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WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD
MUSEUM at PORTOLA**

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The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily from the first Saturday in April through the first Monday in November. The Diesel Shop is open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily during these dates.

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 for members is free. Non-members are required to pay an admission fee, details are in this issue.

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*Cover Photo - Seth Adams gives a thumbs up as WP SW1500 1503, aka UP 1042, fires up for the first time. WP's last switcher is home.
- Gail McClure photo*

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Preserving "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"



- WEB PAGES of INTEREST -

FRRS Official Site	www.WPLives.org
WPRR Historical Society	www.wprrhs.org
CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net
California Zephyr	californiazephyr.org
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/TidelIndex.htm
Central Calif Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco/

Feather River Rail Society - 2013 Calendar

January

1 New Year's Day
 1-31 Director Nominations for 2013 elections
 12 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola

February.. Grounds Clean-up

9 Board Meeting - 1 PM Roseville, CA
 Orchid Suites
 28 Train Sheet Deadline

March.. Prepare for Museum Opening

1 Election Withdrawal Deadline
 2 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
 9 Winterail Stockton

April.. Prepare for Season

13 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
 TBD Crew Training/Rules Exam
 15 Election Ballots mailed to membership
 TBD Facilities Work Week
 20-27 Steam Department Work Session
 27 Museum opens to public
 Volunteer Day
 Trackwork Day
 30 Train Sheet Deadline

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

11 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
 13 Media Day
 17-19 WP Convention Sacramento, CA
 25 Ballot Return Deadline - 5 PM
 Operating Season Opens
 RAL Engineers Meeting
 27 Memorial Day

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

1 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
 Members Bar-B-Que - 5:30 PM
 Annual Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Election Results
 7-9 Dunsmuir Railroad Days Dunsmuir
 15 Trackwork Day
 30 Train Sheet Deadline

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

4 Independence Day
 13 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
 Installation of New Board
 18-20 Steam Department Work Session

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

6-11 Hot August Nights
 10 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
 16-18 Portola Railroad Days
 24-25 Zephyr Project Work Session
 31 Train Sheet Deadline

September.. Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM

2 Labor Day
 8 Operating Season Ends
 14 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
 26-28 Steam Department Work Session

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

12 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
 TBD Facilities Week
 27 Museum Closes to Public
 31 Train Sheet Deadline

November.. Winter Prep

9 Board Meeting - 1 PM Roseville, CA
 Orchid Suites
 11 Veterans Day
 24 Thanksgiving - Museum Closed
 30-Dec 1 Work Session
 Santa Train set-up / Winterization of facility

December.. Santa Trains

7 Santa Train - 5 PM
 14 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
 Santa Train - 5 PM
 15 Santa Train clean-up and Facility Closedown
 25 Christmas
 31 Train Sheet Deadline

WP 165 PROGRESS

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

Although lightly patronized, a good amount of work was accomplished during our summer work session in Portola, July 19th – 21st, 2012.

Roger Stabler and I arrived on Wednesday, and again to our delight, the Pullman car was in fine “move-in” shape and required very little cleanup. Thanks to the Museum staff for keeping everything much cleaner than it has been in the past. Roger had brought up a new ice machine for the gift shop that he donated, (thanks to Roger for that!) he spent the majority of the evening replacing the old water filter with a larger more “industrial” version. We now have copious amounts of ice at our disposal.

Thursday morning Charlie and I set up some shade out by the engine, and Roger, with helper Hank Stiles began tacking in the patch on the wrapper sheet. This area was wasted away and needed replaced, being in the corner of the cab where moisture was trapped for a very long period of time. Charlie had to run into Sparks for some welding gasses, which delayed things a bit, but he came through as he always does. Dick Coudin, who came in very early that morning, was given the task of cleaning up the drivers and applying a coat of primer. Assisting him were locals Dave Anderson and Steve Parry. To my delight, Kirk Baer has been cleaning

up the locomotive frame since our last visit, getting some primer on, and making the engine look like someone cares! Thanks Kirk!

Roger and Hank continued the welding project on Friday, lots of welding and even more grinding between passes. Hank chased the threads on more of the flexible stays, still plenty of those left to do, but every one counts.

Norm Holmes stopped by to pick up a train order signal casting that Paul Boschan had brazed together for him. Evidently when the SN cut the mast down back in the day, it fell like a mighty redwood, and broke the head casting in three pieces. The casting is back together again, and Norm hopes to erect it at his new place in Carson City. Norm brought with him a truck load of steam paperwork, parts and a few surprises, like the numberboard glasses from quite a few WP locomotive headlights, including the 165's! Those will make a great display someday. Norm also donated a folio with drawings of valve measurements and settings for every WP engine. That will come in quite handy, Thanks Norm!

Thursday night, around 11PM, I panicked when I heard a locomotive fire up right next to us in the Pullman car. It didn't last long idling. Come to find out it was an eager Seth Adams firing up our latest acquisition, the WP SW1500 1503. Good to hear her finally alive again, although a little warning next time would be nice!



Dave Roth demonstrates that there is no graceful way to exit a firebox.

- Chris Allan photo



*Roger Stabler works on the patch
in the boiler wrapper sheet.
- Chris Allan photo*

(Just kidding Seth).

