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Santa Trains - 2006 Wrap-Up
Steam Department News

Our former SP rotary snowplow spins up - photo by Gail McClure

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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 March 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 is free, although a suggested donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated.

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FRRS Official Site	www.WPLives.org
WPRR Historical Society	www.wprrhs.org
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/TidIndex.htm
Central Calif Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco/

2006 IN REVIEW

This past year proved a busy one for our volunteers. It began with a change of name in December, 2005, when it was decided to state our focus up front and the museum became the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola.

January marked the start of our ramp-up to the WP Centennial in 2009. The 2nd was the 100th anniversary of the "invasion" where WP workers stormed across the SP at Oakland and broke the stranglehold on the waterfront.

February found a group of volunteers, led by President McClure, in San Francisco, working alongside members of the Golden Gate Railroad Museum and Pacific Locomotive Association. GGRM lost their home at Hunter's Point and PLA offered space on their railroad in Niles Canyon. The FRRS, with our experience in road movements, was asked to make one of the longest museum hospital trains in recent years a reality. It took longer than expected, but the team got it done and the move went without a hitch. In thanks, GGRM donated WP Sleeper "Clover Plot" and SP SD9 4450 to us. We also received a donation of cabooses SN 1642 and WP 668. CZ dome "Silver Rifle" also came to Portola on long-term loan.

The FRRS turned publisher with the release of "Track and Time" by Jeff Asay. This book is a detailed study of the evolution of the WP and its subsidiaries, presenting an operational history of the Western Pacific through timetables and maps.

Work cranked up on the 805-A in the spring. After some discussion, it was decided by the restoration team, led by Dave McClain and Larry Hanlon, that the prime mover was solid and, by the end of the year, the engine was declared operable. There is still work to do, including installation of salvaged dynamic brake grids, but she's looking good.

The WPRRHS held its annual convention in Chico. Well-known WP/CZ conductor Ernie von Ibsch came to town and shared stories of WP history to cap off a well-enjoyed weekend.

WP steam returned to Portola after a 50+ year absence. WP 0-6-0 165 is now in the hands of Steam CMO Chris Allan. After a series of inspections, the loco was found to be in good shape and fundraising began for the initial phase of work: remediation of toxic materials. With help from the California Trolley and Rail Corp., and many generous members, the goal was met and that work took place in early 2007.

Rod McClure and Steve Habeck had a special opportunity to work with the Union Pacific Steam Crew on their Spring 2006 Tour. One memorable sight was our little red WP 484 caboose sandwiched between the Challenger and its yellow passenger train during a ferry move from Cheyenne to Portola.

Equipment surplus to the collection continued to be sold or donated. Following the prior sale of SP 0-6-0 1215 to the California Trolley and Rail Corp., a Kennecott RS-3, acquired as a parts source, was parted out and sold off. Clean-up of the grounds and collection continues to pay dividends, with many compliments on how much better the museum looks compared to years past.

The FRRS had a chance to give some special assistance in May. The Washoe County Sheriff's Department conducted a training exercise at the Museum on as part of their Rail Protection Team training. The museum proved to be an ideal training facility for the team.

One of the items in the 2006 Election was approval of new by-laws for the Society. This effort, many years in the making, finally came to an end with an overwhelming vote of 400 in favor and 19 against.

Work began on making caboose Sacramento Northern 1642 into a place for parties and events. While David Epling drew up the operational parameters, Norman Holmes cleaned and worked on the car, received as a donation from Mike Mangini of GGRM earlier in the year.

The popular WPLives.org discussion board was updated along with the webcam computers. With new IT Manager Bruce Veilleux and work by David Epling, Tom Carter and Eugene Vicknair, many new projects are moving forward to increase our on-line capabilities and offerings.

Railfan Photographer's Day had a paid attendance of 55. Loren Ross, Matt Parker and the operating crews put on a fine show of photo run-by trains. This year, the RPD will be held in September.

