

To: FRRS Board of Directors  
From: Paul Finnegan, Webmaster  
Re: Museum Web Page  
Date: December 7, 2015

Since the last report several new public interest items have been added to our web site. Eugene got a new graphic and information poster from our marketing team to promote the **2016 Santa Trains**. It is a striking image of 2873 leading our decorated caboos train. I posted the graphic on the home and Calendar web pages on November 17<sup>th</sup>. I added links to the information poster from the graphic, the Upcoming Events and the “Santa Train” dates on the December calendar. I am monitoring the number of downloads for the information poster. To date, the poster has been downloaded 594 times. In contrast, the total number of downloads in 2014 for last year’s Santa Trains brochure was 751. In January I will give a final download count for 2015’s poster.

Eugene provided me with the information, a graphic and PayPal information for the **2016 Western Pacific Historical calendar**. I used this as an opportunity to do a general review and update of the Archives web page when I replaced the 2015 information with the 2016 information on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can view the page at <http://www.wplives.org/archives.html>

On December 4<sup>th</sup> returning long time member Lew Barnard provided me with two videos for the [WPRM Gallery](#) web page that I have posted. One of the videos is a Santa Train video from days gone by so it is in season. Don Nelson, Lew and I are working on preparing a couple more videos for the page.

One of the maintenance items with the web site that I have been working on is the total number of files in our account. Our total disk usage is very reasonable for our web service, but we were getting nasty-grams from our web hosting company about the number of files. The file count on October 5<sup>th</sup> was 200,134. Of these 179,932 were in our mail system. At the Working Group meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Kerry directed me to disable the email accounts except for Eugene, Tom and Mike. On Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> I backed-up all the mail system and then disabled thirteen mail accounts that appear to not really be used. It would be easy for me to restore the deleted email if requested. This reduced our file count to 34,956, a reduction of 83% which is now within our term of use agreement with our web host provider.

There may still be opportunities to clean up our email system. The current email accounts maintained on our web system are:

| Email account               | File Count | Disk Space | Comment:  |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---|
| eugene_vicknair@wplives.org | 3,509      | 64 MB      |   |
| info@wplives.org            | 9,548      | 617 MB     | ← This also forwards to Gail, Eugene and Tom. Do we need to store the email at hostmonster.com long term? |
| mike@wprrhs.org             | 8          | 3 MB       |   |
| mike_mucklin@wplives.org    |            | 0 MB       |   |
| tom_carter@wplives.org      | 1400       | 29 MB      |   |
| tomwcarter@wplives.org      |            | 0 MB       |   |

If you are the responsible person for one of the above accounts but don’t need it please contact me.

In addition to the actual email accounts on wplives.org, we have 60 email “forwarders” than send email to specific people. For example president@wplives.org sends email directly to Rod. I can provide a list of the forwarders and destinations if desired.

On Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> I audited all the email addresses listed in the Train Sheet and fixed the eight email forwarders that were incorrect. Gail’s email in the Train Sheet was a special case. It pointed to stores@wplives.org that did not exist. Working with Matt Elems, Gail’s Train Sheet address will now be listed as treasurer@wplives.org in the Train Sheet which will forward to her real gmail account.

The work on these email issues closed the web tickets 2015-0018, 2015-0019, 2015-0036, 20115-0048, 2015-0052 and 2015-0099.

I have continued to work on three volunteer sign up tools for the web page. They are:

- 1) Operating Department Annual Crew Training Registration
- 2) Operating Department Train Crew Sign Up
- 3) Museum Event Volunteer Sign Up

For the volunteer sign ups I have implemented an automated sign up flow very similar to the flow used by I-Volunteer. The volunteers fill out a web page form indicating the dates/events they want to work at. If they provide a valid email address\* during the sign up process they receive an email with a link in it to a confirmation web page. When they open the confirmation web page and click the “Confirm” button, the system automatically updates the sign ups for that event and displays the “Extra Board” or “Museum Event Volunteers” web pages as appropriate. You are welcomed to try the sign up tools available under the “Members” pull down menu on the [Debug Operations Page](#) (URL below.) I plan to cancel all registrations/sign ups on January First when the system goes live, so you can play with it until December 31<sup>st</sup> without it being for real. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

