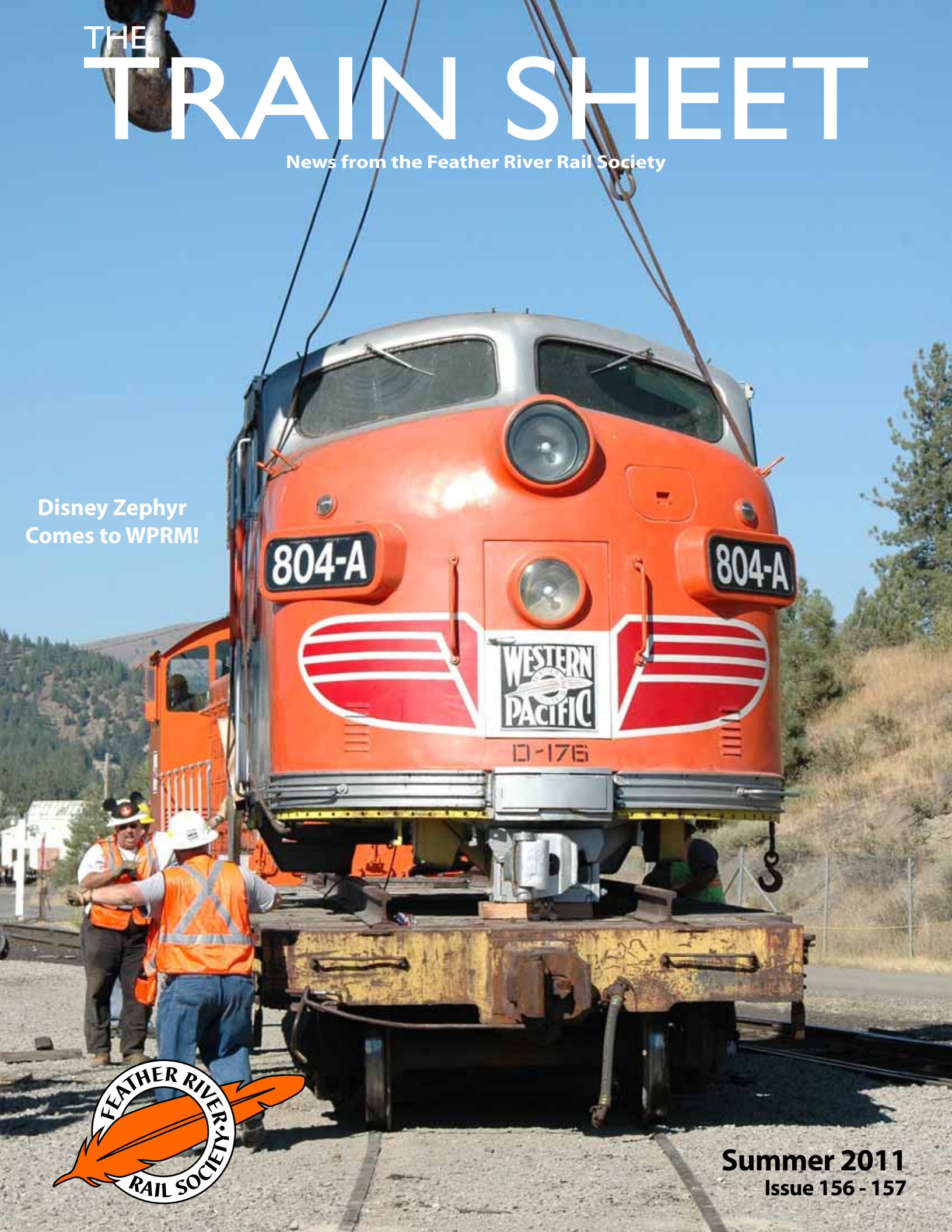


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Disney Zephyr  
Comes to WPRM!



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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 for members is free. Non-members are required to pay an admission fee, details are in this issue.

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Cover Photo - Disney Zephyr cab WP 804-A us unloaded at the museum.

- Gail McClure photo

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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/

## DISNEY ZEPHYR TO WPRM!

The Disneyland Resort donated the *California Zephyr* train previously located in Disney California Adventure park to Western Pacific Railroad Museum. The donation consists of the replica locomotive cab, the photos and shadowbox artifact displays from inside the faux carbodies, authentic Budd parts used to create the exhibit and other parts and elements that can be used in our CZ restorations.

