

Museum Web Page Update

– Paul Finnegan

After many years as the society's webmaster, Tom Carter has passed the role of maintaining and development of the museum's web page to me. I want to thank Tom for creating and implementing a web page that is very attractive and has had a very positive impact on the museum's public image and for his service over the years as webmaster. Tom wears many hats at the museum so I am pleased to be able to help him by taking on this role.

My intention is to maintain the look and feel of the current web page with no major changes to the existing structure. My focus will be on maintenance and expansion of the role of the web page as a resource for the visitor and the society. Some additions and reorganizations are slated for spring 2016. In the meantime, I have been making sure information is up-to-date and fixing some existing problems such as broken links and inconsistent behavior.

I am very interested in everyone's questions, issues, and suggestions for the web page. I have created the webmaster@wplives.org email address to send mail directly to me for such input. I encourage you to visit the web page at <http://www.wplives.org> to learn more about our museum.

At the September Board of Director's meeting, Kerry Cochran, Kenneth Finnegan and I made a

presentation to describe the creation of a new web page specifically for the Operating Department under the museum's wplives.org web page. We demonstrated a proof-of-concept web page, running on a private server, for the board. Additionally I am working with Kerry Cochran, Rick Gruninger, Kenneth Finnegan and Don Nelson to create a WPRM Hand Signal Training video for the Operating Department. We plan to have the Operating Department Web page and the video available for use at the 2016 Crew Training Sessions.

Another new resource for the museum will be a Crew Training registration system for the 2016 crew training. This is planned to be the official Operating Department Crew Training signup method. Check the museum web page after the first of the year to see the Operating Department's new web pages and to signup online for crew training.

Finally, I am working on creating a new "WPRM Gallery" as part of the museum web page. It is on the "About Us" pull-down menu. I need your contributions to make this excel. I am looking for groups of eight to fifteen pictures of WPRM or FRRS activities, centered on a theme. For example, maybe you can share "my best dozen pictures from Santa Trains 2016" or "ten pictures from RR Days 2014."

Contact me at webmaster@wplives.org to explore seeing your photographs online representing the museum.



Track Work at the Museum

More track work has been taking place on the balloon loop in the last few weeks. This has mostly involved the removal of excess ballast from the track to facilitate inspection and replacement of ties as needed. Seen here is a newly worked section of track, protected by a slow order. The metal sign in the background denotes the end/start of the slow order on that end.

– Greg Elems Photo
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