Later Friday evening, Roger and I cut out early at 4PM to drive up to bucolic Greenville, to meet a fellow by the name of Ross who claimed to have a turbo generator we could use on the 165. The generator that came with the engine was missing the half that contained the windings, presumably purloined by copper thieves. Ross is a great fellow, who lives on a few acres in a WP wood caboose, surrounded by the spoils of his time working for Dobbas Trucking. His company made a living picking up derailments; to say quite a few treasures made it to his property would be an understatement. I thought I was in an episode of "American Pickers." Ross also donated a three chime whistle off now scrapped WP derrick 27, which now resides in our collection. Thanks to him for his hospitality and generosity. Also thanks to our bookkeeper Susan for hanging around her office long enough for us to pick up the check.

Upon inspection of the generator by Roger, it was determined to be in good enough shape to go ahead and purchase. Saturday Roger cleaned out the wasps nests and other detritus in the turbo blades, oiled it, put some air to it, and it spun right up, it even made 32 volts! Thanks again to Norm for arranging to meet Ross, one of the more interesting people I have run across during this project.

Saturday it was back to work welding and grinding for

Roger, who was getting quite gritty at this point, and more cleaning for the shop crew, joined this day by Eddie Chase. In the end Dick's crew got paint on half of the drivers, an excellent start. We will continue in the Fall and hopefully complete the process before the wheels go back under the frame.

All this time, Bob Sims has been tirelessly working on the interior framing of our steam shop car, D&RGW 62962. He has to date gotten the man doors in the side installed, as well as an air conditioner. Bob designed it so when you close the big old sliding door on the side of the car, these newly installed doors are not apparent. After I left on Sunday morning he continued apace and got a couple of the stud walls tacked into place. Before long this will serve as a workshop area and a clean place for the steam crew to "retreat" during our work sessions and eventually operation days. We can't thank Bob enough for his extraordinary efforts!

Utter exhaustion set in Saturday night by the time we needed to start picking things up. Luckily the weather cooperated until Saturday, by which point we were quite warm, especially Roger in his welding coat. After getting everything put away and a brief respite in the Pullman, Roger, Dick and I went off to the Beckwith Tavern for dinner. Prime rib is a great way to wind up a weekend of good progress.

The Fall Work Session saw a lot of continuing work from the Summer. Dave Varley of GGRM and Steve Lee, of Cheyenne, WY have dug into the FRA Form 4

calculations, and have made headway utilizing the thickness readings done by Nathan Osborn and James Cowdery. Generating these numbers is a tedious undertaking to say the least, and we are very grateful to these gentlemen for taking this formidable task in hand. This document will eventually render our Maximum Authorized Working Pressure, or MAWP as it applies to our boiler.

Dick Coudin and Jeff Boone continued their work chipping away at paint, rust, etc. on the driver center castings. These are now looking very nice in primer paint. They will look even better when they are back under the boiler and frame. This is a good example of sticking to a job until it is done, thanks guys!

Steve was also busy checking the wristpins and crankpins for cracking using our dye-penetrant kit. A red dye is sprayed on the part to be checked, wiped off, after which a "developer" is sprayed on, turning the surface white. Any cracks will be visible as red lines. Steve reported that all the components checked passed this inspection. Good news is always welcome.

Severn Edmonds, another helpful fellow from GGRM, has been rebuilding handles and other parts of our "new" lathe acquired last year from the UPRR. Duane and Charlie were able to wire it, and Severn spent hours cleaning and lubricating to make this machine shiny again. When we start threading staybolts, boiler studs and the like, it will be invaluable. Severn deserves accolades for his efforts to get this lathe back in trim, and we look forward to locomotive parts flying off as fast as he can make them!

We missed Charlie Spikes, our favorite volunteer at these workdays. His wife had recently gone through spinal surgery so he stayed home to take care of her, which we more than understand. Our thoughts are with her as well as our wish for her speedy recovery.

The "Dave's" of GGRM, Dave Roth and Dave Varley, joined us for some time in the firebox. The tube ends in the rear tube sheet have been an ongoing thorn in our side, given the generous amount of seal welding around each of the 200 or so 2 inch diameter tubes, and the twenty four 4 1/2" diameter superheater flues. Dana Greeley started this project several years ago, and just about everyone in our diminutive group has had time on the angle grinder vs. the tube sheet.

Dave Varley offered to tackle this as his contribution for the weekend, and we are glad he did. Between the three of them, Dave, Dave, and Severn tag-teaming with grinder, torch and hammer, over 100 of the tube

ends were removed, which leaves only about 80 or so to go. Dave Varley deserves a great deal of credit for grinding for hours like a man possessed, putting the rest of us to shame! This coupled with the unseasonable warmth in Portola earned all involved a great deal of sweaty satisfaction for a job well done. Matt Parker was finally able to get in on the fun, and got many of the threads chased on the flexible staybolt sleeves before his company called him back. Great to see Matt back, it's been too long!

Saturday night the Museum management, led by Eugene Vicknair and Tom Carter, put on a BBQ shindig for the workers, a great period to decompress and lick our wounds. A great end to another productive season. Thanks also to Rod and Gail McClure for running interference on many fronts, as well as their unwavering support of our project.

