

Archive Car Work 5/29/2019

- Kerry Cochran

While work continues on the MP archives car to get it ready for electrical power and the new HVAC unit, we needed to complete several things prior to some of that work being started.

On Wednesday May 29th, Paul Finnegan, Phil Schmierer, Vince Bonfiglio, Ethan Doty and Kerry Cochran spent most of the afternoon moving the old desk partitions, refrigerator and various left over lumber and insulation out of the car.

The desk partitions were stored in one of the other archives cars for use at a later time, the refrigerator was loaded into the Dodge pick-up for disposal and the reusable lumber was moved to the lumber rack inside the engine house.

Other loose items, lumber scraps, insulation and junk that we deemed unusable were placed into the dumpster for disposal.

A set of lockers was moved into the east end of the car along, with one of the tall metal cabinets for storage of materials.

I want to thank all the members that helped get this work done as we progress into preparing this car for the next steps in its renovations.



Vince Bonfiglio and Phil Schmierer helping remove partitions from the Archive Car to be moved to another archive department boxcar.

- photo by Ethan Doty



WP 1503 Restoration Update

- Paul Finnegan

Progress is continuing to be made for the restoration of WP 1503. Greg Elems has worked on doing sanding work in preparation for painting. The plan is to restore the horn to a five-bell style, as originally delivered to the WP. All bells pointing forward mounted on the face of the cab, close to the roof, instead of on the roof as it currently is.

Roger Stabler shot orange paint on the sides and ends just before the Steam Work session in May. Stencils need to be cut for the lettering and Roger plans to shot more paint in July.

The Mechanical Department has an aggressive plan to restore WP 1503 to service this summer.

Annual Members' Meeting

- Paul Finnegan

The FRRS held its annual Members' Meeting at the museum on Saturday June 1st. Directors Kerry Cochran, Steve Habeck, Charlie Spikes and Janet Steeper were present. Eighteen additional members attended. President Steve Habeck gave an overall summary of events and plans for the museum. The election report was given by Matt Shuman. We had a "white ballot" this year so the three incumbents who were nominated will all be reelected. Additional comments were made by other directors, staff and members. A very nice pot-luck dinner was provided and the evening went very smoothly.

Minutes of the meeting are available on the Minutes & Reports web page under the Members pull-down menu on the society's website.