

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Director Report
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FALL FUNDRAISING LETTER

The Fall Fundraising Letters went out in December and I am hoping we have been getting some donations.

GRANTS and FUNDRAISING

I am continuing to push fundraising for the WP 302 move and restoration. While a few people have been very interested and supportive, and more money is coming in, overall there has been praise and approval of getting the car but not much financial support.

I am working on other funding options through several grants to cover archives, buildings and restoration items. I have about 5-6 grants I am currently working on. Also, I plan to contact our new congressman in the next few months and try to set up a face to face meeting with help from Congressman LaMalfa's office.

ADVERTISING and VOLUNTEER / MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2023

I have been tied up during December and early January with a combination of clients, moving to a new place and the holidays, but Patty Clawson and I have been forming up plans for advertising this year. These include plans to do a membership / volunteer drive to see if we can add some to our number. More details in the coming months.

MUSEUM STORE

Eric McKay and I got a start on the new HVAC, but will need to finish it in the spring. Ann and Brecky did a great job with Santa Train and we are working on plans for inventory and store clean up. There are some rearrangements we will be doing in the spring to the store. Janet and I are planning to review the inventory and sales numbers and look at our restocking strategy about March.

WESTERN PACIFIC 402 and CSRM

December 2024 will mark 100 years since the WP purchased wood combine 402 from the Rio Grande. This car is well known as the Portola mixed train car and saw service to Reno, Calpine and Loyaltan as part of WP's mixed train service out of Portola. It is currently stored off exhibit at CSRM.

I would like to start a discussion with CSRM about a joint exhibit with the WPRM to celebrate the history of WP 402. My proposal is that the WPRM will create a set of sign banners discussing the history of this

unique railcar while CSRM will place the car on exhibit with the banners and, prior to the exhibit, restore its WP markings and number. The exhibit will be presented as a joint effort and hopefully garner some notice for the WPRM.

I have discussed this with Kerry and Greg and they like the idea. I am looking for Board consensus to approach CSRM with this idea and see what their take is. If they approve, I will work with them to draft a formal program and budget.