

**WPRM Steam Dept News**

—Roger Stabler, CMO Steam

This will be an interesting year for the WP 165. For those of you who are not aware, Chris Allen has resigned as head of the steam dept. I will be taking over to see the engine finished, and Chris will be consulting with me and help out as much as he can as we progress on the engine. I want to thank Chris for the time that he has put into this project.

The WP165 has reached a critical point in the restoration process. This will be the year that we attempt to finish the boiler and put a hydro static test on the engine. We will be rolling the flues into the engine in May and finishing the staybolt work in the firebox. This work will start the FRA clock on the engine.

Once this work is complete the steam piping and appliances will be put back on the engine. We will also be painting the oil tank and lifting it back into the tender so we can begin putting the piping back between the engine and tender. We are hoping to have the engine essentially ready for a hydro test in July and possibly a steam test in August. The official work week is May 7th through the 12th. We will be having the light the fire dinner after the workday of the 12th which will be a short day. I will be at the museum for most of the 1st two weeks of May so I invite anyone who wants to help to come to the

museum. I will have a list of jobs that need to be accomplished, and all skill levels are welcome. It seems that the closer we get to running the engine the longer the list of jobs gets. Once we get close to fire up I will be offering a training class on firing up a steam locomotive.

If you can't make the work session I at least hope to see everyone at the light the fire Dinner. Thank you for all the support and lets get this engine fired up.



## Farewell to the CZ Private Cars

### Emeryville to Westwood and Bieber - July 6-8, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the last excursion using the popular California Zephyr private rail cars. Late in 2017, it was announced that a buyer began negotiations to purchase the cars and they are slated to move to the East Coast soon after this excursion.

July 6 and 8 will be travel between Emeryville and Westwood including the Feather River Canyon.

July 7 is the Paul Bunyan Mountain Festival, or enjoy a rare milage rail trip from Westwood to Bieber.

For more information, call 1-800-359-4870 or go to:  
<http://www.traintrips.biz/2018-Tours/Farewell-To-The-CZ-2018>