July found the museum train at Dunsmuir Railroad Days again. While attendance at the event appeared lighter than last year, revenue from the gift shop and RAL raffles were up considerably. The Union Pacific and the Dunsmuir Railroad Days Committee have already extended an invitation to participate again next year. All in all, the event was widely hailed and enjoyed by everyone who participated.

Portola Railroad Days was a hit this year. With a heavy dose of community involvement, the event was bigger and better. The UP Mini-Train made an appearance, and there were handcar rides, model railroads and live music at the museum, as well as the usual train rides. Donations were also received from PRD events in town to help with this year's Santa Trains. A thank you to the merchants for an excellent Railroad Days and their assistance with the upcoming Santa Trains.

As the year closed out, there was a flurry of activity. Visitors from the combined Tourist Railway Association and Association of Railroad Museum's convention in

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2006 SANTA TRAINS

December 2006 found the annual Santa Trains running at the WPRM. Attendance was good this year, with around 1000 guests joining us for cookies, hot cocoa, cider and trains decked out in dazzling lights. Thanks to everyone who helped out, particularly Steve Habeck and Gail McClure.

- all photos by Gail McClure



SP 2873 leads another run.

What wonders await in the baggage car?



Smile for the camera!

Some quality time with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



STEAM DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

Thank you to all of you who have donated to the Steam Fund to help get the 165 back up and running, every dollar goes a long way toward our goal! Thanks especially to WPRM members Roger and Gloria Stabler of Woodland who not only came through with their challenge donation, but also added another \$500.00, for a total of \$1500.00 for the cause.

In mid-January 2007 JM Environmental of Granite Bay, California removed the asbestos lagging. John Moore's crew was very professional and worked long hours for three full days on both the WP 165 and the SP 1215. With this task behind us, the boiler shell is being inspected and a determination is being made as to what repairs are required. Upon preliminary inspection at least two or three-dozen flexible staybolts, caps and sleeves are in need of renewal due to corrosion. Ultrasonic testing will take place to determine shell thickness prior to developing the calculations for the FRA Form 4. "As is" condition will be determined and recommendations will be made as to repairs needed. The running gear is in good shape, thanks to being shopped by the WP just prior to retirement. The spring rigging is another matter. Several of the leaf springs are broken either due to wear or rust expansion while sitting next to the San Francisco Bay all those years. These will need to be replaced and many of the pins and hangers will need renewal.

Charlie Spikes, Dana Greeley and myself have been inspecting other parts of the 165, including the cylinder bores, which look as if they are brand new. Charlie also has the steam dome lid nuts broken loose in preparation for pulling the throttle and getting inside the boiler for inspection. Thanks also to Rod McClure who has secured three pallets worth of brand spanking new interlocking firebrick from our friends at GGRM. These will come in handy down the road. Charlie has cleared out the boxcar that will be used for steam storage and has already moved a large quantity of parts and supplies into it. This in itself was no small task, and we are very grateful to Charlie for doing this.

The next task will be removal of the Superheater units, tubes and flues in late July. A complete

cleaning and descaling of the boiler shell interior will follow. So far every indication points to the fact that the WP took good care of, and had pride in their locomotives. Thanks to all those WP people the 165 is still in relatively good overall condition. We have just started, and momentum is building, so please keep those donations rolling in! If you would like to help out with the restoration you can email me: wpsteam@wplives.org Lots of tasks need to be accomplished, at all skill levels, so come up and do your part. Let's return WP steam to Portola!

WP 165 Donors as of December 2006

Chris Allan . Larry Biggs
 Don Borden . Pat Brimmer
 Tony Burzio . Daniel Haneckow
 Dora Johnson . Robert Keller
 Michael J. Knight . David Mitchell
 Doug Morgan . Michael Newton
 Matt Parker and Family . Joe Radetich
 Bryce Reynolds . Craig Simmons
 Charlie Spikes . Roger Stabler
 Christopher Stark . Scott Thomas
 Hank Stiles and Janis Petersen
 Merrill Thurman . Bruce Veilleux
 Ed Wagner . Wood Foundation
 Jack Zygner

Memorials

Eugene Vicknair in memory of Jim Boynton
 Philip Schmierer in memory of Jim Boynton
 and "Dirty" Jack McClure
 Rod McClure in memory of "Dirty" Jack McClure

Honorariums

Gail McClure in honor of "J." Edward Parker

For more information, check out the web at steam.wplives.org. You can donate through the PayPal link on the website or send your check to FRRS/WPRM, P.O. Box 608, Portola, CA 96122, Attn: WP 165.