Plans for a gallery dedicated to sharing the legacy of the *California Zephyr* are underway. The train and related artifacts, which were part of the entrance to the theme park, arrived at their new home August 6 and will become part of the museum's Zephyr Project collection.

"Walt Disney's love of trains made this donation perfectly fitting," said Disneyland Resort President George A. Kalogridis. "The expansion of Disney California Adventure park provided the opportunity for us to make this meaningful donation and we are thrilled the train will offer museum visitors and train enthusiasts an immersive experience, much like it did here."

Visitors to the museum will learn about the history of the famous 1950s passenger train through the donated artifacts, while the recreated locomotive cab will offer a chance to experience what it was like for engineers to guide the stainless steel Zephyr trains through California's Feather River Canyon.

The cab was once part of a real locomotive. It is now an accurate replica of a Western Pacific FP7 cab and wears the same number as the last locomotive to lead a westbound *California Zephyr* into Oakland, Calif. on March 20, 1970, closing the history of one of the most celebrated "name trains" of the 1950s and 60s.

A complete report with photos of this amazing donation will be in the next issue of The Train Sheet. A tremendous thank you to everyone at Disney who made this possible!

If you would like to donate to the Zephyr Project, please go to [donate.WPLives.org](http://donate.WPLives.org) or send a donation to FRRS – Zephyr Project, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122.

## DISNEY "CALIFORNIA DREAMING"

- Tom Carter, Director

The week of August 1st through August 6th was a very interesting one for myself, Alicia, and the museum, as we welcomed a new addition to the museum. On Sunday July 31, Alicia and I accepted an invitation to visit a new friend of the FRRS, the world's most famous and beloved animated mouse. When we arrived, we were treated to the kind of hospitality the Walt Disney Company is famous for as a team of FRRS members Alicia LaBrecque, Mike Mucklin, Eugene Vicknair, Chris Allan, James Mason, Scott Franklin and Dave Dodds carefully removed, packed and trucked the nose section of the "California Zephyr" display/façade from Disney's "California Adventure" theme park in Anaheim.

For those that haven't had the pleasure of some of the best ice cream on the planet, served out of an authentic EMD "F" unit, the replica CZ at DCA was a treat in and of itself. Built in 2001 as part of the new park next door to Disneyland, the "Disney CZ" consisted of a WP locomotive, diner and vista dome observation car, constructed from a real cab and nose section from an F7 and a LOT of stainless steel, glass and imagination! Disney's "Imagineers" and S&R metal Fabrication spared no amount of work and detail as they faithfully created a VERY credible work of art, known to us rails as the "California Zephyr". For the past 10 years, Disney's "CZ" locomotive, WP 804-A, served as the entrance to "Bakers-field Bakery, diner "Silver Platter" served as the entrance to "Bur-rr-bank Ice Cream", and Dome-Obs "Silver Crescent" served as the entrance to "Engine-Ears Toys". Growing up in a WP family full of frequent Disneyland visitors, my Dad and I almost fell over when we first went to DCA and saw, of all things, the "California Zephyr" gleaming in the sunlight!

Alas, things change, and Disney is currently remodeling portions of "California Adventure", including a "1920's Hollywood" theme for the entrance plaza of the park, complete with replica Pacific Electric "Red car" trolley's to transport happy visitors around the park. That meant that the CZ had to go, however, Disney graciously donated the nose section of "WP 804-A", nearly all of the photos, memorabilia and "shadow box" displays of CZ artifacts, as well as the "Mars" light from the Observation car, marker lights, all sign

boards, stainless trim and whatever else we could remove from the train.

Disney's press release can be found here, with an enjoyable video shot during the loading process for the cab:

<http://disneyparks.disney.go.com/blog/2011/08/disneyland-resort-donates-california-zephyr-to-western-pacific-railroad-museum/>

On Saturday, August 6th, Alicia and I brought the new artifacts home to Portola and just inside the gate sat our new arrival, "WP804-A" on the back of a low-boy trailer, sitting next to our own WP 805-A, headlight oscillating back and forth and red nose wings polished and shining as she purred away in delight, like a Mother and her cub. Thanks to Paul & Ken Finnegan and Steve Habeck for getting the 805-A ready for the festivities.

Once our crane and rigging crew was ready, we set out to unload the "804-A" cab from the trucks that brought her home. No easy task. My Dad, Rick Carter, came up with my mother, nephew Dustin, and brother Tim, and we put Dad's experience with our WP #37 Derrick to work. Dad has spent countless hours working to clean up derailments in the Feather River Canyon with the 37, and was excited to be a part of history, doing his old job, with his boys, unloading our new treasure from Disney.