I would also like to thank Bob Sims for continuing the efforts on our shop boxcar. He has, at his own expense, been working on the interior, sheeting and insulating to create a nice comfortable space for working on steam components and tool storage. Bob has been working tirelessly all summer on this project, and he has our gratitude.

Please note we have a Superheater Donation Program going on. To date our superheater donors are Bob Sims, James Mason, Steve Lee and Matt Shuman. Through their generosity, have seven of the 24 flues donated. Please consider a donation, each is \$350.00, is tax-deductible, and will get your name on the donors plaque in the cab. Thanks again to all of our beloved donors for your continued support! Mail donations to the museum or check out the blog at <http://wprsteam.blogspot.com>.

Looking to next year, Roger Stabler has arranged to have the locomotive's leaf springs rebuilt. These will be ready for pickup in December. The cost will be covered by Roger, which is a very generous gesture. We look forward to getting them back in the frame in the Spring.

Speaking of Spring 2013, our next work session will be Saturday, April 20th through Saturday April 27th. This will be a full week of prep for lifting the boiler and frame back onto the drivers. With a great deal of effort, and some luck, the locomotive will be back inside by Sunday, April 28th. Severn Edmonds and Dave Varley are considering spending the week and we welcome any additional help during setup and tramping.

Sitting here writing this in the comfort of my kitchen at

home, I am glad that the work session was scheduled when it was, given the gas price spike that occurred soon after. Hopefully things will calm down soon. A small reminder that just showing up in Portola can be a great expense to our volunteers, and I certainly appreciate your diligence. I hope to get the 165 restoration "over the hump" next season, and picking up speed until we finally get a fire back in her.



*Dick Coudin primers one of the locomotive driver castings.
- Chris Allan photo*

WP 165 needs your help. Steam engines run on 4 things: fuel, water, rails and money. We've got 3 of those in abundance, but your help is needed for the last one. To donate to the 165, you can post mail a check to Steam Department - FRRS, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122. Or go on-line to the WP Store: giftshop.wplives.org. Click on Monetary Donations and select 165 Donation to support the return of steam to Portola.

BUY A HOUSE – HELP THE SOCIETY

The FRRS has received the donation of a residence in Portola for resale, proceeds to go to support the Society's efforts. The property is located a few blocks from the museum just above Old Town Portola.

The home is a one bed, one bath layout with a kitchen, family room and front room, as well as a yard with alley access and a garage in the back. Condition is as-is. It does require work, mainly in the roof, but will make someone a nice vacation home or mountain residence.

The Society thanks Gary Yee for his generous donation to help our preservation efforts. If you would like more information on the property or would like to make an offer, please contact Eugene Vicknair (via email at eugene.vicknair@gmail.com) or Rod McClure (via email at president@wplives.org).

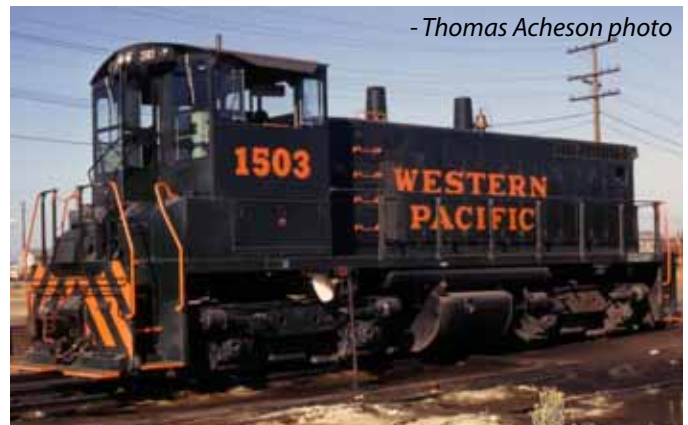
WP'S LAST SWITCHER DONATED

After years of quiet work by FRRS President Rod McClure, the Union Pacific Railroad has graciously donated the last switching locomotive acquired by the Western Pacific: EMD SW1500 number 1503. This engine joins several other significant examples of WP yard power in the collection, including 0-6-0 165, one of two surviving WP steam switchers; Alco S1 504, the first Alco diesel acquired by the WP, and, of course, WP's very first diesel EMC SW1 501.

The 1503 was one of 3 examples of the SW1500 model delivered by the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors to the WP in 1973. WP had not acquired switchers for many years prior, but an aging switcher fleet and a need for cleaner running power in the Bay Area resulted in one of the smallest fleets of this model on a Class 1 railroad. In contrast, rival Southern Pacific purchased 240 examples.

WP used their 3 in the Bay Area, serving on yard and local jobs in Oakland and on the little recorded but fascinating trackage in San Francisco. It was here that our Society President, Rod McClure, first became acquainted with the 1503. She served regularly in San Francisco where WP managed to hold on to many customers until the big decline in the early 1980s. The last tracks were abandoned soon after the UP merger.

Renumbered Union Pacific 1503, it served many UP terminals. The unit changed little over the years, acquiring an air conditioner and, of course, yellow and grey paint. Discussions with the UP to acquire this historic engine began years ago and finally came to fruition when she was set aside in 2010. Still in UP paint and wearing number 1042, the 1503 is in operational condition. Plans are afoot to repaint her into WP green and orange in 2013 and fundraising is in progress. If you would like to help, please send donations to FRRS – WP 1503, P O Box 608, Portola, CA, 96122. A complete repaint will cost around \$16,000.



