

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Event Report
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2019 CONVENTION

On November 3, I met with the PCR members working on the Convention committee at the McClellan Convention Center to tour the facilities. As there was a bodybuilding competition and exhibition going on at the same time, it made for a surreal scene.

There were some issues with rooms having been incorrectly scheduled by the venue, but we think it is now all worked out.

I am handling vendor arrangements and the vendor / exhibit room. Since it is a very long, large room (130 ft X 20 ft), we will be having FRRS archives displays in one end, Model and Photo contest entries at the other and vendors in the middle.

So far I have seven presenters confirmed or tentative, plus Virgil Staff films:

- Kerry Cochran - Western Pacific MOW Cars: History and Modeling part 2
- Loren Dunlap - Western Pacific Railroad China
- Jeff Moore - Western Pacific and McCloud River Railway
- Ken Rattenne - "The West in Western Pacific"
- Janet Steeper - Western Pacific Menus and Food Service
- Eugene Vicknair - "The Quincy Railroad"
- Evan Werkema - Western Pacific Diesel Excursions

On the PCR / modeling side, we have 17 shows confirmed or tentative:

- Steve Moore -- Preview of Salt Lake City 2019
- Neil Erikson -- Onboard Batteries/Deadrail
- Michael Eldridge -- Laser Cutting
- Paul Hobbs -- Business Cars/ Private Cars
- Paul Hobbs -- TTX
- Paul Weiss -- Layout Design
- Paul Weiss -- JMRI / Operations
- Jeff Allen -- Building a layout in a classroom
- David Fryman -- Electronic Uncoupler
- Thomas Blinn -- JMRI Hardware installation
- Hesse Walden -- Ops with Card-Cards
- Robert Pethound -- Design portable layout
- Robert Pethound -- Operating portable RR

- Ed Merrin -- Layout Photography
- Klaus Keil -- Transoceanic Containers
- Randy Pfeiffer -- 3rd Planit Tips and Use
- Al Turnbull -- DC vs DCC wiring
- Al Turnbull -- Trees/ Scenery

We're looking for about 2-4 more shows on the WP / FRRS side. WP will have 1 room for presentations while 2 rooms will be running for PCR side. Shows will run Thursday – Saturday and some will repeat since there will be so many shows running at the same time.

Also special events during the convention are coming into focus and should be announced soon. Also we have several layout tours coming together.

Hotel discount reservations will open January 15. Looks like a nice hotel, located about 8-10 minute walk from the Convention Center. They will also have a van available for transport.

As part of the convention, a special run of HO Scale Tidewater Southern Cornucopia cars has been done. Each includes a copy of the article on these cars published in Headlight issue 50.

SANTA TRAINS

I heard from Matt Shuman and he says he has several folks lined up to bake cookies for Santa Train. I am also going to bake cookies and am trying to talk my mother and aunt into baking again.

Heard a lot of folks at Pumpkin Trains saying they are looking forward to Santa Trains or were going to go to them for the first time.