We are on track for the release of the new web page menu system, Operating Department web pages, Museum Policies and Forms web pages on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The new organization is in beta test. If you would like to preview the menu system and pages, the [Debug Operations Page](#) (at [http://www.wplives.org/operations\\_debug.html](http://www.wplives.org/operations_debug.html)) can be viewed and used as the starting place to explore. Please be advised I am using this page to test the new things, so there are times when it is broken. That is what debug pages are for!

In the Web Page Ticket report this month I have deleted the previously reported “closed” tickets so only active and recently closed issues are listed.

\* - there is a secondary path for people who do not have an email address, but I don’t expect it to be used very often.

Active wplives.org Web Tickets from 11/8/15 ~ 12/7/15

| Ticket Num | Type        | Date Submitted | Date Started | Date Closed | Status  | Submitted by     | Description:   | Comments:   |
|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------|------------------|--|---|
| 2015-0006  | Out of Date | 10/4/2015      | 10/11/2015   | 11/21/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | Update photos in slide shows and staff page  | Eugene is getting me some new pictures: 10/25 posted new picture of Rod on staff page.  |
| 2015-0010  | Audit       | 10/4/2015      | 10/5/2015    | 11/27/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | Check email addresses for <everyone>@wplive.org  | Audit done - opened 2015-0018   |
| 2015-0012  | Question    | 10/4/2015      | 10/10/2015   | 11/10/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | Train Ride Times 2016: 11-4 or Noon-4, crew training dates, RAL meetings   | Resolved at Working Group Mtg 11/7/15   |
| 2015-0018  | Defect      | 10/5/2015      | 10/5/2015    | 11/27/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | Fix all bad/missing email addresses in wplives.org   | Sent email to Tom & Eugene 10/5/15 with proposed updates. See notes, cleaned up 11/27/15  |
| 2015-0019  | Audit       | 10/5/2015      | 10/5/2015    | 11/27/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | Rod has a large number of emails and wrong forwarder   | Sent email to Rod 10/5/15. Removed 11/27/15   |
| 2015-0030  | Enhancement | 10/6/2015      |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan    | Create Flat Cars web page like Box Cars under Freight Cars   | Long term - need photos & info  |
| 2015-0031  | Enhancement | 10/6/2015      |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan    | Create Tank Cars web page like Box Cars under Freight Cars   | Long term - need photos & info  |
| 2015-0032  | Defect      | 10/6/2015      |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan    | Cabooses on Collection page goes to a generic collection page  | Is there a real cabooses web page?  |
| 2015-0033  | Defect      | 10/6/2015      |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan    | Historical Photos & Video on Collection page goes to a generic collection page   | Is there a real Photos & Video web page?  |
| 2015-0036  | Maintenance | 10/6/2015      | 10/6/2015    | 11/27/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | Work on reducing size of mail files by turning on Apache SpamAssassin  | Activated 10/6/15 19:124 PDT, still getting a fair amount of email 10/7. 15 of 33 emails to Steve flagged as SPAM. 10/8 07:10 - turned on spam box. Removed unused email accounts 11/27/15                                  |
| 2015-0038  | Out of Date | 10/7/2015      |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan    | "Items & Supplies requested for Donation" document on donate.html document is dated June 28, 2011  | Should be reviewed and updated.   |
| 2015-0047  | Question    | 10/7/2015      | 10/7/2015    | 11/23/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | What to do with SacramentoNorthern directory (this has 119 sub-directories and 790 files but no html files or anything in this referenced as far as I can tell.) | Sent email to Tom & Eugene 10/7/15; Eugene will look into it 10/8/15. Got email back from Eugene - OK to move up one dir to get out of public_html 11/22/15   |
| 2015-0048  | Maintenance | 10/8/2015      | 10/8/2015    | 11/27/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | Turned on spam box for mail. Monitor it  | Very few spam emails now on system. On 11/27/15 only 259 emals in spam box.   |
| 2015-0051  | Enhancement | 10/8/2015      |              |             | Open    | Eugene           | Move contents of WPRRHS web page into WPRM   | Long term project   |
| 2015-0052  | Maintenance | 10/8/2015      | 10/8/2015    | 11/27/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | Clean up Kerry Cochran email issues  | Sent email on 10/8. AT 11/7 mtg KDC approved cleanup. Deleted account per KDC.  |
| 2015-0056  | Out of Date | 10/9/2015      | 11/5/2015    | 11/22/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan    | 2015 Calendar sales on archives.html   | Will there be a 2016 calendar? 11/22 - yes but no info yet. Replaced by 2015-0096   |
| 2015-0057  | Out of Date | 10/9/2015      | 11/22/2015   |             | Pending | Paul Finnegan    | 2015 Election Info on membership web page  | Ref Ed Wagner. Echanged email with Eugene 11/22/15 - wait for new election chair to decide what to have on web.   |
| 2015-0060  | Out of Date | 10/10/2015     | 10/11/2015   |             | Pending | Kenneth Finnegan | John Buberniak listed on Staff page as CMO   | Still true? Sent email to Eugene 10/11, reply 10/11 - no, Eugene will find out who is. Removed his photo, now blank. Updated - maybe Seth is acting. TBD what to do. Kerry sent email to Steve&Eugene on 11/8 as follow-up. |

