

# FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Director Report  
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## NEW MUSEUM BROCHURE

Based on feedback from the Board, members and Big Fish, I have revised the new 8.5 X 14 brochure format and printed some text versions to show around. If these look acceptable, I will proceed with getting real prints made. Estimated cost is below:

1,000 copies - \$290  
2,000 copies - \$410  
2,500 copies - \$508

## WP 61XXX BOXCAR

I was able to go to Chester and inspect the WP insulated boxcar at the hospital there. I was also able to confirm the hospital wants it gone and would like to donate it to us. I also confirmed it is a WP 61XXX series car, rebuilt in the early 1970s from 1950s WP and TS insulated cars. No others are documented to exist.

I found the car to be in pretty good shape. There is some rust in the lower corners but it does not appear to have penetrated the interior. The interior has wall sheathing and shelving built inside. It smelled clean and not musty at all. Also has conduit for electric lighting. Opinion is that it would make great supplemental archives storage.

The car is on "stilts" basically and is off the ground. We may be able to pick it up with car jacks. Greg Elems is helping me get costing for truck movement and we are also checking loading options.





## **EXPANDED 2022 SEASON**

I am hoping to start more in depth discussions soon with the relevant department heads and managers on ideas to expand the 2022 season. Already I have gotten ideas from Greg Elems. I am also working on ideas to expand our volunteer and membership rosters.

## **NEVADA-CALIFORNIA-OREGON RAILWAY UPDATE**

One of our affiliate museums is the newest railway preservation group in the country. The N-C-O Ry group has not even been going 1 year yet and they already have moved 2 N-C-O passenger cars and 1 N-C-O freight car to covered storage in Alturas, California. A third car moves to Alturas this Monday and four more freight cars have been donated and are awaiting movement, including the only known surviving N-C-O reefer car and 200 series boxcar. A couple other passenger cars are in the works as well.

The group has held work sessions in the summer and fall and have also helped with work at the Alturas N-C-O passenger depot. Currently the equipment is stored inside the old lumber mill in Alturas. The group is also building an archives.

For more information, go to <https://www.ncory.org>.