- Thomas Acheson photo

PRODUCT REVIEW

Peter Arnold Photo CDs

FRRS member Peter Arnold has been a prolific photographer since the late 1960s. During the past few years he has been scanning photos from his collection and making them available on CD. There are several CDs available that should be of interest to WP modelers and historians. Most of the photos are taken by Peter or are from his collection, though photos from other photographers are included which make the coverage more complete. All photos are color, and with a few exceptions, most of the photos were taken between the late 1960s and mid 1980s.

Each CD contains high-resolution scans that can be enlarged to the point where the smallest lettering can be easily read, limited by the sharpness of the original images. The photos are a definite asset to anyone who wants to accurately model WP equipment. The following Western Pacific CDs are available, and also include Sacramento Northern and Tidewater Southern subjects:

- Cabooses – 145 images
- Boxcars (two CD set) – 252 images
- Flatcars and Hoppers – 190 images

- Covered Hoppers and Gondolas – 190 images
- Maintenance of Way – 171 images
- GP35/GP40/GP40-2 - 291 images

And while not WP, the most recent release should also be of interest to those interested in WP in the 1970s:

- Burlington Northern ALCO locomotives – 270 images

Each of the above sets are \$19.95 (except for the boxcar set which is \$34.95) each, plus shipping. The subjects are in most cases long-gone and the price of the CD is much less than you would pay trying to assemble a collection of original images.

The CDs can be obtained from the FRRS museum store, or directly from Peter Arnold. He has a website where information is available on the complete line of CDs and they can be ordered: <http://www.rrimages.net/>

or via U.S. Mail to
 Prototype Railroad Images
 440 Hillcrest Drive
 Prescott, AZ 86303

Peter will undoubtedly be adding more CDs to his product line in the future. We look forward to additional offerings.

HOW TO MAKE ADDRESS and MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

In our efforts to inform and keep in touch with our members, one of the difficulties we often face are members who have moved or changed their contact information without sharing the changes with us. If you move, get a new email or phone number, or need to make other changes to your contact information, there are several easy ways to let us know.

By postal mail: FRRS - Membership, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122

By email: memberships@wplives.org or info@wplives.org

Or you can call the museum directly at 530.832.4131

When sending new contact info, please include your full name, member number, former contact information (and mark it as your old information) and your new contact information. Also, if you have an email address, please consider adding it to your membership information so we have multiple ways to contact you. This will help us keep in touch with you in case other methods do not work.

VOLUNTEER DAY 2013

April 27, 2013 will be our first VOLUNTEER DAY. On that day, FRRS members can come to the museum and learn what each department does, participate in special events, sign up for a guided viewing of the FRRS Archives and sign on to help with various projects and programs. Please join us in April to learn more about our on-going programs and find out how you can help! More details coming soon!

February 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary - continued

Motion 12-02-02

Insurance Issues

- We have liability on cyber issues and web operations.
- Consensus to pursue costs / policy to cover this area.
- Hospital land has been requested to be added to our current policy. In process.
- Recommendation to add a policy to cover donated house for \$663 / year.

Motion to approve payment for insurance cost not to exceed \$700 per year. Line item 67170 – Administrative Support – Insurance.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.

Motion carries.

Request from Folsom – El Dorado Rail Hist. Society

- Request to reconsider decision of the Board to not loan / rent equipment.
- Would like to rent / lease wheel lathe for locomotives at Folsom.
- At last meeting, Board decided that we would stop loaning / renting equipment due to loss and damage.
- F-EID is trying to get Placerville Branch going. They are having to work with numerous agencies to get 5 year license to operate. One agency has not agreed and wants to tear out railroad for trail. Group is trying to get equipment ready for operation. They have Howard Terminal 8, 45 ton Whitcomb. Have done repairs and they need to true wheels. Want to repair locomotive in order to show a presence on the branch.
- Suggestion that Matt Monson has similar unit that he can transport.
- Discussion about concerns relating to damage that has happened to equipment in the past.
- Offer to do a deal with performance / equipment bond to protect equipment.
- Would like to have equipment ready by summer.
- Review of decision from last meeting.
- Consensus direction requested. Consensus direction to uphold the decision at this time. F-EID is free to present a full business proposal for review.
- Suggestions that we would need a bond securing value 3X, insurance, transportation handling, hold harmless, per day cost.
- Suggestion that an FRRS member could go with equipment to operate for F-EID.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- January 2015 Rail Passenger Car Alliance Conference will be at Reno, Atlantis Resort with Gold Hill group as host. We have been asked to participate. Would like access to the museum for events / visit. Would like to have private cars brought to Portola for storage during

the event. We would have booth at RPCA event.

- There are stepped up inspections being made of the museum to ensure security.
- Cost of light plant for Santa Train was only for 2 days and non use days was donated. Also no charge for fuel.
- Fernley historic group is ending its operation. They have offered some of their equipment to us. There may be some small items we want including switch stands. Consensus of the Board to pursue movement of small artifacts.

Financial Reports

- Written report and financials provided.

Director's Reports

- *Carter* – working on website and selling surplus donated model equipment on eBay.
- *Habeck* – had box with Hotbox's ashes in it.