If you would like to donate in memory or in honor of an individual, please be sure to include a brief note as to whom and why you are making this recognition. We would also like to have the address of the individual or surviving family so that your donation may be acknowledged to them as well.

FRRS ARCHIVES NEWS

The FRRS archives, under the care of the Western Pacific RR Historical Society, have been growing rapidly. Now, we are pleased to announce that we have obtained secure, environmentally controlled storage for these important documents in downtown Reno. Much of the collection has been stored off-site in recent years. Now, we will have the archives consolidated in two locations: the archives car at the museum and the new, secure site in Reno. The Reno storage is being used for our more fragile documents, photographs and films. Movement and cataloging of the collection has begun and procedures for allowing access to the collection are being created to ensure both their protection and their usability by researchers. The long-term plan is to build a climate-controlled archive and research library as part of the restoration of the Western Pacific Hospital in Portola.

Special thanks to Rod and Gail McClure, Thom Anderson, John Walker and everyone else who has been assisting in caring for this collection and overseeing its storage, movement and cataloging. The next issue of the Train Sheet will feature a sampling of items from the rapidly expanding FRRS archives.

If you have documents, photos, films or other artifacts that are relevant to the Western Pacific, Sacramento Northern, Tidewater Southern and other WP related roads, please consider the FRRS as a home for these important parts of WP history. We can assist you in receiving in creating a donation agreement and finding resources to give a fair evaluation for tax purposes. In addition, we are always looking for assistance in caring for and cataloging the collection. If you would like more information, please contact Thom Anderson, WPRRHS Administrator or Rod McClure, FRRS President, either via e-mail at the addresses listed on page 2, or by calling the museum at 530.832.4131.



NEW MUSEUM LOGO

To go along with the renaming of the museum earlier this year, the FRRS adopted a new museum logo in December. This logo, with its prominent use of an orange feather and WP traditional lettering, emphasizes the heritage of the railroad.

2006 IN REVIEW

Sacramento made a bus trip to the museum. Special events were held including a spin-up of the SP rotary snowplow. The attendees were impressed with the museum and we received much positive notice in the next ARM newsletter.

Our archives, under the care of the WPRRHS, have grown considerably in recent years. They now require climate-controlled storage for some of the sensitive materials being donated. In the fall, the search began for a suitable facility in Reno, reaching a successful conclusion in early 2007. (See article in this issue for more details).

We also received a special donation in late 2006: Southern Pacific Fire Truck 1. Used at the Roseville Shops, this rare item will be used in events like the Portola Railroad Days Parade and local gatherings like Hot August Nights in Reno to promote the Society and the Museum.

A special retirement event was held for long-time member and former president Andy Anderson. Our road crew took WP 707 to Quincy with a short train and gave

"The Chief" a first class ride from the junction into town for his celebration. It was a truly special day that brought a huge smile to Andy's face.

Sadly, we also said farewell to a good friend of the museum as George Brietweiser, husband of former Board member, Jan Brietweiser, passed away. George spent many hours working on projects and helping others at the museum. He is missed.

As 2006 disappeared under the Sierra snows, more changes were on the horizon. To complement the new museum name, a new logo was adopted in December and is now entering wide use. Remediation work is scheduled on the 165 and a restoration proposal is in place for WP GP7 705. We enter 2007 with three California Zephyr cars to keep the 805-A company, and the possibility of more on the way. The FRRS will have a heavy presence at the Railroad Passenger Car Alliance Convention in San Jose in February. The 2007 WPRRHS Convention will be in Tracy this year, while Dunsuir and Portola Railroad Days are looking to be better than ever.

