

Sunday, May 15th, brought the big finale to the convention: Restored WP 165 0-6-0 steam locomotive came back to life at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum. After tireless work by our steam volunteers, WP 165 ran a 1950's era freight train for the convention attendees, who got to ride in the caboose train pulled by 165's successor, WP SW1500 1503.

The highlight of this event, beside of showing off the WP 165 in operation, was attendance of Norman Holmes, the chief founder of the FRRS. Norm was on hand to see the 165 run and he was surprised to be given the chance later in the day to be the engineer and operate the locomotive.

Convention attendees were also able to take a shuttle bus (supplied by Chris Skow) to Chris' home to visit his garden railway and WP home museum.

The only negative issue that we heard from the attendees was the very short staff at the hotel. This led to the hotel closing the restaurant during lunch Saturday and closing the bar Saturday night. The convention staff, consisting of Kerry, Eugene and Bob, also had their hands full, but some well-timed assistance from several attendees, including Matt Elems and Tom Hervey, helped keep everything moving along.

The volunteers managing the convention, as usual, took careful notes of the requests from the attendees with the goal of always trying to make the next convention better.

The dates and location for the 2023 Convention have already been announced. This will be a joint convention with the NMRA Pacific Coast Region held in Sacramento on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, to Sunday, April 30, 2023. The convention is being called Rails to the River.

Be sure to join us!



**Western Pacific Railroad Museum
700 Western Pacific Way, Portola,
CA. Museum is open for 2022**

**season! Museum Hours:
Thursdays & Fridays 12-4**

**Weekends 10-5 Open for the
following Holidays:**

July 4th and Labor Day 10:00 - 5:00

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