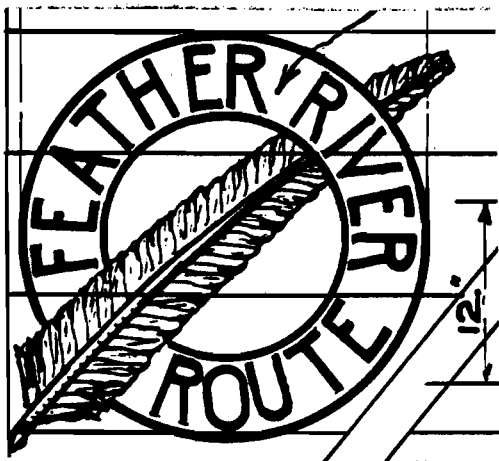


WESTERN PACIFIC "Feather River Route" MEDALLION

STYLE B



THIS IS THE EMBLEM WP USED ON ITS FREIGHT EQUIPMENT STARTING WITH THE FIRST BOX CARS DELIVERED TO THE RAILROAD IN 1916. THE SQUARE LOGO THAT WE KNOW TODAY IS FIRST SHOWN ON THE COVER OF A TIMETABLE ISSUED SEPT. 1916, BUT WAS NOT APPLIED TO EQUIPMENT UNTIL THE LATE TWENTIES. A STENCILING DIAGRAM DATED 6-16-27 FOR BOX CARS IN SERIES 16001-18500 SHOWS THE SQUARE LOGO PAINTED ON THE DOORS AS THE WP STANDARD, THE OTHER STYLE BEING OBSOLETE.

ROBERT HANFT'S BOOK "PINE ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN" SHOWS ON PAGE 194, WP SERIES 16001 1917 BOX CARS IN 1931, WITH SOME CARS STENCILED WITH THE SQUARE LOGO ON THE DOOR AND OTHERS STILL LETTERED IN THE OLD STYLE. ABOUT 1929 THE MEDALLION WAS ADOPTED FOR USE ON STEAM ENGINE TENDERS AND UNTIL THE GREEN PAINT SCHEME CAME INTO USE IN THE 70'S IT WAS USED ON WP DIESELS.



STYLE B IS WHAT I WOULD CALL THE MODERN STYLE AS IT HAS BEEN THE MOST USED STYLE OF FEATHER AND THE SMALL MARK OVER THE C IN PACIFIC IS TO BALANCE AGAINST THE F ON THE OTHER SIDE. NOTE THAT THIS MARK IS OMITTED ON MOST OF THE ENAMEL LOCO EMBLEMS USED ON DIESELS BUT THE STYLE OF FEATHER IS THE SAME.



STYLE C

STYLE C WITH THE SPLIT QUILL WAS ONLY USED ON WP'S PFE REEFERS AND AGAIN WHEN THEY WERE REBUILT BY PFE IN 1952.

CABOOSE WP444 GOT A HAND PAINTED EMBLEM OF STYLE B BUT THE CONTRASTING CIRCLE WAS OMITTED. WITH WP AGAIN USING THE EMBLEM AFTER NOT APPLYING IT ON NEW OR REBUILT EQUIPMENT SINCE THE LATE FIFTIES, STYLE B WAS ORDERED IN SIZE 45x40" IN DECAL FORM. UP UNTIL THE UP TAKE OVER MOST ALL REBUILT AND PAINTED CARS GOT A DECAL. IT MADE IT ONTO SEVERAL NEWER PLUG DOOR BOX CARS AND COVERED HOPPERS AND ALL REBUILT CABOOSES GOT A DECAL.

WITH THE UNION PACIFIC PAINTING ALL ACTIVE WP CARS INTO A UP STANDARD THE EMBLEM WILL AGAIN DISAPPEAR EXCEPT AT THE PORTOLA MUSEUM WHERE THE WP LIVES.....



STYLE A

STYLE A IS STILL USING THE SIMPLE STRAIGHT QUILL FEATHER HELD OVER FROM THE ORIGINAL. THIS STYLE WAS USED ON WOODEN BOX CARS AND ON THE EARLY STEEL CARS WP RECEIVED FROM MT VERNON CAR CO IN 1937 AND THE FIRST PULLMAN STEEL BOX CARS IN 1951. PULLMAN THEN STARTED USING A MORE MODERN STYLE (B) ON THE LAST PART OF THE ORDER AND ON THE 50' DOUBLE-DOOR CARS IN 1954.



THIS SQUARE LOGO HATED BY SOME, LOVED BY OTHERS, WAS FIRST USED ON BOX CAR #60421 IN AUG 1979 BEING DESIGNED BY A SAN FRANCISCO AD FIRM. THIS STYLIZED FEATHER WAS WP'S NEW IMAGE UNTIL THE UP TAKEOVER. WP'S LAST ORDERS FOR BOX CARS HAD THIS LOGO STENCILED ON THEM.