Event Reports

- *PLA Visit* – March 7, 10 AM, PLA group is coming, probably 50 people. Will be doing RALs.
- *Portola Railroad Days 2012* – Debbie Baer reported to Board. City is pulling back support and members are feeling burn out. Questions about intent of event: does it celebrate history or support merchants. Recommendations made that they create a formal structure and define their mission. Event may downsize to 1 day. Want museum to participate with museum activities. Suggestion to focus more on living history of the railroads.

Department Reports

- *Archives* – Contract was signed on January 28 for WP Corporate Archive - Meeker Collections. Collection was picked up this morning at 9 AM. Will be transported to new storage facility tomorrow. Inventory is only about 70% done and is available to the Society right now. Monger is still working on completing inventory, will take about 1-2 months to finish. All was nicely packaged and organized for transport. Policy is in progress to control access and use of collections. Suggestion that we need to look at insurance coverage for archives.

Committee Reports

- *Election* – written report provided. Request that Debra Baer, Kirk Baer and Jullianna Baer act as election tellers. Count will be June 2.

March 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motion 12-03-01

Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar and the minutes of the January and February 2012 Special Meeting. Vicknair / McClure. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Motion 12-03-01

Recommendations of Collection Committee

- Written report provided.
- Clarification of the categories, what items are in each.
- Items moved into Utility Collection are not under consideration for deacquisition, disposal or scrapping. Only items listed for deacquisition are 2 of the 3 beet gons. SP caboose 4706 is in Parts Collection.

Motion to accept and approve recommendations as listed in the report.

Brehm / Holmes. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- *Fernley* – Fernley Depot Museum has decided to close. McClure will be helping them with scrapping some of their excess equipment, we will get parts from them for our help. Already we have received track parts, speeder flats, WP train order board and other items.
- No info or request received from Hank's group / Folsom El Dorado.
- County Recorder requested revision of documents on the Fourth Avenue house.
- Grant Vogel wants to know if we want to attend lone Railfair over Memorial Day in May. Vicknair offered to run booth at lone.
- *SP GP9 2873 and SP SD9 4450* – Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone have the 2873 fixed but need to do more gasket replacement before it returns to service, along with replacement of 3 bad liners. They are also in the process of stripping the 4450 of all good parts.
- *Winterail* – Gail McClure will be going to Winterail alone as I have to work. She will have the stock and prices. Alicia LaBrecque and Eugene Vicknair will assist her in sales.
- *WP SW1500 1503* – The electrical system on the 1503 was butchered more than we thought. Steve Habeck and I are working on this as is John Buburniak.
- *WP Caboose 428* – The Elems boys are repairing the floor in the WP 428.

Financial Report

- Financials and written report provided.
- Have cashflow crunch, need to generate income and asked for ideas.
- *Cle Elem* – Running a little late on getting full \$10,000, asked for a couple more weeks. Extension to the 15th.
- Sponsorship program can be shown to generate possible sponsors. Monger has two members who are

interested in sponsoring O&NW 3 / SP 5274.

- Question about source of donation sheet that came in. Sheet was mailed with donation thank yous.

Department Reports

- *Special Archives* – Monger has been doing final data input on inventory of Meeker Collections, is finalizing inventory 1A. Brought up some new tables and chairs for storage facility to use as work space. Received 100 year archival DVDs for use to duplicate current digital images in Meeker Collections. We are receiving more WP materials from Rio Vista.

Event Reports

- *Portola Railroad Days and Santa Train 2012* – Gail McClure had idea on sponsorship for admission. Would like Board's permission to come up with a plan for sponsorship fundraising. Concensus approval given. Debbie Baer had report on RR Days. Trying to see if merchant's will take over Railroad Days. McClure reported no chance of special train this year.
- *Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2012* – Matt Shuman reported. Event is still on. June 8-10, 2012. McClure will be talking to UP about event.
- Probably no Colfax Railroad Days this year.

Legal Counsel / Insurance Report

- *Insurance Issues* – written report provided. Hospital property is now covered. We need to correct Fourth Avenue house paperwork and then activate insurance. We need to insure the Meeker Collections due to contractual obligation, so we need to figure estimated total value of the collection. Suggestion we shop our insurance needs around to ensure we have best price. Discussion about Cyber Liability and what it covers, including copyright materials, network privacy, personal information, on-line data, notification of any security breach, etc. Vicknair and McClure will do application and Rick Gruninger will explore costs.

April 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondance

- George Westinghouse looking for information / photos on the Glen Eyre / WP 103 business car

Milwaukee Road U25B 5057

- Update: Park display approval should be received this week. Will send first payment as soon as received.
- Final deadline will remain.
- Concensus direction to proceed with sale.

Motion 12-04-01

Approval of Equipment Sponsorship Program

- Written report provided.
- Recommendation to do mailing about program before Annual Meeting or send with Train Sheet.
- Send with special notice on envelope.
- Work on color brochure.
- Already 1 group ready to announce sponsorship at Annual Meeting.

Motion to accept and approve the program as presented, revision 3.
Monger / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 12-04-02

Change Signers on Account

- An investment account was found at bank in Quincy with signers of Dan Brady and Andy Anderson with total of \$1.17.
- Need to alter names and close account. Secretary to contact and close account.
- Suggestion to approve Eugene Vicknair as Secretary to be signer to close account.

