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Central California Traction caboose 24  
"New" Face at the Museum - Virgil Staff Collection

*CCT caboose 24 poses at the railroad shops in Stockton before its trip to Portola. - David Epling photo*

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Train operations begin the last Saturday in May and continue each weekend through the first Monday in September.

The museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday in November through the first Friday in March except for special events in which advance arrangements have been made. If you wish to visit during the closure period, it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the museum will be open.

Entrance to the museum is free, although a suggested donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated.

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CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net
Western Pacific Pages	www.WPLives.com
WP Virtual Museum	wpmuseum.railfan.net
Sac Northern On-Line	www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y
Tidewater Southern Pages	www.TidewaterSouthern.com
Tidewater Southern	www5.pair.com/rattenne/WP/TideIndex.htm
Central Calif Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco/



## VIRGIL STAFF COLLECTION

- Rod McClure, FRRS President

I received a call at home one day in 2005 from the esteemed Virgil Staff. I had met Virgil a few times at WPRRHS conventions and at the Museum when Gail McClure arranged for notable WP authors to attend Railfan Photo Day a few years back. I did not really know Virgil and his wife LaVada well at that point. However, I was well aware that he and my father, Jack McClure, were good friends. Virgil spent a lot of time riding with Dad on the *California Zephyr* between Oakland and Oroville in the late 1960's, filming the trips and tape recording interviews.

Virgil's call was to ask if we were interested in receiving some of the WP archives and materials he had gathered over the years. After a long conversation about the past, I arranged to come to his house and see what he had for us. Gail and I drove to the Bay Area to spend a day with Virgil and LaVada without knowing what was in store for us. Once we arrived, we were treated to a wonderful lunch and lots of conversation about the WP and Virgil's many adventures. In looking around the house, we found it packed with file cabinets containing records and research on the railroad. Pictures of the WP covered the walls and shelves sagged with all manner of books and manuals from the WP.

We had some interesting discussions regarding Virgil's original intent to donate his collection elsewhere. In the past, when he had offered it to the FRRS, he did not receive a good feeling that it would be properly cared for. At that point, he offered all of his WP materials to the FRRS. I promised Virgil that we would handle his priceless collection with the utmost care and safety. Thus began the slow and careful task of moving everything from his house in Berkeley to, at first, the spare bedroom at our house. Part of the deal was that all of his collection would be safely stored in a climate controlled location and that it would be cataloged and secured, with the additional understanding that no part of it would ever be sold or disposed of.

After the second load, our spare room was full. The FRRS Board of Directors, along with Thom Anderson and Dave Pires of the WPRRHS, agreed that we should rent a secure, climate controlled storage room. A 10 ft X 20 ft room at a high security facility was located that met our specifications and the materials moved into it.

Shelving was assembled by Thom and Dave and the room prepped to receive what remained at Virgil's. After about eight more trips to Berkeley, we have now filled that room to bursting with the Virgil Staff Collection. Every time we believed that we had made the last trip, Virgil and LaVada would unveil new treasures for us.

Recently, Virgil took a bad fall at home and broke his hip, requiring him to be in a nursing home for recovery. Virgil has had a rough time bouncing back, but, being the tough guy he is, he has not given up, especially with the help of LaVada. Gail was recently down to see him and lifted his spirits with a home-made cheesecake and some pictures of FRRS equipment for his room. FRRS member George Childs makes regular visits to keep an eye on Virgil for us also.

This outstanding collection is an absolutely fantastic gift to the FRRS and our mission to preserve the history of the WP. In looking at just a random sample from all the boxes and files we have received, the photos and documents are unbelievable. One that stands out to me is a letter regarding the operating of an excursion from Carson City, NV to Portola, CA over the Virginia & Truckee and the Reno Branch. It was outlined in detail, including the use of wood-burning V&T engines and where wood and water would be obtained. I don't believe this ever happened, but at some point I am sure we will publish details in a future *Headlight*. Other items include construction era personnel reports, plans to extend the Tidewater Southern to Bakersfield, the use and testing of UP Turbine locomotives, and a huge number of original AFE's dating back to the 1910's and 1920's. Of special interest to our Steam Department is the last FRA Form 4 on the WP 165 and its condition when put on display. Repair records for the "Silver Hostel" and "Silver Plate" were also noted.

A big thank you goes to Gail McClure, Eugene Vicknair, Thom Anderson, Dave Pires and John Walker for their help in moving and cataloging Virgil's collection. And, of course, our heartfelt and profound thanks to Virgil and LaVada Staff for preserving this WP history and entrusting it to us for the future. Once cataloged, it will provide first hand insights into the history of the railroad and be an invaluable resource for our preservation and research into the WP.

I will keep all of you up to date on Virgil's condition as we hear it.

## CCT 24 COMES TO PORTOLA

- Eugene John Vicknair, Editor

Over its lifetime, the Western Pacific acquired several subsidiary railroads that expanded the company's reach. One of these subsidiaries survives today and, in fact, is doing a booming business in the Central Valley of California. And now, the Feather River Rail Society is proud to welcome its first item of historic rolling stock from this railroad: the Central California Traction Company.

The CCT started as an electric interurban built to serve Sacramento, Stockton and points in between. In 1937, the Traction was jointly purchased by the WP, Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, an arrangement that lasted unchanged until the WP-UP merger. Today, the road is jointly owned by the Union Pacific and BNSF. While it no longer runs north of Lodi, it now operates all tracks at the Port of Stockton.

