

WPRRHS News

By Thom Anderson

You should have received Issue #21 of the Headlight, which was mailed in October. Issue #22 will be mailed in early December. It will include an article on the "final four" F-units, and a gondola modeling article.

The Headlight staff continues to work on material for future issues. If you have an article, idea, information, photos, etc., for use in the magazine, please contact us. Future articles include; U23-B unit rebuilt as GE "Super 7" locomotives, Binney Junction, SW-1500 locomotives, and Transco boxcars.

Progress continues on preparations for the 2004 WPRRHS convention at the Holiday Inn in Reno, Nevada on April 16-17. Watch for additional information in the Train Sheet.

A couple of new HO scale models useful for WP modelers have been announced recently.

Atlas announced a new release of roadnames for their HO scale U23-B locomotive, including the Western Pacific "new image" scheme. Numbers 2251 and 2263 are being done, however no unnumbered models are being offered in this run. They are due in April 2004.

Kadee announced a Pullman-Standard PS-2 two-compartment covered hopper in two different body styles. These cars are correct for WP 20101-20110 and WP 30101-30130. No decorated model in WP paint has been announced thus far, but I would not be surprised to see WP cars offered in the future.

Train Sheet Update

I am happy to announce that starting with the January/February issue of the Train Sheet we will be printing comments from our members. If you have comments concerning the organization, would like to write about your visit to the museum, helping on projects during work weekends, your attendance at special events in which the FRRS was involved, or have general comments concerning the organization please send them to frsvp@comcast.net for inclusion. Be sure to include trainsheet in the subject line. Not all comments/articles may be printed due to space constraints but I will attempt to get them all in. Derogatory comments or those that may be considered slanderous towards the Feather River Rail Society, any member(s) or director(s) will not be printed. Constructive criticism will be allowed but publication may be delayed as it will be forwarded to the board of directors first for a response prior to publication.

Zephyr Project

By Eugene Vicknair

Thanks to the assistance of private CZ car owners Burt Hermey and Roy Wullich, several issues are moving forward on the Silver Hostel. Freetech Plastics in Fremont, CA is currently evaluating some original dome glass loaned by Mr. Hermey. They are exploring the possibility of making molds for hot forming polycarbonate panes for the Budd cars. Hot forming would reduce many of the issues that currently plague polycarbonate (lexan) dome windows and make them more durable and attrac-

tive to use. In recent meetings, the Freetech team has shared new types of polycarbonate that are very scratch resistant and meet the FRA collision standards. Using dome frames loaned by Mr. Wullich and the Golden Gate Railroad Museum, we are now experimenting with ways of forming the material. The original tinting is being matched and the polycarbonate, with a scratch resistant coating added, actually feels very much like the original glass. When we have this issue resolved, we will have all the pieces in place to replicate the windows as accurately as possible within the framework of the Federal Railway Administration collision specifications.

In October, we ordered the proper sized replacement train and car name boards for the Hostel. Thanks to Mr. Hermey for dimensions and Mr. Wullich for the lettering diagram. John Walker also helped with some crucial information. Tom Carter has arranged for high quality vinyl lettering to me made based on diagrams made by myself and Frank Brehm. It was hoped that the new name boards would be ready in time for the next Hostel work weekend held on Oct. 17-19, however it was not to be. The stainless steel did not arrive until the 17th and the project to install the name boards was postponed.

During that work weekend, however, much progress was made in the dome. With help from Mr. Carter and David Epling, we completely cleaned out the dome and then began the process of installing the new subflooring. Doug Morgan brought several sheets of high quality plywood to the museum from Longfellow's Lumber, which Mr. Carter and I then cut down to the proper sizes. More items were added to the collection of unusual things found in the car during the dome cleaning. The subfloor pieces are supported by smaller pieces of wood. In the original construction these were pieces of clear pine. Many years of contacting stainless steel heated by the nearby steam heat radiators had resulted in the pine pieces charring as if burned! One piece in particular was saved for future exhibit. In the restoration, the decision has been made to use plywood instead of soft wood. The plywood under pieces were recently milled to fit into the dome floor and will be installed soon.

The next step will be completing the subfloor in the dome's center aisle then replacing the insulation in the dome after a complete inspection of the conduit in the walls. Following this, the ceiling ducting will be cleaned and inspected and then we will be ready to prime and reinstall the wall and ceiling panels.

Hopefully, by the beginning of next operating season, the Hostel will have a completed dome floor, primed walls and windows on the way. After that, only determining the proper color and patterns for paint, carpet and fabrics will remain before complete restoration of the dome can be finished.

In closing, Eric Stephens and I would like to extend a huge thank you to FRRS member Mike Anderson and the San Francisco Cable Car Museum. Mr. Anderson made a presentation to the Cable Car Museum concerning the work on the Silver Hostel and the plan to restore the Cable Car Lounge within the car. The Museum's Board voted to make a \$1200 donation to the restoration of the Lounge and have offered their assistance in this endeavour. Our heartfelt thanks to them for this generous donation. When completed, a plaque will be placed in the Cable Car Lounge recognizing the contribution of this fine organization.

