

## WP 2020 Convention Oroville Update – 6/21/20

With apologies to all the Western Pacific fans out there...

When the venue chosen in Oroville for the 2020 Western Pacific Historical Convention originally shut down their events due to the COVID-19 crisis, the hope was that things could be rescheduled for late summer / early fall. A little while ago, we got word that they were rescheduling us for mid-September and we started all the "back end" work to get everything shifted, confirm the shows and speaker, and start getting the word out to the public.

Unfortunately, the other day, the venue contacted us again and informed us that they had changed their minds and were cancelling all events through the end of the year. It appears that COVID19 cases in Oroville and Butte County are spiking and they did not want to take any chances.

There was an attempt to find an alternate venue on short order, but with nothing being available and registrants waiting to see what would happen, the final decision has been made to cancel the 2020 WP Convention.

Information will be sent soon to those who are registered concerning their options for their registrations. We thank you all for your support of the Western Pacific and are sorry we won't all be together in Oroville this year.

On a more positive note, we are now moving to planning the 2021 Convention. Look for information on that in the near future.

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