

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORT

DATE: May 30, 2013
FROM: Eugene Vicknair, 2013 WP Convention Co-Instigator
ITEM: Event Report
SUBJECT: 2013 WP Historical Convention

Based on the tremendous amount of commentary and feedback (I am STILL receiving emails), all positive, Scott McAllister and I think it is safe to say the 2013 Convention was a great success. We started getting compliments and positive comments midday Friday and they just kept continuing. Other than some suggestions for changing some items, we received no negative feedback.

Here are the numbers:

- 139 official convention registrants (there were several comps for volunteers and vendors, so final total is probably about 143)
- 109 official banquet registrants
- gross income: \$11,536 (convention, banquet, raffle and memberships)
- net income: \$6,700 (preliminary estimate)

This places the 2013 convention among the highest attendance conventions we have had.

CSRM was excellent and the venue definitely added to the positive feeling. The idea of multiple “extra” events, such as the R Street Ramble and the Night Photo Session were also successful. Of the 4 (including the CSRM Archives Access and the Sacramento Model Club operating session) special events, all were fully booked except the Photo Session and that was about $\frac{3}{4}$ booked.

I have received several emails praising the clinics / presentations and calling them the best overall grouping we have ever had. Huge thanks to Evan Werkema, Dale Sanders, Cara Randall, Scott Inman, Bill Burg, Jeff Asay, Wayne Monger, Kyle Wyatt, Tom Campbell and Ken Rattenne. We also had several vendors, including Brad Lomazzi, Ted Benson, Bill Burg and the Museum Store. Special thanks to Kyle for being our guest speaker and to Susannah R. of CSRM for all her help. And to Paul Hammond for making it all possible.

We did have some technical and logistical issues, but Scott McAllister and our team of volunteers handled them very well, with some special help from Dale Sanders and especially Robert Aton, Jr.

We had several suggestions that we hold every other or every third convention at CSRM / Sacramento.

Scott and I have been developing a list of improvements / notes for future conventions. He and I are going to take a look at the "Convention Planning Book" and give it an update with suggestions for future events.

I would like to suggest that we formally adopt San Jose as the location for the 2014 Convention, regardless of other co-events that might develop. I would also suggest that a planning team be found as soon as possible. Scott recommends and I strongly agree that we should establish a new procedure where by the Convention planning team consists of one "regular" member familiar with the location and venues where the convention will be held and one sitting Director to maintain coordination and facilitate procedural / financial details.