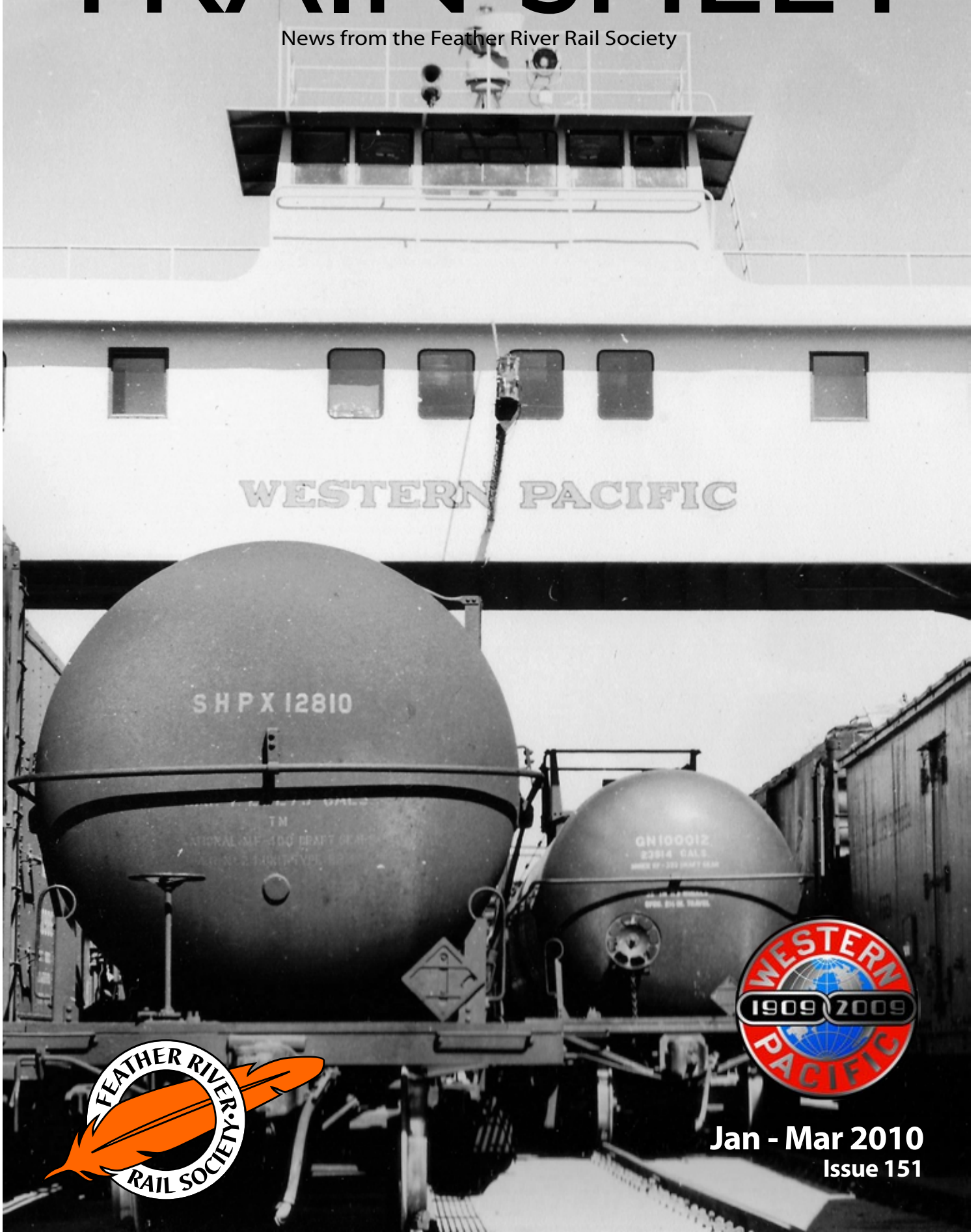


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The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily from the first Saturday in April through the first Monday in November. The Diesel Shop is open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily during these dates.

Train operations begin the last Saturday in May and continue each weekend through the first Monday in September.

The museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday in November through the first Friday in March except for special events in which advance arrangements have been made. If you wish to visit during the closure period, it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the museum will be open.

Entrance to the museum is free, although a suggested donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated.

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***Preserving "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"***



**- WEB PAGES of INTEREST -**

FRRS Official Site	www.WPLives.org
WPRR Historical Society	www.wprrhs.org
CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net
California Zephyr	californiazephyr.org
Western Pacific Pages	www.WPLives.com
WP Virtual Museum	wpmuseum.railfan.net
Sac Northern On-Line	www.people.virginia.edu/~ggg9y
Tidewater Southern Pages	www.TidewaterSouthern.com
Tidewater Southern	www5.pair.com/rattenne/WP/TidelIndex.htm
Central Calif Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco/

## WP 165: New Year and New Progress

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

Coming into 2010, this promises to be a year of significant progress for the WP 165 project. I am happy to report that, thanks to the generosity of G.W. Redman of Redman Equipment & Manufacturing, we have a new section of front tubesheet ready to go. This donation of time on the Redman machinery would otherwise take us, with our limited resources, several days of effort on a conventional drill press. The accuracy of the holes in size and location is unparalleled as well. The hole layout is significantly more uniform than ALCo was able to achieve back in the day. Thanks also go to longtime friend of the project, Paul Boschan, Redman's code compliance officer, who facilitated the donation. Paul also helps us out with his sage advice pertaining to boiler matters and related issues from time to time.

This part of the pressure vessel was replaced due to the deteriorated condition of the existing piece, having been over-rolled, cracked and welded through the bridges repeatedly over the years. We could have used the original front tubesheet as is, but the amount of work it would have taken to keep it serviceable would be frustrating and tedious.



*The new tubesheet section on the mill at Redman Equipment and Manufacturing.*

*- Chris Allan photo*

Thanks also go to Nathan Osborn who measured the original and generated the cut pattern and drilling plan into AutoCAD. During the Fall work session Nathan brought up a

printout of the tubesheet patch in full size, which we matched to the existing piece to verify accuracy.

The tubesheet will come up to Portola for the Spring work session. Until then it's ensconced in my garage, tucked out of the way. It will be welded in after the boiler is completely scaled out inside, and we are sure that most of the work in the shell interior is complete. With the lower portion of the sheet removed access to the water space is much easier than dropping in through the dome, at least for us older, chunkier individuals!

Our next fundraising drive raised cash to have replica cab numbers and WP feather heralds for the tender done. I am happy to report that our intrepid FRRS Secretary and board member Eugene Vicknair donated \$350.00 for the first tender insignia. (Also, thanks to Eugene for preparing the artwork for these heralds.) This donation was followed by James Mason's donation of \$350.00 for the other herald. Cab number donations came from Norman Holmes (\$100.00) and Bob Sims (\$200.00). Bob also kicked in an additional \$1000.00 to the 165 Steam Fund. Thank you, Bob!!

Some of you may wonder why we are not utilizing the original number plates or the tender logo that was recently returned. Simply put, these are wonderful artifacts, but due to the abuse they have taken, restorative measures would alter their current appearance (patina if you will). This would irreparably damage their value as museum artifacts. Replicas are much better suited to long-term display as well, given the value of the originals to certain less-than-reputable "collectors". The replicas will be marked as such and no attempt to pass them off as originals will be made.

We could still use some donations to cover the rest of the cab numbers and all the other work still needed on the 165. Please send your donations to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum - WP 165 Fund, P O Box 608, Portola, CA, 96122. As a donor you will be proud that you helped return the 165 to operation. I cannot thank all of you enough for your past and future support. Without you, the "Willing People", WP history would simply pass into obscurity!



## MUSEUMS LICENSE PLATE

The Feather River Rail Society is a proud supporter of an exciting opportunity sweeping the state. What we're trying to do is bring the world's favorite beagle, Snoopy, to license plates in California and support our state's museums at the same time.