Motion to approve Secretary Eugene Vicknair as signer on account and authorize to close account.
McClure / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 12-04-03

Roadshow Guide Book

- Written example of draft guidebook for off-site presented.
- Asking for formal approval.
- Ron Huey asked if it is possible to send digital copies of documents from the FRRS.
- Matt Shuman recommended sending final public copy to all interested organizations

Motion to approve guidebook and adopt its guidelines into our policies.
Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 12-04-04

Honorary Life Member Approval

- Roger Stabler has done much work and contributed much money over the years.

Motion to approve Roger Stabler as honorary life member.
Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2012

- Suggestion that we do Dunsmuir 2012 at previous terms for per diem, etc. since we are so close to Dunsmuir event. Implement revised numbers for 2013.

- Matt Shuman presented new numbers to Dunsmuir RR Days committee. They will plan for new rates for next year.
- There are rumors that there may be issues with running train to Dunsmuir. We need to talk to Union Pacific, lock down approval.
- Proposal to set deadlines / timeline for green light on event.
- Silver Plate will be made available with caveats and deposit.
- Waiting to hear from Omaha for final approval.
- Consensus direction to proceed.

Grant Applications

- Written report provided.
- We need to be careful about how we write in, what we present and that we understand full parameters of the grants.
- Consensus direction to proceed.

Motor Car on Loan

- Matt Shuman and Ron Huey were wondering what current and future status is for the motor car that was loaned. Is it still planned for operation?
- Yes it is. We will be certifying operators.
- We need to get written agreement in place.
- Kerry Cochran has offered to donate his operational motor car to museum.

Dave Healy Photography Proposal

- Written report provided.
- Question if we could sell in museum store as well.
- Would be marketed on his website. Would pay 30% net commission to FRRS.
- Would not require volunteers to assist, would require access.
- Full agreement was provided and can be sent for legal review.
- Suggestion to send full agreement to legal for review. Consider for formal discussion at next meeting.
- Question if there would any insurance liability. He has insurance coverage as part of the agreement.
- Consensus direction to proceed as suggested.

Graeagle Plumas Alliance

- Jack Bridge is not present.
- Debra Baer reported that he is proposing an alliance to market museum along with other events and tourist destinations in the county.
- Will see if he can make next meeting.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Museum has been quiet the last month. Making weekly trips over to get mail and check on security.
- Dave McClain repaired the 3 damaged hydraulic rams

on the backhoe and it is now back in service. These were done at his cost.

- Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone continue to strip usable parts off the SP SD9 4450.
- Ford Pick Up serviced and it is now usable and street worthy.
- The Elems boys have been replacing the bad floor in the WP 428 caboose. Both ends were to the point of people falling through.
- Dwight Vanderveen and Charlie Spikes continue to work on small projects around the shop.
- Key's: It has come to my attention that some of our members have master keys that do not need them. I will be trading those with master keys for regular gate keys so that I can give the members who need them on a regular basis will have them and not continue to make more master keys and have the problems we had in the past.
- The New Coke machine should be installed by the end of the month.
- Debbie Reynolds is working on a docent program for museum using local high school students. They will provide visitor guidance during summer. Received photos from Greg Elems and information from Eugene Vicknair, McClures and Steve Habeck. Suggestion that we do not include words like "valuable" or "priceless" so that it does not encourage theft.
- Rick Gruninger is now handling reservations for Edenwold. We will be tightening down on cars being maintained in clean condition. Those who leave the car in poor condition will lose the privilege of using it.

Financial Reports

- Reports and financials provided.
- IRS Form 990 was filed but there were some errors found and it is being revised.
- Consideration being given to having a 4 day operating week (except for RALs) due to costs and staffing issues. James Mason discussing with Rod McClure. Effects are being reviewed and recommendations will be made. If changes are made, we will need to make sure we announce them widely. Pointed out that RAL visitors provide a lot of museum store sales.
- Followed up on research for Founder's Circle donation program. Received costs from Orange Empire and Roger Stabler concerning use of private car. Based on costs, the program appears to be viable for the FRRS. OERM has already received \$200,000 for next two years on their program. Suggested following through on that program.

Director's Reports

- *Monger* – written report provided concerning donations and mileage
- *Vicknair* – written report provided concerning

donations and mileage

- *Holmes* – Local power company will do an energy audit, suggested we consider that. Has a gentleman disposing of some railroad equipment near Greenville and wants to go take a look. Asking for someone to drive up there with him. Needs to remove his railcars from his property soon. We are talking to Scott Franklin about movement.

Event Reports

- *Portola Railroad Days 2012* – Talking about having event as 2 days at the City Park. Julianna Marks is in favor of having event eventually coming under control of the FRRS. Debbie Baer to meet with Gail McClure about event.

