



FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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Dear FRRS Member,

Over the last year, we have all certainly been through a lot with the global pandemic that pretty much closed down public life. This included your museum, which was not able to open for the 2020 season.

Thankfully, through the support of our members and hard work by many of our volunteers, we are weathering the storm and looking ahead to 2021 and the growing chance of reopening to the public.

During the shutdown we have not been idle. At the museum itself, a group of volunteers have chosen to quarantine together and have made progress not only on equipment and facilities repair, but also in building our new climate controlled archives facility. Plans are in motion for repairs done to the diesel shop roof, placing a new walkway along the west end of the shop and repainting SN caboose 1642 and WP GP7 705. And our intrepid steam crew continues the work of getting WP 0-6-0 165 back into operation. Away from the museum, archives scanning and cataloging continues, improvements are in works for the museum store and even some new ventures into publications about the WP are being explored. Plans for the delayed WP Convention are also coming into view.

Your support is making these projects possible. Because of your donations, we are continuing the work of ensuring the Western Pacific Lives even in these trying times.

To keep these programs moving, we need the continued support of our members and all those who remember and celebrate the Western Pacific. Please give generously to the FRRS and help us reopen the museum and archives on a high note. Also, please reach out to those WP fans who maybe are not yet members and encourage them to support the Society as its continues to build and preserve the largest collection in the nation dedicated to a single railroad family: the mighty Feather River Route!

On behalf of the Feather River Rail Society's Board of Directors, we thank you in advance for your continued support. The WP Lives thanks to YOU!

Wishing you all the best,


Eugene Vicknair
Director and Funding Department


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President

As a 501c(3) non-profit supported primarily by the donations of its visitors and members, we depend on your contributions to continue our preservation, research and restoration programs. Donations may be tax deductible, please ask you tax professional.

Also, we are always looking for volunteers to help move our programs forward. And you don't even need to come to Portola. From your home you can write for our Headlight magazine, help coordinate special events, raise money for the Society or help with historical research.



A look around the museum 2020



MUSEUM REOPENING!

Right now our plan is to reopen the museum to the public on July 1, 2021.

As this date approaches and if the reopening plan holds, we will also be announcing dates for several events such as the Western Pacific Historical Convention, Pumpkin Patch Trains, Santa Trains and possibly others.

Please watch The Train Sheet, WPLives.org and the museum Facebook page for up to date information and announcements.