

WP & WPRM Units Visit Carquinez Model Railroad Society

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For most readers of the *Train Sheet*, by now you know that I am a HO modeler and have been for quite some time. We have a very diverse group of members who also model several different scales of model railroad equipment.

Over the past few years, I have been fortunate to be able to continue to meet and be part of several model railroad organizations. As I have mentioned in the past, I am a member of the NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) and I have also been able to visit several model railroad clubs.

At one of these clubs, The Carquinez Model Railroad Society (see: <https://cmrstrainclub.org/>), I have been able to visit upon invitation by a couple of FRRS/WPRM members.

This has led to some fun of running some of my models of the Western Pacific which I would not normally have the opportunity to do since I do not currently have a model railroad layout to operate on.

On Sunday February 20th, I visited the Carquinez Club layout and was able to run some of my WP models.

While the SP 2873 is not a WP locomotive, it does live at our museum and when Walthers came out with it a year ago, I purchased one as a

unit to go along with some of the other WP models I have and to use it as a display piece for anytime I wanted to describe the collection of locomotives at the museum.

This gave me the opportunity to run this locomotive as it had not been run (except to program the DCC unit number). Fresh out of the box along with the WP 729, both units ran very well on this club layout.



In this photo you can see the WP 729 and SP 2873 running East bound starting across the Carquinez Bridge.



Here is WP 1983 (UP Heritage Unit) with a string of WP cars running through the mountains.



In the above photo you can see WP 729 and SP 2873 with a string of WP cars.

This is one of the joys of modeling and being involved in a railroad society.

If you ever get a chance, you should visit the Carquinez Model Railroad Society.