

From the Chairman

By Andy Anderson

As the year draws to a close I would like to reflect on the accomplishments we as a Society have achieved this past year and some that have been delayed but not forgotten. Although I had high expectations not all were realized.

One of the high priority items seeing completion was the roof of the engine house. With the exception of a few minor leaks that have been repaired all is now weather tight. WPRRHS participation has increased with the addition of the library car for sorting and storage of our historical items. Much progress has been made this last year in cataloging the many items and I envision much more activity this next year.

Although a Visitors Center has been discussed we so far have not found a way to bring it into reality. This I am sure will change with adoption of the Master Plan and acquisition of the hospital property. I expect continued activity towards realization of this important project to continue this next year. Another area of concern has been restoration of equipment. To accomplish this we need volunteers to oversee the projects and participate. Unfortunately this has not come about. Although we attempted to have some equipment painted finding a suitable contractor has proven difficult.

Run-A-Locomotive was again a hugely successful program. As a reminder there is a plan in place that guarantees to qualified RAL engineers \$200.00 a week who commit to a full week of assisting with this program. Our Caboose Trains were also very successful although we did suffer a shortage of crews on some weekends. I again encourage all qualified members to plan a weekend and assist us in making our operating season programs a success.

We were very fortunate this last year with the donation of equipment by UP and the portrait of past WP President Frederick B. Whitman by his family. These and other items are welcome additions to our collection. See you this next year!

Entrance Road

Through the generosity of Peggy and Darrel Garner through their Gold Mountain Development, our entrance road is now paved all the way from the city's corporation yard to our property line where the road was previously paved. It is a pleasure to have this nice smooth drive instead of the potholes we've had to endure for years. Thank you Peggy and Darrel.

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Meeting Announcement

On **February 3, 2001**, the FRRS will hold its regular monthly Board of Directors Meeting in Sacramento, California, at the **Stanford Gallery of the California State Railroad Museum**.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Members are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions concerning the future and direction of the FRRS. The Board Meeting in November, 2001 will also be held in Sacramento, location to be announced.