Unloading the "WP 804-A" proved to be a bit of a challenge, as F7 locomotives weren't meant to be sliced apart like this one is, and the fact that it was bulky, heavy (19 tons!) and largely round, but thanks to the hard work and dedication of Tom & Tim Carter, David & Matt Elems, Cody "Noodle" Wilson, Scott Franklin (who trucked part of the display up from Anaheim for us and then helped us rig and unload it), Mike Mucklin, Gail McClure, Alicia LaBrecque, Steve Habeck, Rod McClure at the controls of the 37 and Rick Carter giving signals and directing the rigging, the "WP 804-A" is now stored and chained down on a cushioned flatcar while we kick "phase two" of the project to build a "California Zephyr" interpretive exhibit utilizing our new donations from Disney. On behalf of the entire membership, I'd like to thank Walt Disney Resorts for graciously donating their "California Zephyr" so that we can preserve this masterpiece of Disney Imagineering for the enjoyment of museum visitors in the near future.

## WP 165 SUMMER PROGRESS

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

The absurdity of life never ceases to amaze me. No sooner had our sandblasting contractor finished up with the 165's cab, the sky opened up and dumped on the freshly bared metal, turning everything a rusty orange haze by the next morning. I purposely scheduled this work at the end of June to avoid such an event, but Mother Nature had other plans for my sanity.

Roger Stabler and I traveled to Portola June 28th with the goal to prep and primer the cab prior to the July work session. Our sandblasting contractor had a few minor "mechanical difficulties" on the drive over from Reno but was still able to get going by around 11am. While he started blasting the multiple layers of cab paint away, Roger and I started removing four more leaf springs from the locomotive, which are currently being rebuilt at a spring shop in West Sacramento. Thanks to Roger for taking the lead on the leaf spring renewal!

My original plan was to get the cab inside the shop for painting as soon as it was blasted. Unfortunately, as you read above, that effort turned out to be futile so Roger and I called it a day. I cursed the rain all night from inside the motel room, which was about all I could do at the time.

June 29th dawned gloriously sunny, almost like nature was mocking me. Roger, undaunted, went back to the paint lockers in the shop and found some rust converter solution left over from a prior project. After a good dousing of the stuff, the orange haze disappeared. We were now ready to paint. Roger and better living through chemicals saves the day again!

No fewer than five paint guns tried and failed to atomize the two part epoxy primer. Finally, Charlie Spikes made a run over to the local auto parts store and purchased a fifty-dollar el-cheapo gun, and it carried Roger through the rest of the job. The cab and Roger were now a nifty oxide-red color. We were ready to start replacing the "cancer" or rusted metal later in July. The contractor returned for a second day of blasting, this time in the boiler interior. A great deal of scale was removed, and we are now ready for our initial interior inspection by the

FRA later in the season.

Hopefully our good friend Steve Lee from Cheyenne, Wyoming will be on hand in the fall for our first FRA inspection. Here's a link to a recent interview of Steve by John Rimmasch of Wasatch Railroad Contractors in which Steve tells John of his involvement with the 165 project and his ongoing relationship with the Feather River Rail Society:

<http://wrrc.us/2011/07/steve-lee-1/>

Back to Sacramento with a bed load of leaf springs, the extra weight yielding a very smooth ride down I-80. Thanks again to Roger for taking time off so we could keep on schedule.



*Roger Stabler pulls leaf springs from the 165's frame.*

*- Chris Allan photo*

Fast forward to July 21st. Portola's own "prodigal son", Erin Swain arrives to take the lead on the weekend's task of repairing and replacing some badly rusted spots on the cab. Charlie had previously picked up some sheared 10 gauge steel in Reno and had it ready to go by the time we got in. Thanks Charlie! The first task Thursday was to move the cab into the shop, not only to get us out of the sun but so that we could use the concrete floor to achieve flatness around the bottom, which was the completely rusted away.