Department Reports

- *Publications* – Train Sheet sent to printer, Headlight printed and ready for mailing.
- *Historical* – written report provided on recent projects
- *Membership* – written report provided concerning changes in membership in last year. Thanks to Susan for getting data together.
- *Museum Store* – We need to look at stocking store. We primarily sell to families. Web store is drawing more from railfans. There are big selling items that we need to stock up: T-shirts, toys, hats, girl things. Gail is looking at Net60 terms from vendors and has one vendor willing to do that. We need to aim more at moms and grandmothers. Still having issues with Point of Sale system. Having to rebuild database and upgrade system. Working on better integration of webstore and POS. Bruce Veilleux is considering paying for upgrades. A lot of product information in POS is incomplete and / or incorrect. Mass inventory will commence next weekend with assistance from Eugene Vicknair and Tom Carter. Last inventory provided has been found to not be accurate. Question to provide master list and report on eBay sales of surplus equipment. Feeling is that eBay sales have been successful vs. surplus sales in Store. Tom Carter will be picking up surplus HO equipment for eBay sale soon. Board consensus to sell model railroad equipment except those not covered by display restrictions in donations.

Legal Counsel / Insurance Report

- Cyber Liability insurance application is completed and out for quote.
- Waiting on title paperwork from county in order to do liability on donated house.

Status of Surplus Property Report

- SP SD9 4450 and FRRX / VIA Lounge 754 – Possible buyers

Public Comments

- *Julianna Mark* - Julianna owns J's Feather River Rentals and is past mayor of Portola. Currently serves on City Council. Is trying to get community more involved in museum and Portola Railroad Days. Has some groups working on trying to get more residents and businesses into the community. Has been talking about concerns with Portola Railroad Days and loss of support from city. Does not want to lose momentum and would like to try and still hold event for this year. Willing to approach city for funds for 2012 and want to start looking at reorganizing event for 2013. Is working with Gail McClure on future plans for Railroad Days. Is working on encouraging merchants to exhibit more railroad history.
- We are still planning to have museum events for Railroad Days. We will look at what we can do to have good event this year. Will coordinate with Julianna and others on RR Days committee.
- Rod McClure will be submitting to have Union Pacific recognize Portola as a historic railroad town.
- Thanks to Ron Huey for donations made today. \$200 made in memory of Gail McClure's mother and an additional \$100.
- Suggestion that we get more intentional with gathering email addresses.
- Suggestion to do a new survey of membership using SurveyMonkey.
- Mike Mucklin is now doing a summer job for the Alaska Railroad.
- WP Employee Roundup will be in Stockton last weekend of May.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:57 PM and reconvened to open session at 6:04 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

"The Board heard a report on a potential legal item concerning the Ken Meeker Collections. No action taken."

May 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motion 12-05-01

Consent Calendar

Motion to accept the minutes of the March and April 2012 meetings.

Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.

Motion carries.

Equipment Sponsorship Mailing

- Written report provided.
- Discussion of mailer to promote Equipment

Sponsorship Program

- Consensus to postpone mailer and have sample brochures for Membership Meeting
- Director Vicknair to create brochure

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2012

- As of 5/11, we have all approvals done with UP. Working with special trains department on schedule.
- We will have Centennial and UP 1996 heritage engine for train.
- There will be a breakfast and dinner in Silver Plate. Use contract is done and will go to legal review.
- So far, all planning is going good.
- Trying to get motor car ops under event insurance.
- Advertising is going wide. Poster for event shown.
- Suggestion to talk to local media and get publicity.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- *Museum Store* – Store is up and running, however we are still sorting out issues with the POS entries. Inventory is done and is being reconciled.
- *Finances* – We are keeping costs down as tight as we can, therefore crew lunches have been discontinued. Options for increasing revenue are under review.
- *Locomotive Work* – Batteries serviced. SP TR6A 1100 and SP GP9 2873 are running. Dave McClain will be doing work on SP 2873.
- *WP 428 Caboose* – Elms boys are continuing work to replace rotten floor.
- *4th Street House* – Waiting on final paperwork. Interest in purchase but no firm offers at this point.
- *Equipment on Holmes Property* – Equipment to be moved by September.
- *Silver Debris* – Arranged donation of couch and big screen TV for the Silver Debris car.
- *Big Red Flat car* – Roger Stabler brought tiedown chains back from CSRM.
- *Edenwold* – Volunteers must clean up their spaces in the Edenwold. If messes are left and the use of the car is abused, those persons will be identified and not allowed to use the car. We are wasting too much time and money cleaning up after other people.
- Thank you to Rick Gruninger for all the work he is doing coordinating RAL reservations and operations, and for getting the Edenwold cleaned.
- Thank you to Bob Sims for all his work and support of the Silver Debris project and the DRGW boxcar.
- Thank you to Charlie Spikes and Duane Vanderveen for getting the shower car up and running.
- If you cook food on the property, you must clean up after yourself.

Financial Reports

- Reports and financials provided.
- \$10,000 check received from Cascade Rail Foundation for Milwaukee U25B 5057.

- Money is now coming in from Museum Store.
- New and renewal memberships are running a bit down from same time last year.
- WP Hospital clean-up cost is now complete.
- Trustees for Endowment had first meeting two weeks ago. Steve Lee, Ed Wagner, Debbie Baer and Gail McClure attended along with Treasurer Mason. Talked about long-term fundraising issues, planned giving, etc. Also reviewed RAL costs and asset security. Discussed ideas on how to safeguard and grow assets. Next Trustee Meeting will be September – October.
- Discussion about question that came from Trustee Meeting concerning depreciation / value assigned in to historic equipment.
- Our income for this year so far is ahead of same point last year, and expenses are down.
- 2011 Annual Report. Waiting on amended 2011 Form 990 before 2011 Report completed.
- Thank you to Kerry Cochran for increasing his employer match donation level.
- Looked into Community Block Grants from Bank of America. Program has been reworked and does not look like it will be available to us.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – Gave report on Silver Debris work progress
- *Monger* – Report on recent historic / archive work.
- *Holmes* – Received donation of a steam whistle from WP MW27 derrick

Event Reports

- *Portola Railroad Days 2012* – Meeting was held with people in community to discuss future of Portola RR Days. A citizens committee has come forward to take over event. They will have first meeting shortly and we are waiting on information on their intent. If they take over, our involvement will be limited to usual events on the museum property. We may want to consider having our own event at the beginning of the season.
- *Membership Meeting 2012* – Rick Gruninger and Bill Parker asked to organize member dinner.