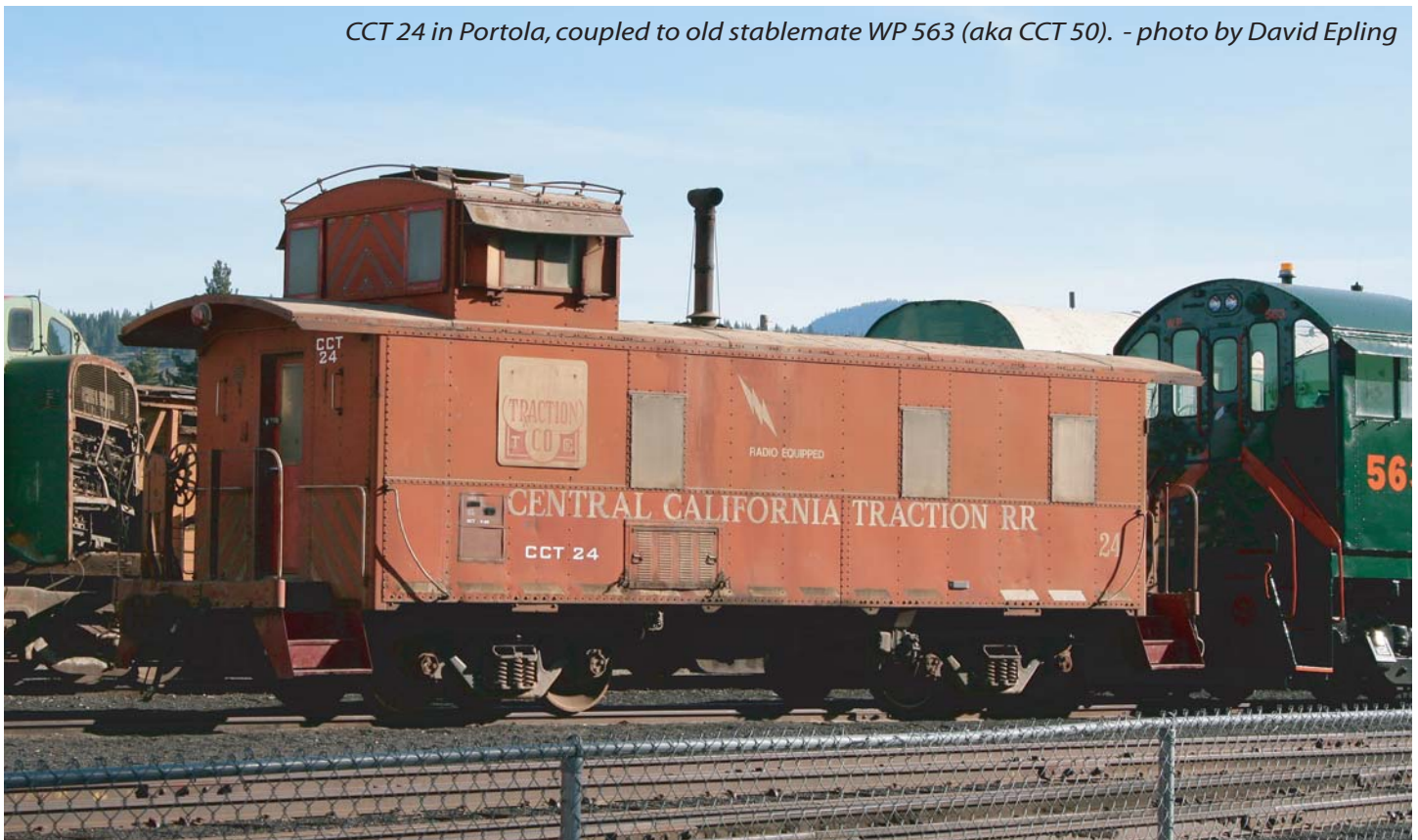
In 1964, the Traction purchased the first of three cabooses from the Santa Fe. This car came from the first class of steel caboose on the ATSF, built in 1927 by American Car and Foundry. Santa Fe 1547 became CCT 24 and the silver caboose began regular service on the Traction's trains.

By the 1990's, the CCT was experiencing a severe downturn in traffic. The other cabooses had been sold off leaving 24 as the sole survivor. When the line from Lodi Jct. to Sacramento was embargoed in August 1998, the 24 brought up the markers on the last train. By 1999, the 24 was parked at the shops in Stockton, never again to see regular service.

FRRS members and CCT fans David Epling and Tom Carter had long wanted to see the 24 preserved in Portola, filling a gap in our representation of WP subsidiaries. (While we do roster a locomotive from the CCT, Alco S4 50, this engine is displayed in its Western Pacific heritage as WP 563.) In conversations with CCT General Manager David Buccolo, they learned that the railroad wanted a bay window caboose to use as a "business car" to entertain perspective customers. In the last decade, the CCT has seen its traffic grow, a trend they are working hard to continue. A well-appointed car that would allow customers to really see the railroad was desired.

After some negotiation, the FRRS Board and the CCT approved a swap which would send one of our Southern Pacific bay window cabooses, SP 4107, to the Traction Company as CCT 100. In

*CCT 24 in Portola, coupled to old stablemate WP 563 (aka CCT 50). - photo by David Epling*







*The 24's interior is still intact and mostly unchanged from its service days.*

*- photo by Eugene John Vicknair*

return, historic CCT 24 would come to Portola as an interpretive display of a working shortline caboose.

The car was in fine condition and a team of FRRS volunteers, including David Epling, Russell Johnson, Tom Carter, Tim Carter and Eugene Vicknair, aided by CCT employees, got her ready for interchange to the UP. Fittingly, the train that delivered the 24 to Portola featured FRRS member and former CCT employee Dave Stanley at the throttle.

