

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Event Report
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PUMPKIN PATCH EXPRESS

I am still pulling together all the expenses, income and counts, but we had a lot of folks show up. First weekend we had about 83 cars Saturday and 45 cars Sunday. Was about 200 cars second Saturday and on second Sunday.

I have been compiling a list of proposed changes / ideas from visitors, members, event volunteers and things I considered myself. We should review this list and have a discussion in early 2024 about how to modify the event.

- Increase cost per car to \$15 or \$20 from \$10 and still \$5 off with can donation.
- Shift time for Saturday night trains, ending day trains 30 to 60 minutes earlier and start night trains earlier.
- Add night only trains on Friday nights.
- Maintain small indoor pumpkin patch even with outdoor patch.
- Add more decorations to outdoor patch, in particular a "sasquatch cave".
- Bring back the Harvest Fair sales area.
- Bring back the Haunted Railcar.
- Improve promotion of locomotive cab rides.
- Provide better "platforms" for boarding at Patch / picnic area.

Looking for additional thoughts and suggestions. We do NOT need to implement all of them, these are just ideas expressed to me for consideration.

2024 CONVENTION

We are confirmed for April 11-13, 2024 at the Feather Falls Casino and Resort in Oroville. We have the convention there back in 2009. I have been in contact with Brian Wong, current owner of the WP Depot, about touring the depot, and am working with the state on a tour of Oroville Dam and the Oro Dam RR right of way. We have received the convention cars and the decals are arriving shortly.

We are setting prices as follows:

Combo fare:	FRRS members - \$95	Affiliate Members - \$100	Non-members - \$105
Convention only:	\$50	\$55	\$60
Banquet only:	\$52	\$56	\$60

We are also considering a day pass option for \$20 each day just for shows and exhibit room. We will be doing a buffet banquet with 3 entrée options. The banquets at the resort look very good and even include desserts.

Now trying to .line up shows and exhibits. We are also considering inviting a module layout and would like to have the model contest grow back to something larger again.

We have discount room block and the resort also has an RV park.

We hope to start advertising this coming week.