



FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow FRRS Member,

2014 has been a building time after the financial trials everyone has seen over the last few years. As of the end of our operating season, we are running in the black, having reduced expenses and increased income versus last year. In addition to our increased sustainable income (sales, donations, etc.), we also sold several items of surplus rolling stock and some donated property, allowing us to bulk up our accounts and perform some needed projects.

Funds are now in hand to paint WP SW1500 1503, a project scheduled for early 2015. The Museum Store has received a lot of work and attention and looks better than ever. We also held a very successful Historical Convention that raised funds for the Archives and Library. By the beginning of next season, we will have placed new informational signage on over 15 pieces of equipment, with the hope of doing 15-20 more by the end of the 2015 season.

Work progresses on our steam engine, WP 0-6-0 165, with the goal of returning her to operation within the next two years. We have begun the large task of fencing the entire property, a project that will greatly increase the security of the museum grounds. There are also plans to add more walkways as well as completing the fencing in early 2015. We have also begun exploration of converting one of our baggage cars into an Archives Research and Work Room.

Of course, these projects rely on obtaining the funding to move them forward while still generating revenue to cover our everyday expenses. This is where your support comes in.

With the goal of moving ahead on some major projects next year, your support of the FRRS during the winter months means that we can hit the ground running once the snow melts. While our revenues slow way down after September, the expenses of maintaining the collections do not. So please help get ready for the coming year by donating today. Remember that your donation may be tax deductible – contact your tax professional for more information.



Western Pacific 0-6-0 165 has her cab back! During the work session in September, 2014, the 165 reached a major milestone with the reinstallation of the locomotive's refurbished cab.

It was the Willing People of the WP that kept the wheels rolling during the railroads

toughest times – members of the FRRS are the new Willing People keeping the WP alive and this is your opportunity to boost the pace at which we are able to expand and protect the preserved collection.

Your donation is greatly appreciated and we challenge each of you to give as much as you can.



A beautiful spring day at the Museum! The FRRS continues a tradition of railroading on this site in Portola that stretches back over 110 years. Please help ensure that tradition continues and gets stronger!

For those of you interested in volunteering at the Museum, be sure to attend our Volunteer Day and Dinner scheduled for May 2, 2015 in Portola. We also have Operations Crew Training weekends on April 11-12 and May 2-3. Our operating season opens on May 23 next year!

Please come to Portola, enjoy a ride and check out your museum and archives. Plans are also in progress for the 2015 WP Historical Convention to be held April 24-26, 2015 in Elko, NV. Information is in the Headlight, the Train Sheet and on the websites at www.WPLives.org.

The annual Membership Dinner and Meeting will be on June 6, 2015. Please join us!

In closing, and on behalf of the Feather River Rail Society's Board of Directors, we thank you in advance for your generous support and we look forward to hearing from you or seeing you in 2015.

Wishing you all the best,

Eugene Vicknair
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Please join us...

November 8, 2014 – Board Meeting at History San Jose, Kelley Park, San Jose, CA

May 2, 2015 – Volunteer Day and Dinner at the WP Museum in Portola

April 11-12 and May 2-3 – Operations Crew Training at the WP Museum in Portola.

April 24-26 – WP Convention in Elko, NV

May 24 – Operating Season opens

June 6 – Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner starting at 5:30 PM

Please join us in San Jose for the November 2014 Board Meeting at Kelley Park on Nov 8. And consider coming to Portola on May 2, 2015 to find out about Volunteer Opportunities.