Can't wait to see what 2007 brings....

November 2006 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 06-11-01.

. Minutes - Minutes from the October 2006 General Meeting.

. Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end October 2006.

Treasurer Dan Brady provided a brief overview of the budget meeting earlier in the day. Asked that all Department Heads break out individual line items from Department totals quickly so that final proposed budget can be presented.

2. Motions

Motion 06-11-02

2007 Calendar

Several minor changes were noted to the submitted proposed 2007 FRRS Calendar. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 06-11-03

Equipment Sale

Authorization for sale of KCC RS-3 #3 in the amount of \$10,000 and MRS #1 in the amount of \$7,500 to John Buberniak. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 06-11-04

Donation of SP Fire Truck

Acceptance of donation of SP Sacramento Shops Fire Truck and agreement commemorating same, with authorization of transportation costs of \$800 from budgetary line item 52010 -Acquisition / Deacquisition. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 06-11-05

Feather River Short Line Equipment

Representatives of the Gold Hill Historical Society, Kim Fegert and Dick Felitz, spoke to the board regarding their interest in the FRSL pink caboose and the ammo/pay car. They are unable to pay storage at this time, but anticipate removal of the equipment from FRRS property no later than July 1, 2007. GHHS will also have responsibility for securing and providing stabilization to the caboose. Motion: Authorization for President to continue

negotiations for transfer of ownership of former FRSL caboose and ammo/pay car to Gold Hill Historical Society, and that President present transfer / storage agreement to Board for approval. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 06-11-06

WP 705 Restoration

Acceptance of work plans for WP 705 as presented. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

At Board direction, David Epling and Director Holmes will draft a set of guidelines/rules for use, contract for use, and liability release. Drafts will be forwarded to President McClure for legal.

Actions and Notices

- President McClure advised a need for climate-controlled storage for sensitive archive materials donations. Historical Department concurs with the need for same. Board direction that President McClure research cost / availability and report back at a future meeting.
- President McClure advised that the Silver Plate / IR Boxcab exchange will now be done as a straight trade rather than mutual loan. Both CSRM and FRRS will continue to work on the details for future presentation to the Board.
- President McClure reported that as per V&T representative, there is a check in the mail for storage. He will continue to work with them and update the Board.
- Copy of letter to be sent to private rail equipment owners presented to Board. Consensus direction given to proceed.
- Director Stiles reported an estimated value for SD-9 SP 4404 of \$65,000. Consensus direction to pursue a firm, written offer from the interested party.

President's Report

- ARM / TRAIN pre-convention tour scheduled for Wednesday, November 8.
- ARM / TRAIN convention Thursday-Sunday, November 9-12.
- Facilities partially winterized.
- Santa Train coordination -Habeck / outside, G. McClure / inside, Cochran / Ops.

Museum Manager's Report

- Donation of \$235 from Railroad Days Horseshoe Tournament for Santa Trains.
- Revenue up significantly from last year.

- Several bus / school group tours recently.
- Referral of contacts and messages.
- Discussion of winterization procedures.

Department Reports

Historical - Thom Anderson reported The Headlight at press, work on 2007 convention continues, 2006 convention netted \$3,900.

Web / Computer - Director Brehm advised rebuilding of the two server computers on the property for the price of purchase for new computer previously authorized. Web cam should be operational by end of day.

Membership Services - Director Vicknair stated that there has been some success in increasing membership through half-price offers.

Facilities - Director Vicknair indicated that member James Mason spent a week working in the Silver Debris. Car now has soffit access covers and walls are textured.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 6:12 p.m. Alan Turner, Corporate Counsel, reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board considered three items in closed session. First item being pending litigation involving FRRS v. Kasten: Status report was given, no action was taken by the Board. Second item, the Board received legal advice and direction regarding employment law issues as they relate to employment contracts. No action was taken by the Board. Third item, performance evaluation of the Museum Manager, the Board, with counsel, addressed various issues about developing a protocol for engaging the Manager in goal setting process on a regular basis in conjunction with execution of contract. No action was taken by the Board, however, consensus direction was provided to develop said process and initiate same as part of the ongoing contractual relationship."

