

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – DIRECTOR REPORT

DATE: February, 2015

FROM: Director Vicknair

SUBJECT: **Wood Shop, Building Acquisition, Funding**

Wood Shop

Starting in March, I will be back on resetting the wood shop. As reported last month, thanks to donations by Bob Sims, I was able to acquire what should be all the parts to return a couple of the machines to full operations, as well as most of the required materials for the vacuum system. The boxes are all in the wood shop right now. I noticed that stuff is being piled in the wood shop again. I would ask that everyone help keep it clean. We have several projects this year that will require its use, including the WP 165 cab and the windows for CCT caboose 24.

I am also working on getting us several new cordless drills at a discount, since most of ours are past the end of their life.

Building

Last month we were offered a prefab steel building at a large discount. This was a limited time offer and the Board met in emergency session and approved the acquisition. The size of the building is smaller than the framework we received from the Western Railway Museum many years ago and it includes all siding, roof, fasteners, etc., plus warranties and approved drawings. It will accommodate 5 tracks of 200 ft nominal length and will fit in the master plan location at the west end of the current parking area. All told this is a much better prospect for construction than the bare framework we currently have.

Following the Board approval, I have begun researching grants and preparing a capital campaign. I have identified several possible sources, including a \$100,000 possible grant from the Ford Motor Company Foundation. I am currently preparing the paperwork. The building company has given us very generous payoff terms (no interest and they agreed to at least 10 years to full payment) and they have also performed modification of the drawings for free to better fit our needs.

I have also reached out to other entities that may be able to help us raise the money for payoff and construction.

Funding

Based on final numbers for 2014, it appears that we raised over \$40,000 from donations, including almost \$6,000 from the year end mailing. I am preparing the spring mailing now and will be conferring with the Board as to how to pitch it, considering we now have a capital campaign that needs promotion.

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – EVENT REPORT

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Contracts with the Red Lion were finally signed in the last few days. For a variety of reasons, getting this completed took a while.

We are also set up with the Nevada Northern Museum for a special tour and excursion on Sunday, April 26.

I need one more piece of information, then I can release the sign up data. I have a quote coming in from the mailing house for packet mailing to past attendees and the information has been sent to Matt Elems for the Train Sheet.

I currently have 6 shows signed up. I still need 4-5 more and would like at least 1-2 modelling shows. I am seeking shows focusing on the East End, but will take other suggestions.

Also, I need someone to promote and handle the modeling exhibit and the “flea market” table.

The mailing flyer is also included for review.