

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Event Reports
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2019 WP – PCR CONVENTION

The 2019 Convention will be held May 2-5, in conjunction with the NMRA Pacific Coast Region convention, which is May 1-5. The convention will be held in Sacramento at McClellan Park.

As it is the 70th anniversary of the California Zephyr, I have been talking with Cathy and Ernie von Ibsch as well as several directors and members about making the theme of the convention the CZ and turning it into a celebration of the train and its people. We are looking at special Zephyr focused special events. One item I hope to have done for the convention is a reprint of Headlight 17 and 18 as a combined book. 2019 is also the 35th anniversary of the opening of the museum and will be WP 165's 100th anniversary.

LIGHT THE FIRE

Here is the financial breakdown of the event:

Income:	Expense:
\$8,900 -- gross ticket sales	\$1,131 – Two Hearts
\$2,143 – gross silent auction	\$3,900 – Longboards
subtotal: \$11,043	\$200 -- advertising and printing
	subtotal: \$5,231

Net Income: \$5,812

Breakdown:

to General Fund - \$870 (to cover WP 165 related administrative costs)
to WP 165 Restoration Account - \$4,942

Overall, everyone seemed to have a great time. Big Fish video recorded the talk by Steve Lee and Doyle McCormack and I now have a finished cut of the video. I am going to work with Paul Finnegan to get a paywall enacted and we will allow folks to view the talk (which is over 1 hour) in exchange for a donation to benefit the WP 165 Restoration. I have received approval from both Steve and Doyle for this.

WORK WEEKEND

We had a small but dedicated crew show up and managed to get quite a few things done or at least started. Thanks to: Charlie Spikes, Janet Steeper, Greg Elems, Jerry van Loo, Duane vanderVeen, Fred Elenbaas and one other gentleman whose name I have misplaced. Also, Phil Oels and David (Santa) were there on Sunday to begin planning brush removal for fire safety work.

The crew managed to get the following done: clean locomotive cabs for UP DDA40X 6946 and WP GP7 708, clean men's end of Shower Car, clean Lounge Car and Kitchen, clean Diesel Shop restrooms and

connecting hallway, replace Lounge Car rear door, prep doors and trim for paint on Diesel Shop, plant wildflower patch in near Malfunction Jct., clean up and airing out of Charles O. Sweetwood and Silver Plate cars, and general clean up around Diesel Shop.

In addition, we had a Boy Scout troop on the property and they did cleaning in the Troop Sleeper, three cabooses and pulled weeds along the loading area next to the Diesel Shop. Thank you everyone!!

LABOR DAY COLLECTIBLE / EQUIPMENT EVENT

Continuing work on this event. We are reaching out to an antique fire truck owners group and an antique Caterpillar owners group. Considering the WP served both Holt Brothers / Cat plant in Stockton and the former Best / Cat plant in San Leandro, there is a neat connection there.