On Saturday, May 17, an FRRS crew consisting of Yardmaster Steve Habeck, Conductor Bill Parker, Brakeman Seth Adams, Fireman Ed Powell and Engineer David Epling pulled the 24 onto museum grounds. She was swiftly coupled to the WP 563, her regular companion when they both served the Traction Company. Plans are progressing to restore the 24 to her appearance following a 1978 updating. Exhibits will be created showing how the crew used a caboose and what roles they played in train operations. The 24 is available for tours by request and will be open as a regular exhibit in the future.

## WP FAMILY CABOOSES IN THE FRRS COLLECTION

CCT 24	steel cupola	built 1927
SN 1642	wood bay window	built 1943
WP 428	steel bay window	built 11-1955
WP 483	steel bay window	built 5-1980
WP 484	steel bay window	built 5-1980
WP 614	wood bay cupola	built 1937
WP 645	wood bay window	built 1945

## A RIDE FOR AN OLD FRIEND

- Dave Stanley

When I awoke yesterday morning, I stumbled into our closet and grabbed one of my favorite tee-shirts from the rack: my blue Central California Traction tee, with the cloverleaf logo on the front and the late Ken Tinker's quip "Ship Traction for Quick Action" on the back. No special reason for grabbing this one, although it does a good job of hiding my belly and associated flab. Little did I know at the time that I would become an integral player in getting an old acquaintance started on her final trip out of Stockton: CCT caboose 24.

Built by ACF in 1927 as the Santa Fe 1547, number 24 had called Stockton home pretty much since arriving on CCT property in August 1964. Six nights a week, she carried the markers on the rear of "The Local," the Stockton to Sacramento (and return) hauler, providing an office on wheels for conductors and flagmen the likes of Art Carmichael, Bill May, Adolph Reinert, Chris Clifton, and, from my era, Joe Tacke, Jack Jenkins and Charley Drew. Number 24 was my ride one Friday night in 1975 when I was called in emergency as conductor on the Local (two years before I was actually promoted). My roommate John Clark had recently hired out on the CCT and was my flagman on that memorable trip.

Now, 33 years later, my short time on the CCT is just a long ago memory chronicled in my old UTU timebooks. Today's assignment off the Roseville south engineers extra board is at the



*The conductor's desk still has paperwork and log books on it. Other forgotten personal effects were found in the car and will be saved for preservation.*

*- photo by Eugene John Vicknair*

throttle of the LRD96, aka the Stockton Turn. Regular hogger J. J. Parise has taken the day off, so I get the call to fill his vacancy. The conductor and brakeman are old WP buddies of mine, Larry Boykin and Nick Schon, both holding this preferred run as they approach retirement.

The trip south was uneventful. 6000 feet of train behind three big barrels (no more SD40s on this job). Pulling down track 9 in Stockton yard, I notice the west end yard engine tied onto a cut of cars in 8 rail. The car next to the GP38 was CCT caboose 24! I knew she was enroute to Portola but had no knowledge of her actually being readied for this move, as I had just seen #24 at the CCT carbarn on May 1st. But now she's sitting on the rail next to me. I wonder if...

After a power swap, and a two hour wait (over coffee, at the yard office) while yard crews assembled our outbound train, the yardmaster sent our manifest over the printer. Lo and behold, there's #24 as the rear car on our 111-car train (13 loads, 98 empties, 5242 tons, 7360 feet). Right where she was intended to be, and about to be pulled by the only engineer on the entire UP system tied to her historically! Divine intervention, anyone??

Hard to believe that this 81 year-old lady is still allowed 70mph on the UP; that was the speed indicated on the manifest. But our maximum this trip is 50 due to other restricted cars. Departing Stockton at 0045 on the 15th, we ran on favorable color all the way to Elk Grove. Number 24 passed within 20 feet of the old CCT Lodi freight depot for the final time at 0120 and her last "OS" thru Polk happened at 0200. She was put to bed in the Roseville hump by 0250.

It was indeed a trip to remember, working with three old friends -- Larry, Nick...and number 24.

Portola, she's headed your way!

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*Dave Stanley and Jeff Moreau are the authors of the definitive book on the Central California Traction Company. This fine volume is available for purchase in the WPRM Gift Shop.*

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*Special thanks to CCT GM Dave Buccolo and FRRS President Rod McClure for their assistance and support in making the acquisition of the 24 possible.*

## MANAGEMENT CHANGES

John Walker, longtime FRRS volunteer and member who has served as our Museum Manager for the last three years, has resigned his position to take a post with the Nevada State Railroad Museum. We thank John for all his hard work and wish him well in his new position. We're going to miss seeing him around the museum every day, but he has promised he will remain an active volunteer.

A search for a new manager has led to the hiring of another longtime volunteer to fill John's sizable shoes. David Epling has taken on the task and is now getting settled in. David is already looking at some improvements to the Gift Shop. In addition, we have now started accepting walk-in RALs when a locomotive and engineer are available. This has already produced an increase in RAL income.

Finally, a belated welcome to Merrill Thurman, who has joined the FRRS Board of Directors. Merrill was appointed at the January meeting following the resignation of Hank Stiles. Due to personal issues, Director Stiles has had to leave the Board after many years of devoted service.

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## DEPARTURE

Former Western Pacific engineer Gordon Clyde Thurman passed away peacefully on May 17, 2008, at Fulton Presbyterian Manor in Fulton, Missouri. He was 92 years old. Gordon was born in Girdner, Mo. to Lee and Hannah (ne Lefler) Thurman. He was married Oct. 3, 1948, to Joyce Hartleip, who preceded him in death. Gordon is survived by son Merrill Thurman, who is also an FRRS Director and Life Member, wife Rita, grandchildren Lee (Melissa) Thurman and Victoria (Ben) Hash, two great-grandchildren, sisters Faye Sims, Gayle Morgan and Rosella Russell and nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Gordon loved hard work, his animals and the great outdoors. More than anything he loved his siblings, his children, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren, referring to them as the "light of my life."