Motion 06-11-07

Employee Contract Review

Alan Turner provided recommendations regarding adoption of the new Museum Manager Employment Agreement and Job Description/Duties. Approval of Museum Manager Employment Agreement and Museum Manager Position Description / Duties as separate documents, authorization for President to sign agreement on behalf of the Board. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

December 2006 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 06-12-01.

. Minutes - Approval of the minutes from the November 2006 General Meeting.

. Financial Reports - Approval of the financial reports through November 2006.

2. Motions

Motion 06-12-02

Rail Passenger Car Alliance Convention

Approval for the following individuals to attend the RPCA conference, including registration, lodging, and meals if needed, with expenses as outlined from line item numbers included: Rod and Gail McClure: 67000 - Administrative Support in the amount of \$390, 67310 - Travel & meals in the amount of \$610.

Eugene Vicknair: 56490 - Zephyr Project 250

Hank Stiles: 51000 - Mechanical \$1,000

Kerry Cochran: 69000 - Operations \$250

Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 06-12-03

WPRM Logo

Acceptance of logo concept identified as #3 in the report presented to the Board. Aye - 7, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Motion 06-12-04

WP 165 Fundraising

Director McClure reported that the internet fundraiser for Phase I of the WP 165 restoration had raised \$5,268. She further advised that California Trolley and Rail Corporation, owners of SP 1215, had offered to pay one year of rent for their locomotive up front to assist with funding the balance needed to schedule the work.

Motion: Acceptance of offer by CTRC to pre-pay one year rent with balance needed for WP 165 Phase I work to be borrowed from these funds. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Actions and Notices

- Director Monger reported that Director Holmes was awarded the Pioneer Award by

TRAIN (Tourist Railway Association, Inc.) at the annual convention dinner in November. As Director Holmes was not present, Director Monger accepted the award on his behalf. Congratulations were offered to Director Holmes by the Board. kudos and thanks are coming from many organizations and specifically GGRM and PLA.

- President McClure reported receipt of a letter from A.C. Dyke Paving Co. and member Dave McClain along with a check in the amount of \$1,000. The check will be directed to the WP 165 fund.
- President McClure announced the formation of the FRRS Fire & Emergency Service Department with Director Brehm at its head. The department will be responsible for restoration, maintenance and operation of the new fire truck. Director Brehm will also research regarding possible legal issues surrounding the department name and function. New budgetary line item to be created for this department is 72000 - Name to be determined.

President's Report

- ARM / TRAIN pre-convention visit and convention participation went well.
- Andy Anderson's "retirement" dinner went well and our train was a big hit
- Discussions have begun with Oroville Fire Department regarding disposition of the Oroville Chief's fire cart.
- John Walker has the Diesel Shop winterized and has signed contract through February 2007.
- Appointment of Bruce Veilleux as IT Services Manager.

Director's Reports

- Monger - Advised all he had sent a recap of his attendance at ARM/TRAIN seminars.
- Holmes - Reported he had attended the Roseville Train Show. Also advised that the Ambulance will require approximately \$350 in repairs to pass smog. Consensus direction was given to proceed.
- McClure - Requested that the Board share a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of George Brietweiser, husband of former Board member, Jan Brietweiser, and a good friend of the museum.

Department Reports

Maintenance of Way - President McClure advised work will need to be done to the 2-3 switch this year.

Funding - President McClure advised that he had reinstated Director McClure to the position of Funding Director.

Publications - Director Brehm advised he would like to see the organization publish two to three new or reprint books this coming year.

Committee Reports

Election Committee - Nominations are open. Directors Cochran, Monger and Holmes seats are up for election this year.

Safety Report

Due to the time of year, snow/ice are concerns. All are to be aware and to be careful with Santa Trains in progress.