Erin's plasma cutting machine made quick work of removing the offending sections, and new pieces were tacked in place a little at a time, so as not to warp the sheet metal due to excessive heat. Burr Wilson and his son Alex helped out Erin by removing the drip rail piece on the right side, exposing more than a bit of rusted-through

roof section. Removing this piece of angle iron involved drilling out a bunch of rivets holding it, then driving them out; a tedious task to say the least. Thanks to the Wilson's for sticking with it! A big thanks to Erin for making the drive from Flagstaff, Arizona to help out. We hope to see him again soon. Erin also recently rebuilt the power reverse for the 165, which he brought back working like its brand new. It was a complete mess when he took it home last year, and it is nothing short of miraculous how he brought it back to operation. Great job Erin! Now get on that cab woodwork! (Just kidding- Take your time, we've got until Spring 2014).

In the meantime, Charlie and his son Eric started ripping out shelves in our second parts boxcar in an effort to get things organized. A huge quantity of lumber was removed, and we hope to replace the old rickety shelves with some nice new steel shelving, donations gladly accepted! Working in a steel boxcar in the July sun is no pleasant task. Thanks to those two for getting the job done. Charlie has also been cleaning up driving boxes and pedestal binders in preparation for re-wheeling the locomotive next season. A lot still needs to be accomplished, notably cleaning and inspection of the frame, but we are on our way. Ed Chase did a few hours of sweeping in the boiler removing some sandblast sand on Saturday after operations. Thanks for pitching in! Rod McClure assisted us in getting the driver sets closer to the shop so they could be cleaned. He is the only person I know who can move a set of 6000 pound drivers with a 5000 pound capacity forklift. Of course we had to use some "creative" counterbalancing to keep the back wheels on the ground, that involved just about everyone on the property at the time. Very dramatic but we got it done!

Nathan Osborn and James Cowdery will continue with the ultrasonic readings on the boiler sheets in August. We should be able to wrap up this job by the Fall work session and get the FRA form 4 underway. With any luck we will also be able to start welding the patches into the wrapper sheet at that time. New flexible staybolt sleeves and caps for the patched areas have been completed by the Strasburg Railroad in Pennsylvania, and should be in our hands by the time you read this.

I am quite excited that I will, for the first time, be arriving in Portola by rail for Railroad Days 2011,

being held August 20th-21st. A chartered train of private cars will arrive Friday the 19th, coming out of Oakland, including car "Two Rivers" owned and operated by our own Roger Stabler. I am really looking forward to finally riding in style up the Feather River Canyon, something else I can cross off my bucket list.



Burr Wilson (on ladder) and Erin Swain remove rust from the cab.  
- Chris Allan photo

Another item of note: We will be starting our next fundraiser in a few weeks to raise cash for the purchase of the superheater flues. Look for details soon! Until then, have a great summer!

WP 165 needs your help. Steam engines run on 4 things: fuel, water, rails and money. We've got 3 of those in abundance, but your help is needed for the last one. To donate to the 165, you can post mail a check to Steam Department - FRRS, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122. Or go on-line to the WP Store: [giftshop.wplives.org](http://giftshop.wplives.org). Click on Monetary Donations and select 165 Donation to support the return of steam to Portola.

## May 2011 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

minutes recorded by Museum Manager David Epling

### Motion 11-05-01

#### WPRRHS Travel Costs

Recommendation to assign FRRS Store expenses for WPRRHS Convention to WPRRHS budget line item 11003. Maximum cost \$1000.

Vote count not recorded.

Motion carries.

### President's Report

- Dunsmuir. A pending request is in to Union Pacific to attend. SCRPS will provide Per Diem and Rooms. Depart Tuesday the 7th of June. UP 6936 and 1996 will go as power. The same consist and possibly WP 707. Possibly a dozen staff needed.
- Steam Work week included distinguished visitors and movement of the 164 outside and off the drivers for sandblasting.
- Tidewater Southern Bunk Car now on trucks

### Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Clarified show inventory control.
- Director Monger commented the progress on the new Museum Store re-set is looking great. Manager Epling gave primary credit to Bil Jackson and Duane Vanderveen with assistance by the Epling Family, Bruce Bowman, Bruce Veilleux and Bob Sims.

### Financial Reports

- Written reports provided.
- Treasurer Mason gave a report on the status of the Society's Finances.

### Director's Reports

Monger – Written report on CAM (California Association of Museums) Convention.

### Event Reports

Dunsmuir Railroad Days – As Vicki Epling will be covering WPRRHS Sales Table, she requested that we make sure RAL engineers are available.

### Department Reports

Operations - 3rd day of crew training completed, 46 people trained, 40 returning, 6 new, possibly a 4th day added during Annual meeting in June.

