

To: FRRS Board of Directors  
From: Paul Finnegan, Webmaster  
Re: Museum Web Page  
Date: May 24, 2018

## **Audio Tour Project**

I have continued to add material to the audio tour. As I reported last month, I purchased a much better microphone with a pop-filter and have now completed re-recording all of the proto-type “take-1” audio clips. The recordings with the new microphone are of much higher quality. Currently there are 100 audio tour items online.

All of the content for the audio tour project is comprised of code fragments in separate files and the audio is in separate mp3 files. When I update the web page, I have UNIX shell scripts and a UNIX makefile that glue all the pieces together to make the public web pages.

Thus, it is a small step to create a single web page with all the text and pictures (intentionally without the audio clips and controls) to make a page that could conceivably be printed out as a tour book. I did this initially to make a very easy way for us to review all of the content for accuracy and consistency. It could also be used to create a tour book. I added a button near the bottom of the [main audio tour page](#) to open the tour book. It also could easily be linked through Google Translate to have non-English tour material available to the non-English speaking visitor.

[Audio Tour Book \(in English\)](#) [Audio Tour Book \(in German\)](#) [Audio Tour Book \(in Spanish\)](#)

## **Yahoo FRRS Group**

As previously reported, I have become a list moderator on the [Yahoo FRRS Group](#). I have initiated a project to try to get the group back on track. Eugene Vicknair and I have made several posts to the group over the last several months. There have been no other posts since April of 2017. Subscribing to the group was advocated at our annual crew training this year, but there have been no new subscriptions. The last new subscription was on August 18, 2015.

There are currently 109 members listed, but I suspect a large number are defunct and the email addresses are no longer valid. I have started a new project to validate all the existing accounts.

In addition to being a current information resource, this group was intended to be a discussion group for the society and the museum. At the end of this season, I recommend we should review the results of my validation and the extent of group usage to determine if the group should be disbanded.

## **Home Page Changes**

After the convention and the “*Light the Fire*” dinner were completed, I made significant changes to the home page for the 2018 season. Kerry Cochran had requested I add a prominent link to the Historical/Archive Department home page to the society home page. I used the same photograph that I used to make the page header on the [Historical/Archive Department home page](#) to be a link to the department’s page, with the caption “Visit the Historical/Archive Department....”

I also added a large photo link to the [Train ride home page](#) with the message that summer weekend train rides start May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The last major change is I created some javascript code that will randomly pick photos from a list and display them each time the page is loaded. A returning visitor will likely see a different photo each time they load the page. Greg Elems sent me eleven outstanding recent photographs from around the museum that I used to populate the list. If the user clicks on the photo, they get a full screen, high resolution, image of the photo.

## General Items

- 5/10/18 – Posted May Board Meeting Agenda and reports to [Minutes & Reports](#) web page.
- 5/10/18 – Linked May Election Report from election information section in [Membership page](#).
- 5/11/18 – Enhanced daily train report to include the number of times a locomotive is started. (Suggested by Steve Habeck.)
- 5/12/18 – Created custom javascript code to display a random “cover” photo on the home page so it is not totally static. Added five photos from Greg Elems to collection.
- 5/13/18 – Updated site to be post Light the Fire dinner
- 5/14/18 – Created [Light the Fire Dinner](#) photo gallery from photos from Kerry Cochran and Greg Elems.
- 5/14/18 – Created [August Track Work gallery](#) from photos from Jason Peterich.
- 5/15/18 – Added four more photos from Greg Elems to home page random picture collection.
- 5/20/18 – Added two more photos from Greg to home page random picture collection.
- 5/22/18 – Posted Train Sheet 173 (Spring 2017) to web site.

## Audio Tour Items 5/24/18

Welcome	SN 712	WP 608
FRRS	SN 5005	WP 705
Boxcars	SP Fire Truck 1	WP 707
Cabooses	SPMW 208	WP 708
Flatcars	SP 2873	WP 725
Gondolas	SP 4706	WP 731
Hoppers	SPMW 5594	WP 805A
Locomotives	SP 358646	WP 832
MOW cars	Simplot JRSX 5021	WP 841
Passenger cars	TPL 411 and 580	WP 917D
Reefers	TS 520	WP 921D
Tank cars	Tamper	WP 925C
CBQ 4717	UP 105	WP 1503
CBQ 4720	UP 5810 RPO	WP 2001
CCT 24	UP 6946	WP 3051
DRGW 01414	UP 25283	WP 5023
Diesel Shop	UP 25732	WP 6210
FGEX 55932	UP 900002	WP 6424
FRRX 1112	USA 1857	WP 6550
FRRX 1851	USAF G50	WPMW 1132
FRRX 5653	WPMW 37	WPMW 8545
FRW 12107	WPMW 37-10	WPMW 8674
FRW 15545	WPMW 71	WP 10649
KCC 778	WP 106	WP 10760
MP 13878	WP 123	WPMW 11012
Motorcar 23	WP 165	WP 11509
Operating Department	WPMW 0196	WP 11974
PFE 11454	WPMW 0207	WP 19901
PFE 52138	WPMW 0291	WP 36011
PFE 100468	WP 428	WPRM
Pullman 8300	WP 483	
QRR 3	WP 484	
QRR 1100	WP 501	
Run-A-Locomotive Program	WP 512	
SFRD 8199	WP 563	