

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

Historical/Archive Department Report

8-7-2016

Over the last few months have been trying to get my feet on the ground about all the Historical/Archive Department materials and procedures.

I have been in contact with several Historical members and some past members in regards to the operation of the Historical/Archive Department and the publication of the Headlight.

Talks are still in progress, however I can say that these conversation have been very productive and I will continue to peruse the discussions with goal of getting back on track with operations of this department. As more discussion take place, I will report back the results of them. Currently I am trying to hold back any specific information until I can have more discussions with several members.

A few other things that I would like to make the Board and Membership aware of, is the on-going issue about the securement and storage of the Historical/Archive materials. I have found several boxes of donated materials sitting in several locations within the museum. It is very important that we make sure that when these materials are donated to the FRRS, that we properly received them, give the donor a receipt for the donation and make sure one of the FRRS Staff is made aware of the donation so that it may be stored properly and get notification to the donor with a Thank You letter.

If you come across and Historical/Archive, Donated materials, Please contact one of the staff of the Historical/Archive Department and let them know that the materials have been received and where it is located so that it can be moved to proper storage.

As reported to the Board of Directors in an email on Monday July 11, 2016. Currently there are five (5) box cars that have been identified with Historical/Archive materials in them, with a sixth car being investigate to ID what is in that car.

All of the cars that contain Historical/Archive materials, have had the locks changed to a higher security type lock. (the number six car will be done soon)

Here is a list of the box cars:

FGEX	(Fruit Growers Express)	59932
PFE	(Pacific Fruit Express)	11454
PFE FRRX	(Pacific Fruit Express)	100468
SSW	(Cotton Belt)	23908
JRSX	(Simplot)	5021

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As for the two storage lockers in Reno, I have received the keys to those units and have made a copy of the keys to be stored at the museum with Historical/Archive staff member in order to gain access to the units.

Our WEB Master, Paul Finnegan has been working with several members to get materials posted to the WEB pages. There will be more postings as we proceed with several of the materials from the old historical web pages.

Director Frank Brehm has been lending a hand with all the documents needed to make sure that we have operating policies and procedures in place to account for the Arthur Walter Keddie Railroad library.

Kerry Cochran  
Director, General Superintendent.



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FEBRUARY 29, 2016

Dr. Cheryl L. Meeker  
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Re: Calendar Year 2015 Fractional Donation Summary of WPRR Corporate Archives/K.J. Meeker Collection

Dear Dr. Meeker,

As per the Western Pacific Railroad Corporate Archives/Kenneth J. Meeker Collection 10 year fractional donation contract of January 28, 2012 between yourself and the Feather River Rail Society of Portola, California, attached to this letter is an itemized list of 111 items identified as "Western Pacific Railroad – State of California Official Land Valuation Station Maps (Original Ink on Velum)" each measuring 56" x 24" plus 104 miscellaneous items identified as "Western Pacific Railroad – Sacramento Dispatcher Office Materials". These items have been designated for transfer of ownership at the end of the 4th year of the contract to the Feather River Rail Society (currently held within a rented secure climate-controlled facility in the city of Reno, Nevada by the present FRRS management) as of December 1, 2015. See the attached itemized inventory for all these 111 "Western Pacific Railroad – State of California Official Land Valuation Maps" contained within storage container KJMWPA 037 and 104 items from the Western Pacific Railroad – Sacramento Dispatcher Office contained within storage container KJMWPA 039 listed within the KJMWPA Master Inventory Final Version 4 (1B) for your personal finance purposes.

- Collection of original Western Pacific Railroad – State of California Official Land Valuation Station Maps with data corrected to December 31, 1955 (Original Ink on Velum) each measuring 56 inches by 24 inches. These 111 items are identified as Line Items #916 through #1030 inclusive within container KJMWPA 037 in the KJMWPA Master Inventory Final Version #4 (1B).
- Collection of original Western Pacific Railroad miscellaneous items by Kenneth Meeker from the Third Subdivision Dispatcher Desk in the Sacramento Dispatchers Office upon its closure in December 1989. These 104 items are identified as Line Items #2911 through #2914 inclusive within container KJMWPA 039 in the KJMWPA Master Inventory Final Version #4 (1B).

The Feather River Rail Society, which operates the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola site, is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt educational public benefit California Corporation with the IRS tax ID number of 68-0002774. Your donation to the FRRS may be tax deductible. IRS regulations for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations prevent us from assigning any values or estimated values to any non-cash donations we receive. Please consult your tax professional regarding the deductibility of your donations and IRS regulations concerning establishing estimated values for donated items. No goods or services have been provided to you or your family in exchange for your contributions.

Sincerely,

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