Website - Looking to bring all of the associated RR websites, SN by Garth Groff, TS by Eugene Vicknair, CCT by David Epling, WPRRHS by Mike Mucklin, under the parent [wplives.org](http://wplives.org) umbrella/server.

**Committee Reports**

*Elections Committee* - Election Committee Chair Russ Johnson appointed as 2011 Election Tellers; Cheri Johnson, Rodger & Julie Chesley, back-up tellers, Tim Carter & Vicki Epling.

**Safety Report**

Tripping Hazards are present with work going on. Fire Prevention needed in the balloon.

**Public Comments**

- Lone Railfair is Memorial Day Weekend.
- Report from Chris Skow on Status of his Train to Dunsmuir and the Feather River Express 3.

**Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:32 PM and reconvened to open session at 5:56 PM. Reported following the closed session:

"The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Morgan. Consensus direction given, no action taken."

## June 2011 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

**Motion 11-06-01**Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar with Minutes of the April and May 2011 General Meetings.  
Monger / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 2.  
Motion carries.

**Motion 11-06-02**FRRS Collections Policy

Revised Collections Policy with added references to Association of Rail Museums practices presented. This was initially presented for review at the April Meeting. Motion to accept Collections Policy as presented.  
McClure / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.  
Motion carries.

**Motion 11-06-03**FRRS Disposal Policy and Sponsorship Program

An Equipment Disposal Policy and Equipment Sponsorship program were presented, along with review of specific points. The Sponsorship program was presented for consensus review and commentary. Approval given to proceed with refinement of program plan and the present in future for Board review.

Motion to accept Disposal Policy as presented.

Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 6, Nay – 1, Abstain – 1.

Motion carries.

**Motion 11-06-04**WPRRHS Travel Costs

Motion to change budget line item on previous Travel Budget Motion 11-05-01. Charge to budget line item 53035 – Shows.

Brehm / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1

Motion carries.

**Motion 11-06-05**Social Media Coordinator

Recommendation to create and appoint an On-Line Social Media Coordinator.

Discussion of progress on new website. Tom Carter has redesigned site and about 50% rebuilding the website.

Proposal to have one person coordinate on-line Social Media: Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, YouTube, etc.

Would take over informal duties that several managers and directors have been doing.

Dustin Carter recommended as Social Media Coordinator (SMC).

SMC would take photos, video, noting events, interviewing, recording actions and share them on-line for the promotion of the Society.

Request that we make decision at the next meeting so that other factors can be considered.

Consensus direction to pull together more details.

Motion to table to July Meeting for approval.

Monger / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.

Motion carries.

**WPRRHS Administration Changes**

Thom Anderson has retired as WPRRHS Administrator. The FRRS Board formally thanks him for his excellent service.

Discussion about issues relating to recent internet postings and convention actions. The following items were entered into the record to clarify claims and discussions which had occurred:

- WPRRHS Department is not a separate entity from the FRRS. It is a department of the FRRS.
- The Archives are a historic collection of the FRRS, of equal importance and stature to the Rolling Stock collection.
- The Historical Department (currently called the WPRRHS) of the FRRS is the advocacy and caretaking entity for the Archives collection. (Similar to the Mechanical Department for the Rolling Stock Collection)
- The Archivist has primary responsibility to oversee and protect the archives.

WPRRHS Department appointments:

John Walker - Manager of the department  
 Frank Brehm - Archivist  
 Wayne Monger - Assistant Manager of the department and special projects

#### Headlight Publication:

Mike Mucklin - Publisher of the Headlight Magazine  
 Dave Pires - Editor of the Headlight Magazine

Discussion about standards for scanning and cataloging the archives. Concerns that this be done properly.

Mike Mucklin is working on standards for scanning and cataloging of archives.

Thom Anderson expressed confidence in the direction and decisions made.

Wayne Monger discussed elements of proposed 5 year plan for archives.

Monger and Brehm to work together on archives program, make report back to Board next meeting.

Noted that the Archives are in process of being cataloged and organized. As this progresses to a viable point, systems will be put in place to allow controlled public access.

Discussion of Meeker Collection donation and how it will be handled.

#### President's Report

- Dunsmuir RR Days – Approved. McClure has been working with UP the last month to pull permission and paperwork together. SCRPS group will be primary on managing guests and maintaining safety. FRRS people will cover our and UP equipment. Excursion to event is 85% and dinner train is 100% sold.