Snoopy is a singular beagle. He's also a proud Californian. Those are two good reasons for Snoopy to be featured on his own California license plate. But to make it even more worthwhile, the proceeds from the official Snoopy license plate will support California's museums. Each plate will feature a reproduction of an original Snoopy drawing by Charles Schulz, doing a happy dance, probably in anticipation of supertime.

So how do we make it happen? If we can get 7,500 registered California drivers to raise their hands for this plate, we can be the first state in the union to feature Snoopy on an official license plate. Note that you are simply registering interest at this point. Then, once we have enough interested people, the state will collect a \$50 fee from anyone who wants to get their own Snoopy plate. When we reach the

magic number of 7,500 folks willing to pre-purchase a plate, they will go into production, and voilà, a Snoopy license plate is yours.

Registration proceeds from the plate will go into a fund to help our state's great museums, such as the FRRS. As you know, museums are truly special places, community forums where families, friends and neighbors can meet, learn and discover together. We're lucky in California, because our state has an incredible variety of great museums that serve a truly diverse range of interests and specialties.

So, don't hesitate! Go to [www.snoopyplate.com](http://www.snoopyplate.com) today to sign up for your Snoopy license plate. And, tell your friends and family to help us achieve our goal. Help support the FRRS and California museums.



## ON-LINE STORE UPDATE

- David Epling, Museum Manager

Hello, Members! The museum's On-Line Gift Store is now fully functional. Every item now has a picture of the product and descriptions are on the item's information page. You must click on the item to see the description.

The biggest question asked is how do you apply your membership discount? Remember: Associate and Institutional memberships levels do not receive a discount. Active and Family membership levels get a 10% Discount. Sustaining and Life Memberships get a 15% discount.

To get your discount, go to the online store located at <http://giftshop.wplives.org>, log in and shop like you normally would. When you go to checkout, the process will have you sign in again and this time you will see a box on the left side of your screen below the question "Do you have

a promotion code".

Active and Family regular members should enter "frrsmember" (without the quotes). Sustaining and Life members should enter "frrslife" (without the quotes). This will automatically deduct your discount. On all orders, your membership will be matched to our master copy and verified before it is actually run through the system. Additionally, remember that applicable taxes for California residents and shipping will be added if the system does not automatically add it.

The gift store carries a large line of Western Pacific items such as books and models in both HO and N Scales. Hope to see you at the store.

For any questions, you can call the museum during our hours of operation, 10 AM - 5 PM. 7 days a week, from April to the end of October at 530-832-4131, or you can e-mail me at [david\\_epling@wplives.org](mailto:david_epling@wplives.org).

## WP - A FAMILY AFFAIR

- Tom Carter, Director

When I made plans to go up to the museum one weekend last fall to work on Western Pacific FP7 805-A, I knew there was a track work weekend and a steam weekend planned. However, with the end of the season and all, I didn't expect a whole lot of folks to be there: it was getting colder, the days getting shorter, and I knew we were all a little tired from a pretty impressive 2009 season.

I was VERY surprised and impressed with the flurry of activity when I rolled in on Friday afternoon, October 23rd, and saw the work going on. In fact, I was amazed all weekend at the spirit of the workforce and the sheer number of volunteers all weekend. On Saturday, I was working on the 805 right outside the door to the Ops office and Steve Habeck poked his head out and smiled and said "sounds like a railroad shop doesn't it?!" I paused for a minute and took in the sounds and sights and, man, did I feel like I was back at Stockton yard during my childhood. It gave me goose bumps. To say I was proud of our little museum would be an understatement. Sunday, I saw the crew getting the track ready for the Mini-Zephyr run the following weekend, the return of our flagship train for the first time in a long time, and an ARMY of folks getting the Belle of the Ball, the 805-A, ready in the shop. I went home pretty tired, but ecstatic over the thoughts of the CZ coming up and reuniting with its locomotive. She looked and sounded GREAT. Moreso, I was proud of the spirit of the "Willing People" of the WP employees and their successors at the museum. THIS is the WP. There is no ATSF museum, no SP museum; the WP WAS their employees.