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| 2015-0063  | Defect      | 10/13/2015     |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan  | "Click here to return..." on boxcars (and other) page works only if you drilled down from page above cars. If you got there by URL it doesn't do anything.      | javascript feature (should we remove button since it does not work sometimes?)   |
| 2015-0066  | Enhancement | 10/20/2015     | 10/20/2015   |             | Pending | Kerry Cochran  | Create a Crew Training Registration Form  | Prototype created 10/20/15, sent email to Kerry for feedback. Done - will be released in January   |
| 2015-0067  | Maintenance | 10/20/2015     | 10/22/2015   | 11/28/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | Need to make smaller header files for Operation web pages, they are too big.  | Some fixed, need to write audit script to make sure all are fixed.   |
| 2015-0069  | Defect      | 10/20/2015     |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan  | Left boxes on many pages repeat background picture (wraps around) depending on zoom setting of browser.   |  |
| 2015-0070  | Enhancement | 10/22/2015     |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan  | reefers web page header is plain black background, need picture.  |  |
| 2015-0071  | Enhancement | 10/22/2015     |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan  | Add symbolic link to 2016 forms in operations/docs and change shell scripts to use links when generating email for crew training registration.                  |  |
| 2015-0077  | Enhancement | 10/29/2015     | 10/30/2015   | 11/23/2015  | Closed  | Rick Gruninger | add Printable General Incident Report to site   | Maybe other forms too? Kerry sent me the docs Rick is asking for in email 10/29/15 18:54 PDT, started work on Forms & Docs web page. Will roll out with new menus on 1/1/16. |
| 2015-0080  | Maintenance | 11/1/2015      | 11/1/2015    |             | Pending | Paul Finnegan  | After Operations web page goes live, replace link on trainrides.html about joining the crew to point to join_op_dept.html rather than email to info@wplives.org |  |
| 2015-0081  | Maintenance | 11/1/2015      | 11/1/2015    | 11/9/2015   | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | trainride.html: May need to update train schedule in right box for 2016 season.   | Kerry & rick are working on schedules for 2016. Decided 11/7 working group meeting.  |
| 2015-0082  | Enhancement | 11/1/2015      |              |             | Open    | Paul Finnegan  | Kenneth and Paul should shoot a new caboose ride video and repolace the one on trainride.html   | Created an updated video.  |
| 2015-0083  | Defect      | 11/2/2015      | 11/11/2015   | 11/11/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | Mememrship Application has 501c(3), should be 501c3   | Minor - but wrong.   |
| 2015-0085  | Maintenance | 11/3/2015      | 11/3/2015    | 11/20/2015  | Closed  | Eugene         | Disable "Future Plans" web page for now. May come back later.   | Note: Need to update sn menus also. Will roll out with new menus 1/1/16. New ticket 2015-0091 for SN menus.  |
| 2015-0089  | Defect      | 11/9/2015      | 11/9/2015    | 11/9/2015   | Closed  | Eugene         | Remove recently posted Santa Trains Flyer from web site   | Done   |
| 2015-0090  | Enhancement | 11/17/2015     | 11/17/2015   | 11/17/2015  | Closed  | Eugene         | Poste new Santa Train Info  |  |
| 2015-0091  | Defect      | 11/20/2015     | 11/20/2015   | 11/28/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | Remove Future Plpans from SN menu About Us  | Done.  |
| 2015-0092  | Out of Date | 11/21/2015     | 11/22/2015   | 11/22/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | Conductor's Daily Time Reprot form has old times on it.   | Got new version from Kerry   |
| 2015-0093  | Enhancement | 11/22/2015     | 11/22/2015   | 11/22/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | Add Qual Card Audit form to crew reg email and web page   |  |
| 2015-0094  | Maintenance | 11/22/2015     | 11/22/2015   | 11/23/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | Old dir in public_html: Aug 26 2011 mike/ (510 MB)  | Would like to move up one level - sent email to Eugene 11/22 - OK to move up one dir 11/22/15  |
| 2015-0095  | Maintenance | 11/22/2015     | 11/22/2015   | 11/23/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | Old dir in public_html: Aug 8 2011 dcacz/ (381 MB)  | Would like to move up one level - sent email to Eugene 11/22 - OK to move up one dir 11/22/15  |
| 2015-0096  | Enhancement | 11/22/2015     | 11/22/2015   | 11/22/2015  | Closed  | Eugene         | Post 2016 Historical Calendar info  |  |
| 2015-0097  | Enhancement | 11/22/2015     |              |             | Pending | Eugene         | Work with the Pacific Coast Region NMRA on the convention for April   | PCRNMRA to contact Paul Finnegan.  |
| 2015-0098  | Maintenance | 11/23/2015     | 11/23/2015   | 11/23/2015  | Closed  | Paul Finnegan  | Redo Museum Policies web page to have pdf/src sub dirs and links without revisions in them to protect web pages going out of date.                              | Needed because more than one web page needs to reference Museum Policies, Will also allow for easier updates without editing web pages.                                      |

