

WP 705 Restoration Update - May 2021

- Kerry Cochran, General Superintendent

In an effort to get some work completed on the WP 705, we started a campaign to raise funds to repaint the unit. Thank you to our donors for your support.

As of May 18th, we have raised \$5,818.00 through all the support from our members and public. Our current work in progress to repaint the unit consists of the following consists of three phases.

Preparation

- remove dirt and grease
- rust removal
- sanding of paint lines and numbers
- dust and dirt washed off for primer

Prime the locomotive

Final paint

- orange applied for lettering, numbers and stripes
- masking of orange items
- green applied
- masking removed
- black applied to trucks and fuel tank

Preparation has started, thanks to Dave Roth and Greg Elems.

We need volunteer help to perform this work, please contact president Greg Elems. He will coordinate the efforts for volunteers to work on the unit. WP 705 is currently spotted near the shop for access to water and air.



Removal of the old lettering (5/26/2021)
-Photo by Greg Elems

Things Around the Museum: The MILWARD Switch (errata)

- Paul Finnegan

In *Train Sheet* issue #186, I published the legend of how Milward Switch got its name. In speaking with Steve Habeck at the museum in April, Steve informed me that he was the hoghead on that move and that the locomotive was WP 608, not WP 2001 as reported. The article was based on a framed story that hung in the Operations Office for years, so the legend of Milward Switch that we have known for a long time was not quite right. I wanted to set the record straight.

New (mobile friendly!) Tour at the Museum

- Kenneth & Paul Finnegan

Three years ago, Paul created a set of web pages that was intended to serve as an audio tour guide for visitors to the museum. During this year's off-season, Kenneth created a new framework for the material that is better suited for visitors to use on their mobile phones to learn about things around the museum. Working together, we have released the new tour site. It can be found at tour.wplives.org and on the society's website on the Visit Us pull-down menu.

WPRM Tour Tour Index Home

Find

Welcome to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum!

As you experience the museum, look for tour signs and type their exhibit codes into the bar at the top of this website. Not all exhibits have signs yet, so feel free to try typing in a railcar's road number even if you don't see an exhibit code sign for it.

Get started by trying the code **"WELCOME"**

The WPRM is a live, operating railroad museum, so please be aware of your surroundings and look for moving equipment during your visit.

We are a hands-on museum, so feel free to climb up on the walkways of equipment and look in windows. We only ask that you don't climb under, on top, or between any pieces of equipment.

If a door is unlocked, feel free to open it and look inside; we only ask that you make sure to close it once you're done. If you find a locked door on a piece of equipment and would like to look inside, find a docent and they will try and get you inside.

WPRM Tour

Website feedback
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A self-guided tour of the Western Pacific Railroad Museum. As you walk around the grounds, look for the signs with exhibit QR codes or type the unit's road number in the exhibit navbar to learn more about the piece of equipment you're looking at.