- Portola RR Days – organization is moving forward. Model railroads: CCRA and Orange County model

railroaders have joined forces to assemble a large modular layout for RR Days. RR vendors will be in the Diesel Shop.

#### Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Lone Railfair sales were down from previous, but event is in develop stages and may still be viable.
- Sales are up for May from 2010 in Store. Complaints about admission are down, but were few to begin with.
- New tickets / ticket punches seem to be working out.

#### Financial Report

- Financials provided.
- 2010 Year End Financial Report provided.
- Total income for April 2010 was \$7927. April 2011 was \$6185. Store and RALs were down. Admission charge helped compensate. Total May 2010 was \$9191 and May 2011 was \$11,376. Store was down, but RAL up. Again, admission was a big help. Admission charge is looking to be a big benefit to the finances.
- Review of 2010 vs. 2011 to date. Due to various factors, including equipment repairs and store reset, expenses are up over 2010. Income is also up over 2011, but needs to increase even more.

#### Director's Reports

*Carter* – Has been working on the website, has 180 hours in work on the new site since May 9. New site is about 35% to 40% done. Also did work to create new front gate sign which is now hanging on fence.

Donated money for one of the new ticket punches.

*Holmes* – Picked up some archives materials from Beaverton, Oregon. Fresno Scraper owned by Norm that was used in construction of WP is now on museum property.

### HOW TO MAKE ADDRESS and MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

In our efforts to inform and keep in touch with our members, one of the difficulties we often face are members who have moved or changed their contact information without sharing the changes with us. If you move, get a new email or phone number, or need to make other changes to your contact information, there are several easy ways to let us know.

By postal mail: FRRS - Membership, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122

By email: [memberships@wplives.org](mailto:memberships@wplives.org) or [info@wplives.org](mailto:info@wplives.org)

Or you can call the museum directly at 530.832.4131

When sending new contact info, please include your full name, member number, former contact information (and mark it as your old information) and your new contact information. Also, if you have an email address, please consider adding it to your membership information so we have multiple ways to contact you. This will help us keep in touch with you in case other methods do not work.



*Spikes* – Reno Forklift is donating a shooting boom forklift, a lift with a 40' telescoping boom. George Pimpl is the owner and is arranging the donation.

*Vicknair* – Director Vicknair donated all design work, printing and materials for the new train ride tickets and the RAL certificates and donated one of the new ticket punches.

### Event Reports

*WPRRHS Convention Report* – written report provided

- Convention went well. Found some good synergies between the SP&S Society and FRRS.
- Presentations on NCE and Oregon Trunk construction, freight cars for both railroads, etc.
- Reported profit from Convention was \$3491.92.

### Department Reports

*Website* – Redesign in progress, status given.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

*Southern Pacific SD9 4450* – Arizona State RR Museum is moving ahead with acquisition of 4450.

### Safety Report

Concerns about people parking in the Fire Lane on the north side of the building.

### Notices

- June 4 is the Membership BBQ and Annual Membership Meeting
- Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce wants to have a mixer at the museum.
- A movie producer came by the museum and was scouting locations for an upcoming independent film. Asked about possible use of the museum and equipment. Director Carter gave him a tour of the museum and answered questions.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:33 PM and reconvened to open session at 4:13 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

"The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Morgan. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – Off-Site Event. Consensus direction given. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on an Equipment Issue – Equipment Donation Possibility. Consensus direction given. No action taken."

## July 2011 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:13 PM and reconvened to open session at 4:31 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

"Several issues were uncovered in the 2011 Election. They were:

An instructions error occurred that resulted in several members not receiving ballots and others receiving ballots improperly. The error percentage is calculated to be 8% in the mailing. Based on our return rate, the error percentage is about 3%. This is not considered to be a high enough percentage to have affected the outcome. The Board will hold a vote on whether to accept the election or hold a revote.

Two candidates, Charlie Spikes and Bart Hansen, were found to have issues with their membership status that violated section 4.04 of the FRRS By-Laws, Board Eligibility. As a result, Bart Hansen's candidacy was found to be invalid and Charlie Spikes' candidacy will be put to a vote of the Board.

Changes to the election procedures are being addressed to prevent similar issues from reoccurring."

### Motion 11-07-01

That Charlie Spikes was ineligible for election in the 2011 General Election due to not meeting the membership requirement in By-Laws section 4.04. Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 4, Nay - 0, Abstain - 3. Motion carries. Charlie Spikes is removed from the Board.

