies of minutes to re-search these items. The Board is most appreciative of Kerry's efforts.

SALT LAKE CITY 44-tonner: After much discussion the Board delayed the decision of bringing the unit as is to Portola or to part it out at its present location. There were two bids for transportation received: TW Construction - \$3275.00 and ARCO Trucking - \$4500.00. Final decision will be definitely made at the October Board Meeting.

LUMBER DONATION: The Chair will endeavor to arrange transportation of lumber, now located at the Quincy Mill, delivered to museum. Also will explore the possibility of having the two lumber cars returned from Loyaltan to Portola.

SILVER HOSTEL: Director Morgan is scheduled to leave for St. Louis on 9/14 to make arrangements for transportation & delivery of the Silver Hostel unit to Portola.

RAILFAIR EXPENSES: A discussion ensued regarding payment of out-of-pocket expenses to Director Monger. This item to be handled as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report from Jim Gidley - Operations Dept.:

1. Notes that due to unsafe track at two locations the train speed has been lowered until repairs are done.

2. Requests that Special Events Chairs let the operations dept. know at least 30 days in advance of event the engine selection. Expressed concern that without the Train Sheet it is difficult to let people know about dates and makes getting help very difficult.

4. Recommended that a business card be made up for RAL Engineers and Department Heads. The Board thought this was an excellent idea. Chair Anderson will take care of this.

5. Suggested that we send a thank you to Bruce & Sue Cooper for running the Beanery this year.

C/Z CARS: Director Holmes found 66 cushion assemblies and 44 seat backs in Los Angeles. Total for these was \$329.00. Transportation would be extra. Director Holmes to make arrangements for delivery and payment, he to be reimbursed upon arrival unless the Museum credit card can be used.

Storage of Property: Tabled until October meeting.

Motion by Director Stiles regarding paying registration and hotel for Dan Brady to attend Vancouver Convention. Motion 12-9/99 Passed.

Motion 11-9/99 That Director Morgan be appointed negotiator for the acquisition of Steam Locomotive WP 164 & the F.R. R. Shay #1 from the City of Oroville. Further negotiate with CSRM for the possible trade of the Silver Plate as well as with the Gold Coast R. R. Museum concerning the Silver Stag. Passed.

Motion 10-9/99 - That the Board approve the purchase of a snowplow to attach to the Case Backhoe. Expenses not to exceed \$3500.00. Passed.

Motion 9-9/99 - To designate Director Holmes to approach the U.P.R.R., Preferred U.P. scrappers and any other Railroad or Business holding significant items of WP/SN/TS equipment with a request that the FRRS be considered and notified if and when such items become candidates for sale or scrapping. Passed.

Director Vicknair was instructed by the Board to convey to the owner of the Silver Thrush the possible interest in acquiring this unit.

RAIL FAN DAY - Discussion as to the location of the sleeping car during this weekend and the hiring of security for the upcoming Rail Fan Day. The decision was made to move the sleeping car outside the building during this event. Director Holmes is to arrange for security. Policy on security will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Chair to contact Beckwourth Fire Dept. re: fire protection during this weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board meeting will be October 16th at 1 p.m. - Portola Library.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

October 1999

The October Board meeting of the Feather River Rail Society was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 1 p.m. on October 16, Portola Library meeting room. Directors present were: Brehm, Holmes, Morgan, Englert, Vicknair & Anderson. Other guests present: Treasurer Dan Brady, Chris Simpson, Jim Murphy, Lolli Bryan.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Dan Brady explained procedure for depositing money etc. There will be one checking account at Bank of America in Portola and the Society will also have a Safe Deposit Box at Bank of America in Portola. Signing of checks explained in "policy adopted". Because of having credit cards distributed to four members; gas cards will be cancelled. A Property Records File will be set up on all property the museum has. Dan Brady will chair this project. A written loan agreement will be present on all rolling stock in the yard.

MOTION 18-10/99 - The Board authorized Treasurer Dan Brady to consolidate and invest 40% of the museum's money accounts into high yielding security bonds in order to generate more income.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Executive Director Holmes handed out a written report on the two conventions he recently attended. Informed us that the seats recently purchased from Los Angeles were backs only. At this time Executive Director Holmes mentioned the final Master Plan for the museum. All members in attendance

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were given a copy. Other copies can be obtained at the museum.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Gary Thomas, St. Paul Insurance Co. (museum insurance) advising the Board that from 9/29/99 he and his associates will handle any investigation regarding the 921 incident.

Chairman Anderson read a letter he has sent to the Mayor, City of Portola, County Supervisor Fran Roudebush regarding the roof of the museum. At this time City Manager Jim Murphy reported that the results of the correspondence brought forth a grant of \$10,000 to repair and paint the roof & building. Mr. Murphy also reported that the Portola City Sewer Treatment plant and surrounding areas are being cleared. He also reported that the City was putting together a "Volunteer Work List" that we will be able to utilize at any time.