Department Reports

- *Operations* – training – First crew training was three weeks ago. Had about 18 last weekend. Had 7 today. Numbers are down from last year.
- *Historic / Archives* – archives work by Director Monger.
- *Museum Store* – Need to start stocking for season open and Dunsmuir. Consensus direction given for a limit of \$6000 for stocking store.

Committee Reports

- *Election* – appoint election tellers – Debbie Baer, Curt McBride and Julianna Marks

Status of Surplus Property Report

- *SP SD9 4450 and SP SD9 4404* – Possible buyer for

- 4450. UP declared SD9s are not legal for interchange due to non-alignment control couplers. Possible 4450 buyer asked for quote on coupler change, quote requests are out.
- *MILW U25B 5057* – Check and contract received from Cascade Rail Foundation.

Public Comments

- *Graeagle Plumas Alliance* – Jack Bridge spoke. GPA is non-profit marketing group formed about 3-1/2 years ago. Idea is to market Eastern Plumas County. www.GraeaglePlumas.com. Everyone in the area is struggling. Have museum on the website, but it is not a live link. Do some package deals with golf resorts. Want to make tours, have itinerary events. GPA is membership based organization. We will be talking to them about cooperation and package deals. Could market Silver Plate and Party Caboose through GPA.

Notices

- June 2, 5:30 PM – Membership Dinner and Annual Meeting

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:35 PM and reconvened to open session at 5:53 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

“The Board heard a report on a legal issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue – 2012 Election. Consensus direction given.”

Motion 12-05-02

That the 2012 Election Mailing be invalidated due to a procedural error and a new mailing be performed. Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

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.

*The Train Sheet needs your photos and articles. If you are working on projects for the Society, volunteering on restorations, performing archives work, helping out at off-site events, etc., or if you get some nice photos of FRRS happenings that you want to share, please contact us to have them printed in
The Train Sheet.*

Photos should be at least 5” high by 7” wide and 300 dots per inch. Articles should focus on FRRS related events, people or your own personal experiences with the Society.

- FRRS Membership -**Yearly Dues**

Associate \$25.00
 Active \$50.00
 Family \$80.00
 Sustaining \$150.00

Single Life Membership - \$1800.00

Family Life Membership - \$3000.00

Institutional - \$60.00 (annual membership for 501c(3) groups)

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.
 Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

Associate memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.

Active memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

Family memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have two votes and include all members of ones immediate family.

Sustaining memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

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Send all applications, renewals and address changes, including email changes, to:
 Feather River Rail Society - Membership Dept. - P.O. Box 608 - Portola, CA 96122-0608
 Address / email changes may also be sent to membership@wplives.org

Mission Statement

"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

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.

WPRM Admission and Train Ride Fares for non-members (effective April 1, 2011)**Admission**

- Adults 19 and over... \$8.00
- Youth 4 – 18... \$4.00
- Child under 3... free
- Family... \$20.00
 (2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

Admission and Train Ride tickets are good all day.

Admission and Train Rides for FRRS members are free. Cab ride is extra fare with member discount.

Admission charged April 2 to November 6, 2011, plus Santa Trains, December 4 and 11, 2011.

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- Youth 4 – 18... \$2.00
- Child under 3... free
- Family... \$10.00
 (2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

Cab Rides

- Adult 19 and over... \$20.00
- Youth 4 – 18... \$10.00

Cab rides are for one (1) ride only.

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2013 FRRS Board Elections...

Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2013 – Open Nominations. During this time members can nominate themselves or another FRRS member as a candidate for one of the three seats.

Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2013 – Members nominated have this time to either accept their nominations or decline their nominations. Any candidate that does not notify the Election Chair in writing of their intent to withdraw from the election by Feb 28, 2013 will be on the 2013 ballot.

Mar 1- Mar 31, 2013 – Candidates have this time to send their written candidate statement to the Election Chair for inclusion in the ballot instructions.

April 15, 2013 – Ballot mailing, all ballots will be in the mail by this date.

May 25, 2013 – Ballot return deadline, all ballots must be in by this date or they will not be counted. Ballots will be counted May 31 and the results announced at the annual membership dinner at the museum on June 1, 2013.

There is a dedicated email address for the elections: election@wplives.org.

For information, please contact Matt Shuman and / or Ron Huey, 2013 Election Chair and Assistant Chair, via the Elections email address.

2013 Upcoming Events...

February 9 - Board Meeting in Roseville, CA at Orchid Suites

April 20-27 - Steam Work Session

March 9 - Winterail in Stockton, CA

April 27 - Volunteer Day