

Historical/Archive Department Report

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As we move toward the end of the 2022 season, the Historical/Archive Department is in the process of winding down for the winter.

Again I would like to remind all that most all the work taking place in the Historical/Archive Department is a **“Work in Progress”**. All of the Archive Staff have done a great job this last year and I need to say Thank you to all.

I would like to reach out to all members and volunteers who are at the museum on a regular basis when you receive donations to the archives, please take the time to fill out the donation receipt and make a copy and send it to me with the backside inventory so that I may send out donation letters.

These donation letters are used by our donators for tax purposes and it is very important to get them in the hands of the donators prior to the end of January 2023.

(Please if you take something in for the archives, make sure you make notes and attached to the items or boxes.)

As we move into the New Year 2023, the next big event is our annual convention. This next year we are holding a joint convention with the NMRA/PCR. We have done this in the past and it has been very well received.

Please check the website for the 2023 joint NMRA/PCR/FRRS convention being held in Sacramento at the Courtyard by Marriott Cal Expo. This will give us another opportunity to share ideas with others with similar interests in railroading.

Currently we have lined up over seven members and guests to give presentations. There will also be NMRA/PCR clinics along with displays and the museum store.

This convention is shaping up to be a great event for 2023.



If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web pages recently, please consider looking at them to see “What’s New”, <https://wplives.org/archives.html>.

If you were unable to attend the WP Convention this year, there was a presentation “*Guided Tour of the H/A Web Pages at WPLives.org*”. The presentation is now available on the society’s website on the [Historical/Archive home page](#).

Please take a visit and learn more about what the Historical/Archive Department is doing.

As I point out in each of my reports every month, we still need some donations help with the materials needed to keep the archives moving forward and protecting them.

Needs for the Archives:

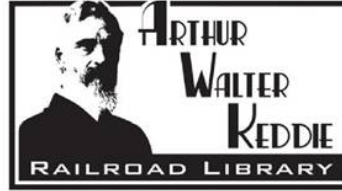
I know that I place this in almost all of my archives reports, however there is still a need for materials to keep the archive stored safely and accessible to be used. As we inventory more and more of the materials in the archives, we need more proper storage materials to keep the collection in.

We are always looking for help in getting materials properly stored and we need the support of the membership with helping supply storage materials for the archives.

We still need help in getting funding and storage materials for the archive department. Should you be able to help out, please let us know!

Items listed below are still needed to help keep our collection stored properly and should you wish to help us out, we certainly would like your donation and help.

- Computer program to track all the Historical/Archive items
- Original copy of Windows 10 to be used in the Archive Department
- Archive storage boxes for 35mm slides. (We need more, as we have over 20,000 + slides and counting!)
- Large archival storage boxes



Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquiry about a donation, please get in touch with one of the archive staff or archive committee to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

Thank you to all the archive staff who take the time to help us out in 2022 and I look forward to seeing you in 2023 and helping in the archive once again.

Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

Kerry Cochran
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