My youngest sister is an Amtrak Conductor, and had remarked on numerous occasions that she didn't understand the attraction for trains to anyone. To quote her "a train is just a train, they all look alike to me. I mean, IT'S JUST A TRAIN!" She rang me a little perplexed and curious when she got called by the crew dispatcher to take a crew taxi to an "undisclosed location" to board an "undisclosed train" to run to an "undisclosed location" and lay over an extra day before returning. To say I was excited and tickled at the irony was an understatement. That is when I explained to her what the "undisclosed train" was and the significance of it. She got a little excited at the prospect of not having the usual

"Amtrak equipment" and a different route than she was used to. I called Eugene Vicknair and Rod McClure and gave them the heads up that she was the Conductor, then sat back and enjoyed the irony that the train to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the WP, the 60th of the CZ and the 25th of the FRRS was being handled by the daughter of a WP employee, the little girl of a WP family, and the sister and aunt of 3 FRRS volunteers. I was tickled pink.

Excitement built when she reported to the Sacramento crew base and got her orders. She called me up and said "Wow, I guess this is a big deal!" When she got to Portola and called me again, she was like a little kid on Christmas. She then told me "Now I get it. NOW I see why some trains are pretty special. I rode in luxury on this trip and am having FUN".

When she got in after the return trip, I was over at Mom and Dad's getting ready to go off on two more client jobs, and we all went out to dinner together. She was just on Cloud 9. She was tired, but VERY excited and just raved about the royal treatment she received from all she met at the museum and on the train. Car owners Burt Hermey and Roy Wullich, and the staff of the cars, treated her and her engineer to a 5 star experience and she felt like royalty. Eugene made her feel welcome and she enjoyed laughing with him. When she got to the museum, Rod and the rest of the WP crew made her most welcome and she felt at home. She was amazed at the museum and its hospitality and now has made plans to return with her daughters: the middle one has now declared at 9 years old that she plans to follow in her mother's, father's, uncles', grandmother's, and grandfather's footsteps and wants to be a locomotive engineer. Kinda cool (and proud moment) for a little girl that is very much into Disney Princesses and girly stuff. The 3rd Generation of Railroading Carters is now firmly planted there.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire Carter family to thank ALL of you for all of the hospitality shown to my little sister and the hard work of keeping the Western Pacific alive in Portola these past two weeks. To say I am proud of our organization and our railroad would be a huge understatement.

Happy Birthday Western Pacific!

## SANTA TRAIN 2009

- David Epling, Museum Manager

Another Christmas season has come and gone and, once again, the WPRM hosted Santa Trains on the first two Saturdays in December. The Museum received a lot of support this year from the community. Several businesses donated money to help us offset the costs of putting on the event. Portola High School's cooking class made the cookies this year.

Every November, WPRM Yardmaster / FRRS VP Steve Habeck begins setting up the trains for the event. Set-up volunteers Craig Simmons, Charlie Spikes and his son, Bart Hansen, Kevin Arendt, Ed Powell, Duane Vanderveen, Mary Habeck, Kathy Habeck, Jennifer Habeck, Kevin Errcart, Vicki Krois and her boyfriend (with my apologies to Vicki as I cannot remember his name), Bruce Veilleux and Vicki Epling dug all the supplies and decorations out and got everything inside the baggage car and other areas decorated for the big show. If I have left any names out, you have my apologies now.

We moved the gift shop into the Sacramento Northern 1642 caboose as it could be heated. FRRS members Kevin & Janet Arendt set up a bake sale in the caboose as well, they donated the baked goods and gave the museum the proceeds.

For the first weekend, on Saturday the 5th, the crowds were heavy and Mother Nature obliged us with a nice blanket of snow on the first night, adding to the snow already on the ground. Watching Duane Vanderveen with a snow shovel is like watching a one-man bulldozer. Toss in occasional light flurries the mood was set. Our Operating Department once again demonstrated why we are the class act in the Railroad Museum community. They were outstanding in their operation of the lighted and decorated train itself, which always functions as the star of this show. The crowds were large and steady enough that the train was in a constant load and go cycle.

