

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

July 2022

I was available to help with and record our boxcar move from Chester, CA to the museum in June. We met the Bragg Crane personnel in Chester on the morning of June 23rd. It was a full day but the car is now on trucks at the museum on track #1 on the east side of the diesel shop. David Elems was our lead person on the move in Chester and oversaw the move in Portola. A set of trucks were unloaded from a flat car and staged on track #1 for the unloading of the box car. July 7<sup>th</sup>, I painted the car number on one side of the car so the visitors can see and identify the new car to the collection.

We're still working on the WP 302 move and happy to say that we will be adding a coach of WP/DRG heritage to the collection. This move will be more expensive due to the distance and size of the car. Paperwork for the donation is on its way to the museum as I type this.

July 4th weekend was a big weekend for museums in the Reno area. The Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City had a steam up celebration that was very well attended. Many of those attendees then came over to Portola to see our 165 and ride behind it as it pulled the caboose train on Saturday and Sunday. Also Charlie Spikes and Eugene Vicknair flew the WPRM flag with the display of our Model T truck/truck vehicle at Carson City. I'm guessing the attendance count at the WPRM was a record breaker for a non Santa Train event. Ann Cary and Breckyn Shirley, our new store employee, worked very hard with the visitors and did a very good job keeping things going and everyone satisfied. Welcome to the team, Breckyn.

Roger and David worked on the ballast tamper, Ethan and David will test run it and check it for other minor problems. Hopefully this summer we'll get a chance to put it to use and level our saggy spots on the balloon track.

A shoutout to the steam crew, thanks for your hard work to make the July 4th a steaming success. Also, the new running boards on the waste oil tank car look great. I'm told Duane Vander Veen supplied the 2"x12" boards and the steam crew put them on the car.

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