

The Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society (WPRRHS) was recently formed as a division of the Feather River Rail Society, operators of the Portola Railroad Museum.

Our Mission

The WPRRHS was formed with two primary goals:

1. The collection and preservation of documents, photographs, memorabilia, oral history and other artifacts of, and pertaining to, the history and operation of the railroad company known as the Western Pacific Railroad and its subsidiaries, connecting short lines and related industrial railroad operations.
2. The dissemination of said information through FRRS and WPRRHS publications, library services, historical seminars, conventions, guest lectures and FRRS/WPRRHS social functions and public events.

The Headlight

The WPRRHS produces and distributes the FRRS's historical publication, *The Headlight*. Founded in 1990, *The Headlight* serves to provide information to WP enthusiasts and modelers on the operations, equipment, history, facilities, events and people that made the WP such a unique and interesting railroad. Through the pages of *The Headlight*, fans of all ages can experience the rich and colorful history of the WP—a railroad which in spite of losing her corporate identity over 10 years ago, still maintains a passionate, devoted and enthusiastic following even to this day.

Membership Benefits

FRRS members will receive *The Headlight* and *Trainsheet* for one year. FRRS members also qualify for discounts on FRRS events and member gift shop discounts and are permitted to vote in FRRS elections.

In accordance with our mission statement, your dues will help keep the memory of the WP alive by providing for the publication of *The Headlight* as well as the preservation of archived WP material and artifacts in the FRRS/WPRRHS library.

Your continued support is appreciated!



THE
**WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2004 NATIONAL CONVENTION
RENO, NEVADA**

TIMETABLE

No. **8**

**EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2004
AT 12:01 A.M.
PACIFIC STANDARD TIME**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND
INFORMATION OF ATTENDEES ONLY**

FRANK BEAVERS

2004 Convention Chairpersons

STEVE HAYES

WPRRHS Convention Coordinator

THOM ANDERSON

WPRRHS Administrator

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EUGENE VICKNAIR

Secretary & Facilities Manager

**STEVE HABECK, HANK STILES, GAIL McCLURE,
KERRY COCHRAN, ANDY ANDERSON**

FRRS Directors

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 16th, 2004

- 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Setup and Registration
- 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm Clover Valley RR
..... *Kent Stephens*
- 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Accidents on the Eastern
Division *John Walker*
- 3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Break
- 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm The Alternative Inside Gateway
..... *Steven Bechtold*
- 4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Break
- 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm Sperry Rail Detector Car
..... *Chris Skow*
- 5:45 pm - 7:15 pm Dinner Break - 1½ Hours
- 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm *California Zephyr*
..... *Chris Skow*
- 8:00 pm - 8:15 pm Break
- 8:15 pm - 9:00 pm Budd Cars
..... *Norman Holmes*
- 9:00 pm - 9:15 pm Break
- 9:15 pm - 10:00 pm *Silver Hostel*
..... *Eugene Vicknair*

SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 17th, 2004

- 8:00 am - 9:00 am Registration - Vendor and
display rooms open
- 9:00 am - 9:45 am Modeling WP GP35s and
GP40s *Thom Anderson*
- 9:45 am - 10:00 am Break
- 10:00 am - 10:45 am Research Sources needed
to Model Altamont Pass *Ron Plies*
- 10:45 am - 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 am - 11:45 am Building a Sunshine
Models WP 14000 Series Steel Rebuilt box car
..... *Tom Lawler*
- 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Lunch Break - 1½ Hours
- 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm Reno Branch
..... *Bruce Blackadar*
- 2:00 pm - 2:15 pm Break
- 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm Fifth Subdivision photos and
stories *Bob Larson*
- 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm Break
- 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm WP Cabooses
..... *John Ryczkowski*
- 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm Break
- 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm Modeling WP SW9s
..... *David Epling*
- 5:00 pm - 5:15 pm Break
- 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm WP Employee Panel
..... *Al Hill, Tom Darr & Others*
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm One Hour Break
- 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Banquet Buffet
- 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm Banquet Speakers
..... *Cathy & Ernie Von Ibsch*
- 9:30pm - 10:00 pm Awards

During presentations, kindly refrain from questions and/or comments. Many of your questions are likely to be answered as the presentation progresses and for those that aren't, a question and answer session will follow each presentation. *The presenters thank you for your consideration.*

Note: Schedule is subject to change without notice.