### Motion 11-07-02

The Board acknowledges that an instruction and procedure error occurred in the 2011 General Election, but that did not affect the overall outcome and therefore, the Board accepts the results of the election. Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 4, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion carries.

### Installation of New Board for 2011-2012

Director McClure is reelected  
Director Cochran is elected  
One seat is vacant

### Motion 11-07-03

#### Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar and the minutes of

the June 2011 meeting.  
Brehm / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.  
Motion carries.

#### **Motion 11-07-04**

##### Equipment / Archive Donation Expenses

Discussion relating to expense for a major donation being made to the FRRS that must be transported from Southern California

Motion to approve expenses of no more than \$12,000 from line item 52010 - Transportation.

Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.  
Motion carries.

#### **Changes to Election Procedures**

Written report presented reviewing errors and proposed corrections.

There will be an overall review of Election procedures.

Election issues will be reviewed and presented for approval at future meeting.

#### **Sale of Southern Pacific SD9s 4404 and 4450**

Contract for sales have been approved by legal review. An issue has occurred due to UP movement policies. These are under review. Sale is tabled until these issues are resolved.

#### **President's Report**

- There was a collision between an RAL locomotive and the caboose train. There was 1 injury. Insurance and FRA were notified. Full investigation is under way. Injury is being dealt with. We will need to modify and are modifying our procedures. No rise in insurance costs is expected.
- Kerry Cochran is being appointed General Superintendent of Operations and will work with current Ops Director Bill Parker to improve our operating procedures.

#### **Museum Manager's Report**

- Written report provided.
- Visitor levels are staying steady throughout the day. The largest consistent complaint I am getting about admissions is the lack of a "Senior Discount".
- Thursday the 14th of July from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm, we are hosting the Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce's monthly mixer at the museum. For this event, we have to provide Hors d'œuvres. This is a PR event for us to get the area merchants that attend these down to the museum.
- July started off with a good solid financial boost. In the period between July 1 and July 4 end of business we did just short of 10,000 gross revenue from all sources. The bulk of this was a near \$5,000.00 day July 4th when we hosted a 2 busload NMRA tour.

- Our first day of the NTS show today (7/8) was \$2,015.00 gross sales.
- Portola city Manager Jim Murphy has retired effective June 30, 2011

#### **Financial Reports**

- Financials provided.
- June 2011 – total income \$25,547, expenses \$17,844, net income \$7,703
- Made some modifications to the budget that will require Board approval. Increased merchandise \$5000, moved some money between accounts, reduced legal expenses by \$4000. Budget should be a small surplus by end of year. Motion to accept modified mid-year adjusted budget. (Vicknair / Brehm) Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.
- Reviewed numbers for April and May operations. Recommending that we review operations options within Business Practices Committee due to losses in those months. Need to review and recommend ways to improve fiscal operations in April and May.
- 2011 expenses have been running higher than 2010.
- Recommendation that, if FRRS wants to improve and grow, there needs to be more aggressive fundraising, led by the Board of Directors.

#### **Event Reports**

- *Colfax Railroad Days* – we have been invited to attend 2nd weekend of October. There are things that would need to do if this were to happen.
- *Portola Railroad Days* – next Saturday is a fundraising yard sale at Jimmy's Roadhouse. Items include furniture and other assorted "treasures". Following Saturday will be fundraising concert in the park 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM. Program is going to print. New this year will be a Mountain Man reenactment show. Discussion about meals on property for train passengers and dining in town. Opinion expressed that communication between city, FRRS and RR Days Committee is much improved.
- *Portola RR Days Train* – questions about handling of train. Want to have WP 2001 on point for return. James Mason will be providing schedule of operations charges to Chris Skow. Train will be 14 cars. Suggestion to raffle cab rides in the 2001 on return trip if okay with UP.

#### **Department Reports**

- *Membership* – review of membership application procedures. Report on current status of review.
- *Website* – update in progress, new pages being coded. About 500-600 hours have been spent on update so far. Will be meeting with John Walker, Frank Brehm and Mike Mucklin to discuss display / posting of archives materials.

**Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:10 PM and reconvened to open session at 6:35 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

"The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Morgan. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – Off-Site Event. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on an Equipment Issue – Equipment Donation. Consensus direction given. No action taken."

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## August 2011 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

**Officer Elections**Nominations for President

Rod McClure (Brehm / Carter)

Nominations closed

Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. McClure wins.