The Second week was a lot more of a challenge: between the two Saturdays, Mother Nature unloaded a series of snowstorms that had us all



*The 2009 edition of the Santa Train prepares for another run.*

*- Tom Carter photo*





Simmons, took only a very few minutes to clear the loading platform and walkways.

As the snow began, we found we were going to operate on a skeleton crew, but operate we were going to do. Charlie Spikes and David Epling crewed the head end of the train, alternating runs as engineer. Craig Simmons, Ethan Doty, Dale Doty, Ed Powell and Duane Vanderveen filled out the rest of the crew. Around start time, snow once again began to fall heavily, however, much to our surprise, cars and trucks filled the parking lot. By 7:30 PM, the lot was starting to clear out and we began the process of draining the water systems and winterizing the museum. By 8:30 PM, the building and gates were locked up. The Dotys and Ed Powell weathered the storm, which by now had added another 6 inches of snow, by staying the night at the museum in the heated cabooses.

Overall, the two nights were outstanding successes. For myself, it was a great learning opportunity to run a passenger train in the snow. Stopping it in those conditions are a lot different than in the summer.

Santa Trains 2010 will again be the first two Saturdays, December 4 and 11, 2010. We hope to see you there. Also, don't forget Portola Railroad Days, August 19 – 22, 2010.

wondering if we should go ahead with the event. Saturday, December 12 dawned gray and ugly. There was 18" of snow on the ground at the museum; nevertheless the show must go on. First order of business was to fire up Southern Pacific TR6A 1100 and run light about the balloon to clear the track. Human Bulldozer Duane Vanderveen arrived and, along with Craig

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## November 2009 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary - continued

### Director's Reports

*Vicknair* – Report on feedback from riders of the Mini-Zephyr. Comments were overwhelmingly positive and everyone enjoyed the museum immensely.

### Department Reports

*Funding* – 2009 End of Year Fundraising Letter was shown to the Board. President McClure requested that the general fund be stressed since we need regular operating funds. Reminded that members should review if their companies do matching donations for employee's charitable donations.

*Publications* – Train Sheet status. Written report submitted. One issue at printer, one in production.

*Advertising* – Update on activities. Written report submitted. Discussion about finding volunteers for

Society Adopt-A-Highway idea.

*Facilities* – Written report submitted on recent facilities work. Shower car dewatered

*Trackwork* – Lots of work done on balloon loop on two weekends before CZ train arrived.

### Committee Reports

*Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2010* – Written report submitted updating planning for event.

### Public Comments

· Donna Mills with Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Co-Op spoke to the Board. The Co-Op donated \$100 to support Santa Trains. We also received a check for \$50 from State Farm Insurance and \$500 from Sierra Pacific Power, both for Santa Trains.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:15 PM and

reconvened to open session at 2:35 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a private equipment issue. Consensus direction given.

The Board heard a report on a funding issue. No action taken."

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## December 2009 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 09-12-01.

. Minutes - from the October and December 2009 BOD Meetings.

2. Business Motions

#### Motion 09-12-02

##### 2010 Budget

Accept financial reports and table budget to January. Habeck / Spikes. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### Motion 09-12-03

##### 2010 Calendar

Approve 2010 Calendar. Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### Motion 09-12-04

##### Excursion Train Fundraising

Accept concept for Excursion Train Fundraiser. Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

### 2010 Portola Railroad Days Train

Chris Skow gave report on status. The train has approval from Union Pacific and tentative from Amtrak. Confirmed 2 Amtrak locomotives, Super Dome. Chris Skow received a lot of letters about Mini-CZ train and the museum, all complimentary.

### President's Report

· Got a container donated to us by Pacer StackTrain thanks to Jack Zygnier for extra storage.

· Both DODX cars are sold, waiting on movement.  
· All 5 SP subs have been transferred to Timber Heritage. Storage agreement in place. Will be moved when weather permits.

### Manager's Report

· Written report provided.