Our condolences go to Gordon's family and friends and we thank him for his service to the Western Pacific.

## April 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motions 08-04-01 through 08-04-03.

- . Minutes - from the December 2007, January through March 2008 BOD Meetings.
- . Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end February 2008.

### 2. Business Motions

#### **Motion 08-04-04**

##### Derailment Report

Accept report delivered by Director of Operations Loren Ross concerning non-injury derailment on property. The Public Information Officer instructed to write public release. Vicknair / McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 08-04-05**

##### Model Railroad Shows

Approve budget of \$400 from advertising to support attendance of the Stanislaus Model RR Club Show being held in Turlock, California April 26-27, 2008. Vicknair / McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 08-04-06**

##### FRRS Excursion Advertising / Participation

Accept offer to partner with Trains Unlimited Tours in a member discount operation. FRRS members get special prices on excursions and events. Every member who books through TUT, TUT keeps record and gives RMRRRC a commission check based on who signed up. McClure / Parker. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 08-04-07**

##### First Class Mailing of Train Sheet

Send next two issues of Train Sheet via First Class postage to speed up delivery. McClure / Monger. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 08-04-08**

##### WP AirStream Trailer Restoration

Accept proposal by Reno AirStream enthusiast group to raise money and restore the Western

Pacific MOW AirStream trailer in the FRRS collection.

McClure / Thurman. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 08-04-09**

##### Kasgro Flat Car

Accept proposal that Doug Morgan be removed from any and all official positions. Mr. Morgan is to immediately return all museum keys to property except those that pertain to Mr. Morgan's own equipment. Mr. Morgan is to be immediately informed by letter that he has no authority with this organization other than as a regular member.

Parker / Brehm. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 08-04-10**

##### Kasgro Flat Car

Accept new offer from Kasgro concerning flat car. President McClure to finalize new use agreement.

Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 08-04-11**

##### Southern Pacific Caboose

Accept offer by private owner to move restored SP caboose to Portola, pay \$100 / month rent and eventually donate the caboose to the FRRS. Holmes / Habeck. Aye - 7, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

### Actions and Notices

- Concensus direction given to proceed on a proposal for outside fundraising by interested parties with the goal to acquire, move and cosmetically restore TS / CCT Alco RS1 loco.
- David McClain donated \$8500 in honor of late daughter Amy. Plaque was made to be put in WP 805-A in honor on Amy McClain and Donnajean Habeck.

### President's Report

- Director Holmes has agreed to donate the trucks from under the Accordion Car. Written agreement is in progress.
- Model T was operated extensively at Lone Railfair, contrary to Board instructions.
- Winterail. All vendors sales were down. Total was roughly \$1400.
- Phil Schmierer is coming to work on cars.
- A new switch will be put in to connect RIP 1 and 2 to allow eventual extension of RIP 2.



- CSRM is no longer interested in the IR boxcab. Agreement concerning boxcab is now void.
- Private equipment letters will go out to owners as certified mail.

### Director's Reports

*Vicknair* - Tom Carter working on on-line store set-up. Carter gave presentation on system and reported costs. Showed example website. Gave outline of what it would take to get products on-line. Board gave consensus direction to bring formal proposal to May Board Meeting.

*Monger* - Bob Sims purchased an 1911-12 Arthur Keddie Map and built display case for it. Mr. Sims brought map and case with him from Tehachapi to place in display room. Shows all railroads, wagon roads, mines, lumber railroads, lumber mills, creeks, etc. It was adopted in 1912 as the official map of Plumas County. Board formally thanks Bob Sims for his generous donation and work. Director McClure thanked Bob for his recent monetary donations as well.

*Holmes* - Reported on new catering service in town doing birthdays and weddings. Could be used for events at museum. They are interested in working with us. Joe Strapac is interested in doing a compendium on WP locomotives, wondered if we are interested in participating. Director Brehm will contact for more info.

### Department Reports

*IT* - Looking at VPN info and new costs on ISP service. Found cheaper service with better access to facilitate point of sale system.

*Advertising* - Had report on participation in Sparks Farmers Market.

*Funding* - Gave report on outstanding donation letters. Asked that any and all monetary and equipment donations needs to be given to Director Monger.

*Grants* - Director Vicknair gave Director Monger info on Save America's Treasures grant, will be following up on applications for this. Director Monger wants to target Life Members about donating to WP locomotive paint fund, specifically to cover WP 705, 921, 917. Wants to send Athearn special models of WP F-units to first 5 people who donate at least \$1000. Also wants to send fundraising letter tied to the US government tax stimulus letter.

*Mechanical* - Seth Adams will present new locomotive inspection form at the training day.

### Committee Reports

*Election* - Every candidate has presented

statements. Five candidates are Charlie Spikes, John Walker, Rod McClure, Matt Parker and Frank Brehm. Epling informed candidates that they can have observers at the count.

*Model Railroad* - Bob Sims has donated \$1000 to the Z Scale layout and purchased two engines and 30 cars, plus track components, and donated them. Layout is functioning on basic level and fully assembled. Bruce Veilluex did a lot of work prepping the display room. In future, we will be placing Plexiglas around the layout for protection. Is getting two custom made WP cabooses made for the layout. Other equipment is also committed for donation. Merrill Thurman's donation of the layout was again acknowledged. Loren Schneider, owner of a hobby shop, gave us a steep discount on parts.

*A&D* - Director Vicknair, as liaison, gave report of A&D committee findings on two items: PFE mech reefer and DRGW wooden boxcar. Both were deemed appropriate to the collection.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:40 PM. Reconvened to open session at 12:25 AM. Secretary Vicknair reported the following:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Information given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard information on a concept for fundraising excursions. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board reviewed issues on a business issue concerning the open Museum Manager position. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report concerning a possible issue of member misconduct. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken."