For anyone who would like more information on the

Cable Car Museum you can visit their website at www.cablecar-museum.com.

SPECIAL REQUEST: In the past two years, several members have sent me their e-mail addresses in order to receive information and updates on the Silver Hostel and to be informed of the times of work weekends. Unfortunately, my e-mail got corrupted and I have lost all these contacts. If you would like to be on the e-mail list for work weekends, etc. relating to the Silver Hostel, please send me your e-mail address again. My home e-mail is tsry@aol.com. I apologize for the inconvenience.

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY ANNUAL ELECTION PROCESS 2004

Dear Members -

For 2004, there are three (3) Director Positions to be elected to three year terms. These Director positions are currently held by Kerry Cochran, Norman Holmes and Wayne Monger (appointed to complete the term of Jan Breitwiser).

If you or some other member in good standing would be a good candidate for one of the Director positions, please contact the Nomination & Election Chairman with the recommendation. All candidates must follow the requirements of the FRRS election policy and calendar for 2004.

The address for the in-term Nomination & Election Committee Chairman is: Ed Wagner, 36000 Fremont Blvd. #145, Fremont, CA 94536 phone 6 PM to 9 PM 510-790-2321.

Following FRRS policy adopted January 5, 2002:

1. The Committee shall be responsible for the preparation, mailing, and receipt of all ballots.
2. Elections shall be by secret written ballot.
3. Each ballot shall only contain the full name of each Candidate together with the designation "Inc", if the nominee is an incumbent, together with voting instructions. Ballot position of candidate(s) shall be determined by lot drawing.
4. Spaces will be provided for write-in Candidate(s).
5. Each candidate at his or her option may provide to the Committee, no later than February 15 any information statement. These statements shall be separate from the ballot but mailed with the ballot to each eligible voter. (with the ballot mailing). These statements shall include membership number, date of becoming a member, previous offices and positions held in the corporation for each candidate.
6. Such statements shall only pertain to the candidate and his service and qualifications; statements in opposition to other candidates shall not be permitted. Statements and names of Members endorsing candidates shall be allowed with said statement; statements in opposition to other candidates shall not be permitted.

Such statements shall not exceed one sheet of eight and one-half by eleven inch paper; however, candidates or others may utilize both sides of the paper. The corporation shall pay for the cost of mailing these statements.

Each candidate or members submitting a statement will be responsible for the cost of the printing of said statement. Likewise, in the event it becomes necessary to use a mailing service, the fees from any mailing service shall be similarly prorated. The Committee may require an advance deposit of the prorated

share of the costs prior to the printing and assembly of the ballot mailing.

Members and or candidates can send additional material at their own expense. The addresses of all eligible voters will be provided at the appropriate cost to the individual, and the organization shall not incur any cost for any additional cost for printing and/or mailing

7. The Board in its rules and regulations shall provide for the balloting procedure. This procedure shall provide for a secret mail ballot as described below. The ballot shall be folded, inserted, sealed by the voting member in an inner envelope provided by the corporation. The inner envelope shall contain no markings other than that necessary to identify it as the inner envelope. The inner return envelope containing the ballot shall be returned in a special self-addressed outer envelope which shall provide for the voter's signature and membership number. The Nomination and Election Committee shall compare the membership number and name against the list of qualified voters prior to the counting of ballots.
8. All directorships to be filled at any election shall be voted for together, each voting member being permitted to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled.

The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the full three year terms to be filled at that election. If any un-expired portion(s) of Director(s) terms are to be filled at that election, then the candidate respectively receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the longest un-expired term of office, and so on until all vacant positions have been filled.

Should more candidates than the number required to fill vacancies having the same term of office receive the same number of votes, the tie will be resolved by drawing from among those persons. Names will be drawn until the vacancies of equal term have been filled, then until vacancies of the next shorter term have been filled, and so on until the tie has been broken.

9. Any vote cast for a person not eligible to hold office as a director or illegible or otherwise ineffective shall be null and void; such void vote shall not have any effect on the validity of any other vote on the ballot. Any outer envelope containing more than one inner envelope or inner envelope containing more than one ballot shall be void and not counted.

10. No cumulative voting for members of the Board of Directors shall be permitted.

Timeline for 2004 Election Process

January 1, 2004 - First day nominations for the election of directors shall be submitted by voting members of the corporation in writing, by mail addressed to the Nomination and Election Committee at its address, or personally delivered to the Committee.

January 31, 2004 - Last day nominations for the election of directors shall be submitted by voting members of the corporation in writing, by mail addressed to the Nomination and Election Committee at its address, or personally delivered to the Committee.

February 15, 2004 - Last day each candidate may, at their option, provide to the Committee any information statement.

March 1, 2004 - Last day Nominees may withdraw their names