### Department Reports

*Mechanical* – written report submitted. WP 731 currently inoperable due to an electrical problem and stuck reverser. Most projects curtailed until Spring due to weather and holiday season. Work progressing on getting 917 ready for reassembly. Thanks to Charlie, Duane, and others for taking on reassembling the 917 oil cooler.

*Fundraising* – Showed fundraising mailout for year end fundraiser. Will be donating first 100, but we need to print / copy / tab and mail the rest.

*Publications* – Need articles for 844 trips, Portola RR Days and Member Appreciation Day.

### Safety Report

· Icy and cold, storms expected before next Santa Train weekend.

### Public Comments

· John Moorehouse – will be shutting down radio business and has a lot of surplus radios. Has 8 available for \$80 each with speaker mic and battery. Very similar to what we now use. Will be put in contact with Kerry Cochran to work on this.

· Charlie Spikes – question about Merrill Thurman material donation. David Epling has spoken to his family and would like us to come out and take a look. No hurry and we would like to wait until after winter. His family is good with this.

· Vicki Epling – asked about volunteer page on website. Is in progress.

· Website – We have been getting a lot of comments about on-line store that has been coming to Tom Carter. On-line store is managed by Bruce Veilleux and David Epling.

· Rick Carter – Just retired from railroad after 40 years and 9 months. Hired out with the WP in 1969. Thanked everyone for keeping the WP alive. Felt good walking around the museum today. Has not seen the museum since 1984.

· Thank you to the Carter family for helping transport the last load of donated materials from Virgil Staff.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:43 PM and reconvened to open session at 3:11 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:



"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue concerning the Museum / Gift Shop Manager Contract. Feedback given, no reportable action taken."

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## January 2010 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 10-01-01.

. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from December 2009.

. Financial Reports – Financials to end of December 2009.

2. Business Motions

### Motion 10-01-02

#### 2010 Budget

Treasurer Coen commented on P&L vs. prior year. We are significantly up in contributions but only reason is UP 844 trip. Overall, membership income is up a bit, Gift Shop sales up a bit. Income on RALs are down but expenses are almost double.

Director Habeck clarified that expenses are up due to 917 mechanical expenses and printing of new RAL brochures and materials.

Treasurer went over budget and concerns. Budget is balanced but we will need to control spending. Some discussion about reporting and account coding.

Table budget to February to allow for alterations.

Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carried.

### 2010 Portola Railroad Days Train

Chris Skow gave report on status. Itinerary for trips tentatively approved by Amtrak.

Train will leave Emeryville Aug 20th at 8:00 AM and pick-up at Martinez, Davis and Sacramento. Arrive in Portola 6:00 PM. Depart Aug 22nd. Load box lunches at Sacramento on way up, Oroville on way back.

Proposed consist is 12 cars. Trying to keep car count to 12 – 14. Potential seat count is 350-400. There will be a bus to Reno available.

Already have 1 sleeper, 50 seats and 48 bookings from pre-sale and tour operators.

PBS Tracks Ahead has agreed to tape a show on

FRRS/WPRM, Portola RR Days and PRRDays Charter Train. Excursion commemorates 100th anniversary of regular passenger service in Canyon.

### Manager's Report

· Written report submitted

· For two Santa Train weekends, between donations, tickets and sales, was around \$1100. Expenses covered by sponsors.

### Director Reports

*Monger* – Question about year end fundraising letter.

Director Vicknair provided clarification on status: Manager Epling was in a traffic accident and President McClure has taken on the cost and labor to complete the job. Monger is working on details concerning 2 years worth of donations for reporting to Dan Brady. Will be attending CAM conference March 3-5. Has brochures and information on audio tours.

*Vicknair* – Status on fundraising concept for 2010. Also reported on proposed policy for year-end fundraising appeal to prevent issues that delayed 2009 appeal.

*Carter* – May 8-9 is first date for crew training in 2010. Working on redo of rule book.

### Department Reports

*Publications* – Issue in mail. Another issue in layout. Still need articles for Portola RR Days, Member Appreciation Day and Santa Trains.

### Committee Reports

*Members Day* – Chairperson resignation.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

· Waiting on weather to get SP subs and DODX flats off property.

### Safety Report

· Museum is slick, icy and cold.

### Notices

· Nominations for 2010 Elections are now open.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:47 PM and reconvened to open session at 3:18 PM. Director Vicknair reported the following out of closed session:

"The Board heard a report on an on-going legal issue, FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue concerning a possible equipment trade. No action.

The Board heard a business issue concerning the Museum / Gift Shop Manager Follow-up Report. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue concerning a special guest tour. Concensus direction given, no action taken."

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## February 2010 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motions Passed

1. Consent Motions - approved motion 10-02-02.

. Minutes – Minutes of the General Meeting from January 2010. Amended before approval.  
. Financial Reports – Financials to end of January 2010. Removed by motion 10-01-01 for consideration under Budget Item.

2. Business Motions

#### **Motion 10-02-03 / 10-02-04**

##### 2010 Financial Reporting

Request made to remove some restricted accounts that are no longer valid. Several funds have no funds in account, while some can be folded into other accounts. The many accounts are complicating accounting and management of funds.

Motion to remove following restricted accounts from the accounting ledger:

40402 – WP 2001  
40403 – SP QRR 1100  
40406 – Freight Car Acquisitions  
40407 – SP First Generation Diesels  
40408 – WP First Generation Diesels  
40410 – Equipment Restoration  
40412 – Equipment from Rio Vista  
40420 – SP 1215  
40430 – WP 725 and 731  
40440 – UP 737 / SP 216  
40450 – Ingersol-Rand 110-1  
40480 – Magnolia Tower  
40495 – Library Car  
40591 – Troop Sleeper  
40610 – Caboose Restoration  
40611 – WP 484  
40700 – Historical Collection Contributions  
46010 – Wood Cars  
46020 – WP 470  
Motion 10-02-03. McClure / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0,

Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

Motion to combine the following restricted accounts:  
40592 – Silver Debris into Facilities Fund  
40600 – Zephyrette and 40605 – Joe Mayo Windows into Zephyr Project  
40612 and 40613 into account 40612 - Tidewater Locomotives  
Motion 10-02-04. Vicknair / Carter. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 10-02-05**

##### 2010 Budget

Noted by several directors and guests that all museums are feeling hard times right now. Board reviewed accounts and expenses and looked at areas to cut and economize. Areas include conference calls, electric and gas. Director Vicknair working with solar power company to explore reduction of power bills. President McClure has had most active credit cards cancelled and use of remaining requires permission. Gift Shop purchasing strictly on supplier accounts.

All income this year needs to go into bank. No new restoration / special projects unless they are specially funded. WP 0-6-0 165, Zephyr Project and WP U30B 3051 repaint work will continue, as well as equipment maintenance.

Main bright spot in fundraising last year was UP 844 trip. Several options and proposals being looked at the increase revenue.

Motion to approve submitted budget with a 10% across the board cut from last year.

Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

#### **Motion 10-02-06**

##### Party Caboose Rental

Written report submitted by Manager Epling. Included all previous documents relating to the caboose, as well as requested, legally reviewed release forms. Intent is to promote caboose for party rental in 2010. Discussion about lowering proposed rate. Suggestion to review in 6 months to see if rate needs to be revised. Motion to approve report and related legal documents. Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 6, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

*FEBRUARY and MARCH minutes continued next issue...*

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## - FRRS Membership -

### **Yearly Dues**

Associate \$25.00  
Active \$50.00  
Family \$80.00  
Sustaining \$150.00

**Single Life Membership** - \$1800.00

**Family Life Membership** - \$3000.00

**Institutional** - \$60.00 (annual membership for 501c(3) groups)

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment. Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

**Associate** memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.

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### **Mission Statement**

"The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public, as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad."

### **Mission Goals**

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the "Willing People" as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.



### **FROM THE PAST**

A Western Pacific crew works on the removal of tracks from an abandoned line. Exact location is uncertain. It has been suggested that this is the scrapping of the obscure Calpine Branch during World War II.

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