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## May 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 08-05-01.
- . Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end April 2008.



## 2. Business Motions

### **Motion 08-05-02**

#### Donation of Cars from CSRM

Accept donation of WP related railcars from CSRM. Cars are early PFE mechanical reefer, SN wood flat car 1449 and WP beer boxcar. \$2000 from line item 52010 will be approved to cover movement costs.

Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

### **Motion 08-05-03**

#### Reno Area Advertising

Approve \$500 from line item 67010 -

Advertising to purchase 2 weeks in the Reno Gazette Journal Event Calendar. Add would offer ½ price family train ride pass.

Vicknair / McClure. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

### **Actions and Notices**

- Appointment of 2008 Election Tellers: Russ Johnson, Sherri Johnson, Vicki Epling, Craig Simmons.
- IT Manager Bruce Veilleux made a report concerning improvements to the computer and webcam systems and to museum security. B. Veilleux, E. Vicknair and M. Parker appointed to ad-hoc security improvement committee.
- Concensus direction given to Director Parker to proceed with plan to create interactive display of telegraph / radio operations.

### **President's Report**

- Private Equipment - all certified tags came back as accepted. Most contracts have been signed or other actions being taken.
- WP 708 is in shop to provide good trucks and motors to 805, one axle has bad flanges
- Dunsmuir - waiting for contract, contract needs to be to us by June meeting, UP has approved our movement
- Fence - E Vicknair talked to Cal Conservation Corp about doing fence around property. Cost about \$4000 for 8 days of CCC workers. G McClure donated \$100 for fence work.
- WPRRHS Convention - great convention, highest attendance ever. 160 attendees, 140 for dinner. WP motorcar WPMW 2377 donated and received. Phil Schmierer has offered to restore it over the winter. FRRS sales table did roughly \$4200 including memberships. D Epling did \$946 at Turlock Model Train Show. Got 3 \$500 donations for Zephyr Project jackets and 4 other

commitments for \$500 donations.

- Edenwold - needs to be kept clean, it was filthy during last year. Is clean now.

### **Museum Manager's Report**

- Visitor sign-in logbook: down 26% last year - 5933 estimate for 2006, 4407 estimate for 2007
- Biggest draw is Northern Sacramento Valley, then Bay Area, then Reno - Carson City
- 3400 were first time visitors, 824 were repeat visitors of those who wrote in log book
- We had visitors from 46 of the 50 states and from Wales and a bunch of other countries.
- Lot of visitors from Oregon.
- All numbers are down.

### **Director's Reports**

*McClure* - KNPB PBS station in Reno is doing auction nights and would like to auction off RALs each night. We would get 30 second ad spot in exchange.

*Vicknair* - California Conservation Corp will be sending a small team tomorrow to do some work, asked for project suggestions. Passed along thanks from Eric Stephens for the welcome everyone showed him when he was up for last meeting and at Convention.

*Monger* - Wednesday May 7 is California Museum Advocacy Day in Sacramento. E Vicknair, W Monger and M Coen will be attending. Will be meeting with govt reps and learn about museum related programs. Talked with Plumas Museum to see if they could also send a rep, no response yet.

*Holmes* - June 22: Shriner's picnic in picni Holmes offered to supervise event and take care of area and clean-up area. Is thinking about holding another Memorial Day yard sale to get rid of excess stuff. Tom Carter said that a new member suggested having a rail yard sale as part of members day.

### **Department Reports**

*Public Relations* - Plumas Rural Electric wants to do another article for their newsletter. Habeck stated that about 82,000 people get this newsletter around several western states.

*InfoTech* - Thanks to Jake Knudsen for helping move computer and servers.

*Funding* - Gave out listing of donations given in March and April. Discussed donations being made and some interesting donations, including \$100 from Norway. Discussed issues surrounding some grant applications including Save America's Treasures.

**Committee Reports**

*Election* - All ballots mailed, had some bounce back but have found correct addresses for all but one so far.

**Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:01 PM and reconvened to open session at 12:53 AM. Secretary Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard information regarding member misconduct charges. After consulting with corporate counsel received consensus direction on issue. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. Concensus direction given, no action taken.

Finally, the Board considered redefinition of the Museum Manager position recently vacated by John Walker. Concensus direction was given to the Hiring Committee to redefine the job. The Board interviewed potential candidate David Epling. After extensive discussion, a motion was forwarded and passed unanimously to offer the redefined position to Mr. Epling."

**Motion 08-05-04**Museum Manager Hiring

Hire David Epling as Museum Manager. Start date is May 12, 32 hours / week minimum up to 40. Hours are 9 AM to 6 PM with flexibility, Mon and Tues off, 90 day probationary period. During 90 days probabtion, job description will be defined. After 90 days, further details to be determined.

Vicknair / McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

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## June 2008 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

**Motions Passed**

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 08-06-01.

. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end May 2008.

2. Business Motions

**Motion 08-06-02**Advertising

Approve expenditure from line item 67010 / Advertising to not exceed \$15,000 to participate in Hot August Nights sponsorship.

McClure / Thurman. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

**Motion 08-06-03**Crew Lunches

Approve crew lunch budget of \$600 per year from line item 51025, supplying hamburgers, hot dogs and buns.

Vicknair / McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

**Motion 08-06-04**WPRRHS Headlight

Table issue until the November Budget Meeting. Thurman / Monger. Aye - 2, Nay - 3, Abstain - 3.

Motion fails.

**Motion 08-06-05**Improvements to Edenwold Sleeper

Table issue until July Regular Meeting.

Thurman / Parker. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

**Actions and Notices**

- Due to decisions by the Dunsmuir RR Days Committee, the FRRS is joining other sponsors in not participating in Dunsmuir RR Days.

**President's Report**

- Private Equipment - most private owners have either removed or donated their equipment, or have filed or are completing the required paperwork.

- Virgil Staff has donated his Western Pacific archives to the FRRS.

**Museum Manager's Report**

- Majority of visitors are coming from Sacramento - Bay Area.

- Handled 13 walk-in RALs in prior month.

- Need for highway signs on 70 discussed.

- Listed donations made by local businesses for Member Day raffle. Thanked Linda Knudsen for her help in securing donations and the businesses for their generosity.

**Director's Reports**

*Parker* - Reported on advertising efforts and results for recent advertising pushes.

*Thurman* - Shared experiences of people

stopping him in Texas / Midwest during travels because they saw FRRS stickers on his truck.  
*Vicknair* - Gave report on meeting with media people on Domes Over Donner trip. Thanks Chris Skow for his work in making this opportunity possible.  
*Monger* - Will be sending Directors info on Form 990 tax info.

### Department Reports

*Fundraising* - Monger showed special fundraising flyer for loco repaint fund to be sent to Life Members.

*WPRRHS* - Anderson talked about some modeling project, detail maker is offering to do some WP specific caboose parts and willing to let us be dealer. Talked to Rio Grande group about doing model of WP heavyweight coach. Still getting final numbers from Tom Campbell on convention.

### Committee Reports

*Model Railroad* - Z Scale layout coming together. When Plexiglas is on, layout will move to main floor of Diesel Shop.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:38 PM and reconvened to open session at 4:46 PM. Director McClure reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on a legal issue, FRRS vs. Kasten/ITAC. Concensus direction given, no reportable action taken.

The Board also heard a report on a member misconduct issue. Concensus direction given. A committee was formed at the direction of FRRS legal counsel to investigate charges and report back to the Board."

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*Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs. Full minutes are posted on the FRRSlist hosted by Yahoo Groups.*

## MUSEUM NEEDS

We often get questions from members as to any items the museum needs donated to help with our work. To help keep the membership informed as to various needs, from time to time we will be listing items costing under \$250 that are high on the "Yes We Need It!" list.

This month's items:

### Pallet Shelving / Rack Shelving

- This is the style of rack shelving used in big warehouse stores like Home Depot and Lowes. Home Depot sells a version that has a price of about \$95 to \$100 per set.

### 20-36 Piece 3/8" Drive Socket Sets

- Our current regular socket set is comprised of a bunch of random sockets from random sets. Having 1-2 complete sets in cases would be extremely helpful.

### Organizer Bins

- We use some bins, but also have a bunch of boxes and jars for screws, bolts, nuts, washers, and nails. More bins would be nice.

### Plumbed Eyewash Station

- In upgrading our safety equipment, we would like to add a permanent mount, plumbed eyewash station. Cost - \$175 to \$225 each.

### Flatbed Tool Cart

- We have a green, flatbed tool cart we use a lot around the museum. It has inflatable tires and an open mesh bed. It is great for hauling materials and tools. We could use a couple more. They run about \$60 to \$90.

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## EDENWOLD SLEEPER

Just a reminder: for those wishing to come and volunteer at the museum, the "Edenwold" sleeping car is available for your use, as is the adjacent shower car. To reserve a room, just call the museum at 530.832.4131.

If you use the "Edenwold" and the shower car, PLEASE be sure to clean up your materials and help keep these cars clean for everyone. Starting this year, any items that appear to be trash or are abandoned in the cars will be thrown out at the end of the season.



## **Mission Statement**

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"The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public, as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad."

## **Mission Goals**

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To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the "Willing People" as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.



### **The Train Sheet**

Feather River Rail Society  
P.O. Box 608  
Portola, CA 96122-0608

Change Service Requested

## SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

**As we are working to get back up to date on Train Sheet production, some items special notice to ensure timely delivery to the membership. This special supplement includes information on the 2009 Director Elections, the 2009 Event Calendar and a listing of models and special items currently for sale through the Gift Shop.**

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### 2009 ELECTION INFORMATION

Hello FRRS members.

For the past three years, I have served on the FRRS election committee. With the elevation of former election chairman David Epling to the position of Museum Manager, I have assumed the duties of FRRS Election Chairman. For the 2009 Elections, we have 3 board seats up for re-election. The seats up for election are currently held by Steve Habeck, Eugene Vicknair and Gail McClure.

There are some dates that you as society members need to be aware of. They are:

#### **Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2009**

Open Nominations. You have this time frame to nominate someone else or yourself as a candidate for one of the three seats. Nominations can be sent via email to [election@WPLives.org](mailto:election@WPLives.org) or via postal mail to:  
FRRS 2009 Elections  
2019 S. Olive Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95215

#### **Feb 1 - Feb 28, 2009**

Members nominated have this time frame to either accept or decline their nominations. Any candidate that does not notify me in writing via email or letter of

their intent to withdraw from the election by Feb 28, 2009 will be on the 2009 ballot.

#### **Mar 1- Mar 31, 2009**

Candidates have this time to send me their written candidate statement for inclusion in the ballot instructions.

#### **April 12, 2009**

Ballot mailing, All ballots will be in the mail by this date.

#### **May 29, 2009**

Ballot return deadline. All ballots must be in by this date or they will not be counted. Ballots will be counted June 5th and the results announced at the annual membership dinner at the museum on June 6, 2009.

If you have any questions about the election, I can be contacted by email at [election@WPLives.org](mailto:election@WPLives.org) or via postal mail at the address above. I can also be reached by phone with questions at 209-351-1674.

Thank you.

Russell Johnson  
Election Committee Chair  
Model Railroad Committee Co-chair

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### SPECIAL GIFT SHOP OFFERS

On the inside of this supplement are some special offers from the WPRM Gift Shop.

First is a limited run of special HO and N scale cars being custom done by Athearn for the FRRS. These cars celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the completion of the Western Pacific and the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Museum, both events coming up in 2009. Quantities are limited. They are currently on pre-order. Delivery of the cars is expected in June 2009.

Second are locomotive models from the collection of the late Frank Beavers. See the item next column for more information.

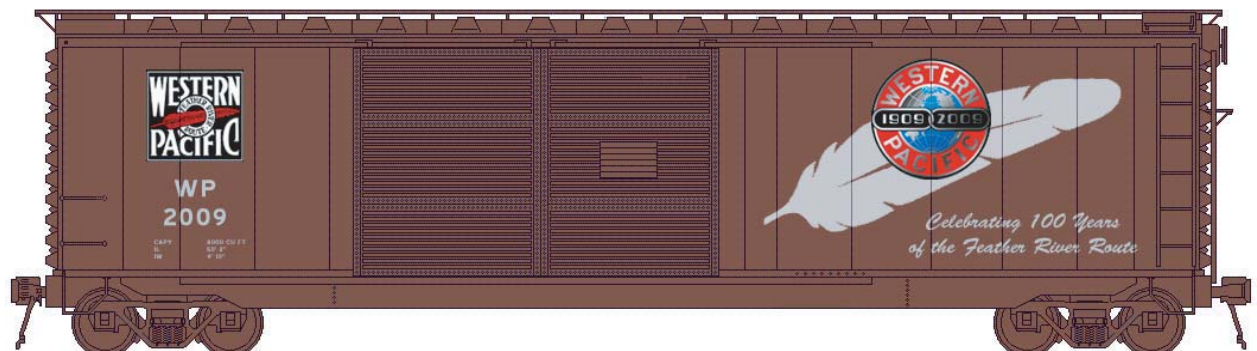
### FRANK BEAVERS

Sadly, long time member Frank Beavers passed away recently. There will be a memorial for Frank in the next issue. As per Frank's wishes, his model and archive estate was donated to the society for disposition at our discretion. We have inventoried the collection and are keeping all of his WP specific and subsidiary models in the museum collection. We are offering the remaining items to our members first before putting them on the open market. Listed inside are many of the locomotives available for sale.

If interested, please call the museum at 530-832-4131. Models will be sold for the prices listed plus shipping on a first come first served basis.

# Western Pacific Centennial Boxcar order form

Custom Athearn boxcar model celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the Western Pacific Railroad and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola.



Pre-Production Artwork - Final product may vary from drawings shown.

Available in HO and N Scale. Estimated delivery June 2009.

## Order information –FRRS Members (Regular Price \$29.95)

I would like to order: \_\_\_\_\_ cars in **N Scale** @ \$24.95 \_\_\_\_\_ cars in **HO Scale** @ \$24.95.

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ cars @ \$24.95 each plus \$4.00 ship / handling 1<sup>st</sup> car, \$2.00 each additional car = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**California residents add 7.25% tax per car**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by: **VISA** **MASTERCARD** **CHECK ENCLOSED** (circle one) checks payable to **FRRS**

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail to: **FRRS – 2009 Boxcar, P O Box 608, Portola, CA, 96122** or call 530-832-4131

**All Proceeds benefit the Feather River Rail Society / Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola**



## Models for Sale

To order, please call the Gift Shop at 530.832.4131, or email at GiftShop@WPLives.org

All proceeds benefit the Feather River Rail Society / Western Pacific Railroad Museum