Public Comments

Member and new IT services Manager Bruce Veilleux thanked the Board and President McClure for their support and enthusiastic welcome.

Closed Session

Meeting re-opened at 3:13 p.m. and was immediately adjourned to closed session. Reconvened to open session at 3:33 p.m. Director McClure reported the following out of closed session:

The Board received a report regarding on-going legal issues, FRRS v. Kasten, ITAC. No action was taken.

January 2007 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 07-01-02.
- Minutes - removed by motion.
- Financial Reports - Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end December 2006.

2. Motions

Motion 07-01-03

FRRS Board Minutes Format

The Board was asked to review the new format of minutes for formal adoption. Item tabled until a future meeting where corporate counsel can be present. The Board was also asked to consider adoption of a formal policy statement regarding destruction of tapes taken to assist with compilation of meeting minutes. Motion: Adoption of FRRS policy that any recordings taken by members of the Board for the purposes of assisting with compilation of minutes of FRRS meetings are to be destroyed within 30 days of adoption of those minutes. Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

Actions and Notices

- Treasurer Brady provided a copy of the proposed FRRS 2007 budget to be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Member Bruce Veilleux advised the Board that he has been working on a computerized volunteer time tracking system. He will provide further updates as he continues to develop the project.
- Update provided on the WP 165 fundraiser. As of December 22, 2006, the amount raised for the project was \$6,444.
- Update provided on the General Fall 2006 fundraiser. As of the time of the meeting, the amount raised was in excess of \$12,000.

President's Report

- Final phase of GGRM move successful.
- Gold Hill Historical Society has fenced the pink caboose and has provided an insurance certificate as requested.
- Received check for purchase of KCC #3 in the amount of \$10,000.
- RPCA convention January 12-15.
- V&T Commission current on rent.
- Railfan Day - Director McClure to coordinate for 2007.

Director's Reports

- Holmes - Ambulance needs a starter. Consensus direction provided to purchase.
- McClure - Provided report regarding success of Santa Trains.

Committee Reports

Election Committee - Nominations remain open until January 31, 2007

Public Comments

Member Matt Shuman presented a formal request for the FRRS to participate in Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2007 scheduled for July 6-8.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 3:50 p.m. Director McClure reported the following out of closed session:

The Board heard a report regarding the ongoing legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten, ITAC. No action was taken. The Board discussed a personnel issue regarding Department Head Job Performance. Consensus direction was given, no action was taken.

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.



Wayne Monger presents Norman Holmes with a recognition plaque given by TRAIN, the tourist railway association, honoring his role in the development of the Western Pacific Railroad Museum.

- FRRS Membership -

Yearly Dues

Associate \$20.00
 Active \$40.00
 Family \$60.00
 Sustaining \$100.00

Single Life Membership

Birth-17 years of age \$1200.00
 Age 18-39 \$900.00
 Age 40-61 \$600.00
 Age 62 and above \$300.00

Family Life Membership

Birth-17 years of age \$1800.00
 Age 18-39 \$1350.00
 Age 40-61 \$900.00
 Age 62 and above \$450.00

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 one vote and include all members of ones immediate family.

Sustaining memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, maximum of two persons with one vote each.

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

Family Life memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, are for a maximum of two people and have two votes (one per member) for life.

Send all applications, renewals and address changes to:

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

Address changes may also be sent to membership@wplives.org



More Recent History

GP18 1790, owned by long-time WP subsidiary Central California Traction Company, strolls down Lodi Avenue in the summer of 1997. Part of the original CCT, this track has less than a year left before regular service ends. Today, the CCT still serves Lodi, although it no longer runs west of Highway 99. The old interurban has also ceased running into Sacramento. However, it has new customers, a rebuilt Lodi-Stockton mainline and booming business at the Port of Stockton, giving this still operating part of the WP family a bright future.

- photo by Eugene John Vicknair, August, 1997

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.



Santa Fe caboose 999197 brings up the rear on another Santa Train.

- photo by Gail McClure

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