

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Director Report
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GREAT STEAM UP in CARSON CITY

The Great Steam Up ran July 1-4 in Carson City. We had a booth space next to the Nevada-California-Oregon group and right next to the switch into the NSRM Depot, so everytime a train switched in or out of the depot we were surrounded by fans watching and taking pictures.

As I did not get home from a vacation until 10 PM Thursday night, Charlie crewed the Model T and the partly finished booth until I arrived about 2 PM on Friday. We completed the booth set up and started answering questions and handing out flyers. Charlie also fired up the Model T to great interest from the crowd several times.

Saturday we set up a donation box and eventually got \$101 in donations for the weekend. The Model T was again a hit, although the Washoe Zephyr winds forced us to removed the banners and shade cover by 2:30 PM. This would repeat the next two days. Sunday was the big day and we were busy the whole day.

Monday, Charlie was not available, but my mother, Mary Ann, spent the day helping me with the booth. Also, the N-C-O crew and I helped each other out during Friday-Sunday, including with set up and tear down. With far less crowds, we decided to strike the booth about 4 PM on Monday.

We signed up at least 1 new member and also may have obtained another new member and ops department volunteer. We talked to a lot of folks unaware of the museum and many who went to or were planning to go to Portola for the WP 165 operations.



WESTERN PACIFIC 61180 BOXCAR

WP 61180 was moved from Chester on June 23 to the museum. Thank you to Bragg Crane and Seneca Hospital. Greg and David Elems and other FRRS members were in Chester to assist with the loading and many were at the museum to help with the unload.

Kerry Cochran has already put out a body work list to prep the car for archives work and David Elems has the mechanical work list in hand.

We received a lot of positive comments and reactions online to this save.

WESTERN PACIFIC 302 COACH

I have the trucker and loader talking to each other and we are coordinating plans to move the coach.

The donation agreement has been signed and is in the mail.

I am hoping to have the fundraising appeal online next week.