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| 2015-0099  | Out of Date | 11/27/2015     | 11/27/2015   | 12/4/2015   | Closed      | Paul Finnegan  | Email issues and a couple minor things out of date in Train Sheet (store@wplives.org and address for Gail in train sheet.)  | see email of 11/27 to Matt & Eugene. Matt replied 11/27. Never heard any feedback, made treasurer@wplives.org to fall in-line with president, vpresident, etc. |
| 2015-0100  | Out of Date | 11/28/2015     | 11/28/2015   |             | Pending     | Paul Finnegan  | Update all SN menus after 1/1/16 new WPRM menu roll out.  |  |
| 2015-0101  | Enhancement | 11/29/2015     |              |             | Pending     | Kerry Cochran  | Make a generic intro to the new web site menu system.   | Will create and post on Jan 1, 2016  |
| 2015-0102  | Enhancement | 11/29/2015     | 11/29/2015   |             | In Progress | Kerry Cochran  | Post Qualification Program Rev 7 9-2-2015   |  |
| 2015-0103  | Enhancement | 11/29/2015     |              |             | Open        | Kerry & Paul   | Create Crew Call Prodcure document for Crew Training Web Page   |  |
| 2015-0104  | Enhancement | 12/7/2015      |              |             | Open        | Rick Gruninger | Create place for persons to sign up for "other" Volunteer efforts. Perhaps one where they can enter what they want to do. For example, Mechanical, clean bathrooms, fix windows, tarp outdoor stored equipment, work in the Gift Shop, etc. A general "catch all" without limiting people to specific group activities. | Need to figure out how we make sure only appropriate material is posted.   |