Nominations for Vice-President

Steve Habeck (Holmes / Cochran)

Nominations closed

Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Habeck wins

Nominations for Secretary

Eugene Vicknair (Brehm / Carter)

Nominations closed

Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Vicknair wins.

Nominations for Treasurer

James Mason (Vicknair / Holmes)

Nominations closed

Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Mason wins.

**Appointment of Managers, Department Heads and Committee Heads**

Seth Adams is no longer Assistant CMO

Kerry Cochran is now General Superintendent of Operations

Matt Parker is now in charge of Advertising

All others remain

**Motion 11-08-01**Equipment Sales

Discussion about status of proposed surplus equipment sales.

Motion to approve draft contracts and grant authority to negotiate and finalize deals for the listed equipment to President McClure.

Carter / Brehm. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

**Motion 11-08-02**Social Media Coordinator

Tabled from June Meeting

Recommendation to appoint single person to manager all on-line social networking for FRRS, including Facebook, YouTube, etc.

Review of concerns about what gets posted and how it is handled.

Discussions about security and liability concerns.

Motion to create and approve the position.

Vicknair / Cochran. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

Suggestion to appoint Dustin Carter and request he put together the program and guidelines on how to post and preserve security and prevent liability. Consensus given to appoint Dustin Carter. He will work with Kerry Cochran on security and liability.

**Motion 11-08-03**Approve Signers for FRRS Accounts

Board needs to approve signers for the investment account.

Motion to appoint signators for the investment account held by RBC in Reno. The approved signators are Steve Habeck and John Walker.

Brehm / Carter. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

**Motion 11-08-04**Changes to Membership Processing Procedures

Due to continuing errors / issues with membership, Membership Chair Vicknair conducted a review of processing procedures.

Written report provided. Discussion about recommendations for greater oversight and more formal procedures.

Question about difficulties with processing Life Membership time payments.

Consensus to adopt main recommendations.

Membership Chair Vicknair will work closer with Kerry Cochran on policies.

Suggestion to offer term memberships.

Motion to table until future meeting for further review.

Holmes / Brehm. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

**Motion 11-08-05**Colfax Railroad Days

Written report submitted.

Jim Wood of Placer Sierra Railroad Heritage Society spoke to the Board.  
 Gave history of PSRHS, which focuses on Donner Pass Route. managed restoration of Colfax Depot. Group is trying to create a bigger Railroad Days in Colfax. Display would be Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2, 2011  
 Discussion about placement of equipment and make up of train. Review of operational plan.  
 Motion to participate in Colfax Railroad Days.  
 Vicknair / Cochran. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.  
 Motion carries.

Lodging and Per Diem to be covered by PSRHS.  
 Transport expenses to be covered by FRRS and UP.  
 Formal agreement to be drafted.

### **Motion 11-08-06**

#### Museum Open Period

Proposal to change public open and close days: Close end of October and reopen first Saturday in May.  
 Poor weather limits April visitorship at museum. April has been money losing month.  
 New closing dates would lower costs.  
 We would still be able to open weather permitting upon request in off-season.  
 Suggestion to close Monday and Tuesday during October.  
 Would not affect Santa Trains or other special events.  
 Motion to change public open days to first Saturday in May through last Sunday in October. Other times would be special events, by prior arrangement or weather permitting.  
 Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
 Motion carries.

### **Motion 11-08-07**

#### Railroad Days Admission Charge

Motion to suspend general admission for Portola Railroad Days, Friday through Sunday, August 19-21.  
 Cochran / Carter. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
 Motion carries.

### **Motion 11-08-08**

#### Railroad Days Excursion Agreement

Discussion about operating agreement and costs for servicing excursion train.  
 Motion to accept cost schedule and empower Treasurer to negotiate final agreement, to be approved by President.  
 Vicknair / Holmes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
 Motion carries.

### **Glad Hand Award**

Ed Wagner spoke about reviving the Glad Hand Award for volunteer recognition.

He has found a company that will plate awards as a donation and asked if Board would be open to reinstating the award.  
 Discussion about history of award.  
 Consensus direction to proceed with new award.

### **On-Going Damage to FRRS Equipment**

Report from President about damage to various pieces of equipment including forklift, backhoe, etc.  
 A box will be installed in Museum Store containing keys for specific pieces of equipment.  
 There will be a sign-up sheet for equipment.  
 Volunteers will be required to have training before they can use equipment.  
 Dodge Pick-up will be stored at President's home when not in use to prevent damage.  
 Damage has including equipment running into rolling stock and volunteer vehicles. