

9th Annual FRRS Railfan Photographer's Day

Saturday, September 17, 1994

9:30 AM to Midnight

This popular event will feature a number of trains operating on a printed schedule and will include:

- Restored ex-California Zephyr FP7 WP 805-A on A-B-A set pulling freight and passenger trains.
- The only 1994 SP sugar beet train using wood beet cars.
- Operational VIA Rail passenger train with ALCO FPA-4, ALCO FPB-4, 2 coaches and sleeper car.
- Four Baldwin diesels in use on freight trains.
- Group night photo session.
- Multi-media shows.
- Spaghetti dinner.

Admission will be \$12 advance or \$15 day of event per person (under 16 yrs. old is free). Working members, of course, will be admitted free. We put a lot of effort into setting up this event and we really put on a great show.

WP Fans and Modelers

5th Annual FRRS Southern Regional Meet Saturday, October 8, 1994

Southern Regional Meet? What is this "Southern Regional Meet" anyway? Well, if you're a WP fan (as many FRRS members are) and/or a WP modeler (again as many FRRS members are) then you may want to read on! The Southern Regional Meet is an annual get-together of WP fans and modelers held in Southern California. The principal purpose of the Meet is two fold: 1) to keep people, who could not get to the museum as often as they would like, still involved in the FRRS; 2) to allow WP fans and modelers a time and location to highlight their models and listen to presentations dealing with the Western Pacific RR.

Since the inception of the Meet, attendance and participation have grown tremendously. One of the key draws of the Meet each year has been the high numbers of WP models of motive power, freight cars, passenger cars, M of W equipment and cabooses. All of the popular scales have been represented. The Meet now also offers a "popular vote" contest for models. Another key feature of the meet has been the presentations. We have had in past years many well-known WPers including Ken Rattenne, author of the most recent publications of the WPRR, Bob Larson, WP/UP engineer, Thom Anderson, well-known WP modeler and photographer, Tom Bacarella, WP modeler extraordinaire, etc. The presentations are always either WP prototype or modeling related, with a couple of both at each meet. This year we will have the pleasure of listening to Dave Stanley, who has a 20 year history of WP/UP with some CCT thrown in. Dave is familiar to many of you as the originator of Winterail. There will also be a clinic by Norm Holmes and a dose of WP modeling also.

The Meet also is supported by local hobby shops as well as manufacturers, with more joining in each year. This year, Pentrex, Life-Like, Model Railroaders are some of the contributors.

So the "Southern Regional Meet" idea sounds good, doesn't it? If your interest is Western Pacific, from a historical point of view and/or modeling, this Meet is something you want to participate in. And, if you are a modeler of the "wobbly" be sure to bring your models for display and if you wish, contest entry.

Call Pete at (310) 691-4139 if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you at this year's meet.

24th Annual V&T Railroad History Symposium

Friday-Sunday, October 21-23, 1994

The Nevada State Railroad Museum and the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum are pleased to announce the 24th Annual V&T Railroad History Symposium to be held on October 21-23, 1994 at the Nevada State Railroad Museum and in the meeting rooms of the Nugget in Carson City.

This year's symposium theme is the 125th anniversary of:

- the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad
- the beginning of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad
- the introduction of the Westinghouse Air Brake

The Railroad Museum will be open until 8:00 PM on Thursday evening, October 22, 1994, for an informal gathering so that early arrivals can pick up their registration packets. We will kick off the symposium on Friday morning. Papers will be presented in morning and afternoon sessions on both Friday and Saturday, held at the Nugget. On Saturday morning there will be a presentation and discussion on the restoration on the V&T locomotive #27, held in the museum's restoration shop, wrapping up the official symposium program. Steam trains will be operating on the Museum's trackage during Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a Friday evening reception at the Railroad Museum featuring a slide presentation of the museum's year in review. On Saturday evening, the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum annual dinner will be held at the Nugget. This year's key note speaker is Kevin Keefe, editor of TRAINS magazine.

Among the presentations planned for this year are the following:

Virginia & Truckee Railroad

1. Stephen E. Drew: 19th Century Advertisements from the V&T collection
2. Mike Collins: V&T Equipment before 1872
3. Charlie Siebenthal: Operating the V&T before 1872
4. Rich Pitter: Iron Horses to the Silver Mines. Building the V&T

Transcontinental Railroad

1. Don Snoddy: The Union Pacific Railroad
2. Jim Wilke: The Transcontinental Railroad: State of the Art in 1869
3. Wendell Huffman: Bringing the Iron Horse to Nevada
4. Kyle Wyatt: A Tour of the Transcontinental Railroad

Westinghouse Air Brakes

1. Dave Garcia: 125th Anniversary of the Westinghouse Air Brake

Project Updates

1. Marv Texeira & Greg Smith: V&T Reconstruction Update
2. Mimi Rodden: Nevada Preservation Update
3. NSRM Staff: V&T Locomotive #27 Update

For registration forms and information, contact:

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