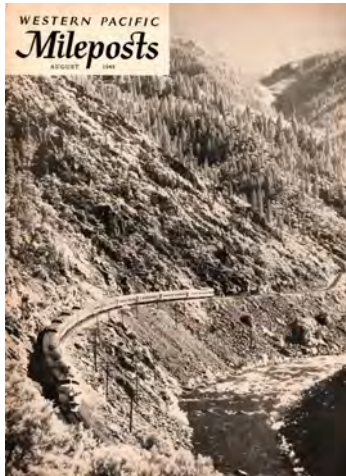


WP Mileposts on the Website

- Paul Finnegan, FRRS Webmaster

Several years ago, I took an interest in our archive's *Milepost* magazine collection. The Western Pacific published an employee newsletter, *Mileposts*. Two hundred and fifty-four issues were published from August 1949 through March 1983, just before the merger with Union Pacific.

Working with Kerry Cochran, I have been searching our archives and collecting the magazines, then sorting and cataloging which issues we have. My intention was to start scanning them and posting them to the Historical/Archive Department's web page.



The old WPRRHS website had a web page that was "under construction" that said it would have them, but none were ever posted. My intention was to start scanning them last year, but COVID got in the way and I never made it to the museum to work on scanning them.

Kerry found a disk in the archives that had scanned Mileposts from 1954, 1955 and 1956 and uploaded them to our cloud server. I used them to create a new page "WP Mileposts" on the H/A home page and released it on 3/3/21. Within a day or two, I got an email from former FRRS member Steve Baldwin thanking me for posting the *Milepost* magazines. It turns out, he was the person who created the disk Kerry found and had left it with the Museum Store six or seven years ago to post on the website! After more email communications with Steve, it turned out he had many more issues scanned (and more un-scanned that he is willing to scan for us) so he worked with me to get more issues posted. I am most appreciative of Steve's help, and his offer to work with me, to get this project completed. He has saved me a couple hundred hours of work and advanced the project's schedule probably by at least a year.

We now have all issues posted on our website. Additionally, I created a Google Custom Search Engine so a user can search only the WP Milepost collection on the web page. I also added a button that shows or hides a table of contents for each issue. There is also a button that show/hides all the tables of contents. The idea here is a user can show all the tables of contents and then use the browser's search (control f) to look for specific words in article titles.

2021 WP Historical Convention Scheduled

The 2021 WP Historical Convention date is set to be September 17, 18 and 19 in Reno.

Please see the Convention Insert of this issue of the *Train Sheet* for more information, watch the website and subscribe to the "WPRM News" email list to receive information as plans are finalized.

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