Manufacturer	Part ID	Loco Model	Roadname	Number	Price	Notes
Athearn Blue Box	4834	SD40-2	ATSF	5136	\$15.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box		GP50	BN	3114	\$40.00	kit
Athearn Blue Box	4633	GP50	BN	3114	\$15.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box	3011	F7A	BN	9760	\$15.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box	3031	F7A	CNWX	4072A	\$15.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box	4678	GP50	CNWX	5053	\$15.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box	4915	C44-9W	CNWX	8627	\$40.00	pwd
Athearn Blue Box	4349	AC4400	CNWX	8804	\$40.00	pwd
Athearn Blue Box	4122	SDP40	CNWX	936	\$15.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box	4602	GP38-2	Conral	8276	\$40.00	
Athearn Blue Box	6356	SD40-2	CP	5683	\$20.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box	3932	SW 1000	DRGW	143	\$30.00	RTR
Athearn Blue Box	4342	AC4400	GE Demo		\$35.00	Unbuilt Kit
Athearn Blue Box	4401	C44-9W	GE Demo		\$35.00	DD35 Kit
Athearn Blue Box		SD9	MLW	543	\$15.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box		GP60	NS	7300	\$20.00	dmy
<del>Athearn Blue Box</del>	<del>Custom</del>	<del>SW7</del>	<del>SP</del>	<del>127</del>	<del>\$20.00</del>	<del>Details added</del> <del>SOLD</del>
Athearn Blue Box	4006	SW7	SP	2286	\$15.00	dmy
Athearn Blue Box		C44-9W	SP	8125	\$40.00	kit
Athearn Blue Box	4706	C44-9W	SP	8125	\$40.00	
Athearn Blue Box	4506	SD40-T2	SP	8322	\$40.00	
Athearn Blue Box	3513	U33C	SP	8634	\$40.00	pwd
Athearn Blue Box	4286	DD40	SP	9503	\$40.00	DD35
Athearn Blue Box	4760	GP60	SP	9651	\$40.00	2 available
Athearn Blue Box		PA1	Undec		\$40.00	kit
Athearn Blue Box		PB1	Undec		\$40.00	kit
Athearn Blue Box	Unknown	GP38-2	UP	2058	\$35.00	RTR
<del>Athearn Blue Box</del>	<del>4285</del>	<del>DD40</del>	<del>UP</del>	<del>70</del>	<del>\$35.00</del>	<del>Unbuilt Kit</del> <del>SOLD</del>
Athearn Gen	66148	SD75I	BNSF	No #	\$60.00	Warbonnet
Athearn Gen	66020	SD70I	Undec		\$60.00	2 available
Athearn RTR	80174	SD40-2	BNSF	7835	\$45.00	RTR
Athearn RTR	79694	GP40-2	SP	7623	\$45.00	RTR
Athearn RTR	91683	SD60	UP	6037	\$45.00	RTR
Atlas	8622	C30-7	BN	5114	\$45.00	pwd
Atlas	8033	C-425	CNWX	403	\$45.00	pwd
Atlas	8682	U23B	MoPac	2254	\$45.00	pwd
Atlas	8525	U33C	Undec		\$45.00	SP version
Atlas	8634	C30-7	UP	2432	\$40.00	
Bach Plus	11601	SD45	Undec		\$25.00	
Bach Plus	31103	B23-7	UP	156	\$35.00	pwd
Bach Plus	11103	B23-7	UP	156	\$25.00	
Bach Spec	87002	F40PH	Amtrak	214	\$30.00	
Bach Spec	86032	DASH840-CW	CNWX	8612	\$35.00	RTR
Bach Spec	85011	Dash840C	UP	9194	\$35.00	pwd
ConCor	223-1050	SD24	ATSF	979	\$35.00	
ConCor	223-2006	GP38	Conrail	7684	\$35.00	2 available
ConCor	223-2004	GP38	IC	9534	\$35.00	
ConCor	223-2063	SD35	Seaboard	4587	\$35.00	
Kato	37-1009	NW2	ATSF	2406	\$50.00	pwd
LL Toy	8300	0-4-0	B&O		\$5.00	rtr
LLP2K	8771	SW1200	BN	239	\$50.00	pwd
LLP2K	8908	SW9/1200	BNSF	3547	\$25.00	Details added
LLP2K	21672	PA1	DRGW	600	\$50.00	pwd
LLP2K	23610	GP9 Ph2	GN	711	\$45.00	
LLP2K	21162	SW9	MILW	1643	\$50.00	w/MU
LLP2K	8135	GP20	SP	4077	\$50.00	pwd
LLP2K	8070	GP20	SSW	802	\$50.00	pwd
LLP2K	23015	GP7 Ph2	Undec		\$50.00	pwd - 2 available
LLP2K	23091	GP30	Undec		\$50.00	pwd
LLP2K	8072	GP20	Undec High Hood		\$50.00	pwd - 2 available
LLP2K	23490	SD60	UP	6005	\$50.00	pwd
RPP	533	GP60B	Undec Shell/Chassis		\$15.00	dmy - 2 available
Stewart	9110	F7A	Undec		\$30.00	2 available
Stewart	9310	F9A	Undec		\$30.00	
Walthers TL	931-166	Dash 840B	Amtrak	510	\$35.00	

# Feather River Rail Society - 2009 Calendar

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## January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1-31 Director Nominations for 2009 elections
- 3 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola

## February.. Grounds Clean-up

- 7 Board Meeting - 1 PM Lathrop, CA  
Holiday Inn Express
- 28 Train Sheet Deadline

## March.. Prepare for Museum Opening

- 1 Election Withdrawal Deadline
- 7 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
- 14 Winterail Stockton

## April.. Prepare for Season Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

- 1 Museum opens to public
- 4 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 12 Easter - Museum Closed  
Election Ballots mailed to membership
- 16-19 Steam Department Work Session
- 25-May 3 Facilities Work Week
- 30 Train Sheet Deadline

## May.. Prepare for Season Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

- 2 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 2-3 Crew Training/Rules Exam
- TBD 2009 Celebration Special Event
- 23 Ballot Return Deadline - 5 PM  
Operating Season Opens  
RAL Engineers Meeting
- 25 Memorial Day
- 29-30 WPRRHS Convention Oroville

## June.. Caboose Trains Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

- 6 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola  
Members Bar-B-Que - 5:30 PM  
Annual Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM  
Election Results
- TBD Dunsmuir Railroad Days Dunsmuir
- 30 Train Sheet Deadline

## July.. Caboose Trains Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

- 4 Independence Day
- 11 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola  
Installation of New Board
- 28-Aug 1 Steam Department Work Session

## August.. Caboose Trains Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

- 1 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 3-9 Hot August Nights
- 22-23 Portola Railroad Days
- 31 Train Sheet Deadline

## September.. Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

- 5 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 7 Labor Day
- 19 Operating Season Ends
- 26 Membership Appreciation Day  
Railfan Photography Day - 10 AM - 10 PM

## October.. Winter Prep Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

- 3 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 10-18 Facilities Week
- 22-24 Steam Department Work Session
- 31 Train Sheet Deadline

## November.. Winter Prep Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM until 1st Monday

- 1 WP Last Spike Centennial
- 7 Board Meeting - 1 PM Sacramento, CA TBD  
Museum Closes to Public
- 11 Veterans Day
- 26 Thanksgiving - Museum Closed
- 28-29 Work Session  
Santa Train decorations and winterization of facility

## December.. Santa Trains

- 5 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola  
Santa Train - 5 PM
- 12 Santa Train - 5 PM
- 13 Santa Train clean-up and Facility Closedown
- 25 Christmas
- 31 Train Sheet Deadline