Director Vicknair presented correspondence regarding various types of rolling stock for purchase. He was advised to pursue acquisition possibilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

R.A.L. - Lolli Bryan reported on RAL donations as follows:

15 gift certificates	1800.00
General donations	285.00

She also advised that she is in charge of the RAL reservation phone and suggested considering marking a portion of RAL receipts to go toward maintenance of engines. At one point only 2 of the RAL engines were operating. This discourages people from making any reservations if they want a specific engine. She also reported Sunset magazine informed us that the inquiries for the RAL were higher than any other inquiry in California.

A & D COMMITTEE: The Board appointed the Chair of the A & D Committee to be Tom Mueller.

LIBRARY CAR: Work progress continues and John Walker, as head of the committee, is making great strides in bringing this project to fruition.

TRAIN SHEET: Frank Brehm presented the schedule for the Train Sheet as follows: July, August & September/October, November & December/January, February & March This will put the publication back on the schedule of 6 issues/year.

DIRECTOR MORGAN: Director Morgan reported on the possible acquisition of a Camp Car situated in Oroville, negotiations will continue. Both he and Dan Brady gave a report on the ARMS Convention they attended in Vancouver.

OLD BUSINESS:

Silver Hostel: Due to the seller renegeing on the original contract acquisition of this unit is in limbo and from all appearances, unless the seller abides by the original contract, litigation will ensue. The main bone of contention is the sellers intent to remove existing set of trucks and replace them with a set of lesser value. This is not acceptable and the museum will continue to obtain the car in the condition in which it was purchased. Director Morgan was instructed to have Thomas Jacobson, Attorney at Law, write a letter regarding this situation.

2001: Conversation concerning the return of 2001 to Portola

brought about no resolve and from all appearances, owing to the fact that the engine at this time is inoperable, return should not be expected before Spring.

Salt Lake City Engine: Executive Director Holmes in accordance with the Board action in August will arrange for transportation of this unit from its present location to the museum in Portola. Title and transfer of ownership must be transmitted to the museum prior to removal.

Silver Thrush: Director Vicknair brought to the Board the gist of his efforts to obtain the Silver Thrush and the Board, given the \$110,000.00 price tag, felt this was not doable. Director Vicknair indicated this was not a rush situation; that the owner was amenable to negotiations.

MOTION 13-10/99 - Director Vicknair be authorized to go to LaMirada to inspect the Silver Thrush and continue preliminary negotiations to determine the feasibility of acquisition. Expenses not to exceed \$350.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Acquisition of Thomas Phillips Collection: The Board by motion 14-10/99 approved the acquisition of the Thomas Phillips Collection of Western Pacific Historical Documents pursuant to inspection by John Walker with the purchase price not to exceed \$2500.00.

Motion 15-10/99 - To rescind and eliminate the title and office of Contract Officer failed to pass.

Motion 16-10/99 - That all private equipment, furniture and files be removed from the Corporate Office Car and that it be sued by the Corporate officers and the Board of Directors for the business of the F.R.R.S and the museum. Motion denied
 Motion 17-10/99 - That the F.R.R.S. shall approve the Zephyr Project funding proposal for the restoration of the Silver Hostel and 805A as outlined in the attached document with the exclusion of #6. Motion passed.

Treasurer Brady was instructed by the Board to formulate a policy for the use of Museum credit cards. All Gas cards will be cancelled as of 10/18/99. Chairman Anderson will attend to this matter.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The Chair advised the Board of the intent to move the UP 737 4-4-0 Steam Engine into the covered facility for the start of cosmetic restoration work which would allow this locomotive to become a more attractive static display. Conversation regarding the Ingersol-Rand Engine and its historical value. It has been determined that this is the only one in existence, making it a truly valuable and historical piece of equipment. The Board decided that it should too be placed under cover to preclude further deterioration. Director Morgan asked the Museum to become a part of the formation of the West Association of Railroad Museums. Director Morgan was appointed to represent the Board in the formation procedures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board meeting will be November 13th at 1 p.m. - Portola Library.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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The mission of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the history of the Western Pacific Railroad. The secondary mission is to preserve the history of the subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

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, and WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.

Special Fund Status

Item	Additions	Balance	Notes
Building	\$114	\$21,827.25	(1)
WP GP9		\$13,619.75	
CTC Board		\$330.00	
UP 105	\$701	\$2,831.00	(2)
Ingersol Rand	\$100	\$100.00	(3)
UP737/SP216		-	
Library/Archives	\$98.87	\$600.66	(4)
SP Engines		\$300.00	
WP GP 20	\$100.00	\$1,030.00	(5)
Magnolia Tower		\$370.00	
Silver Hostel	\$100.00	\$120.00	(6)
SP 1215	\$73.58	\$15,341.19	(7)
Endowment	\$510.57	\$43,158.58	(8)

(1) Raffle proceeds, (2) misc. donations, (3) Charles Tracy, (4) Convention proceeds, (5) Ken Noren, (6) Don Helcher, (7) Interest, (8) misc. donations. Thank you.

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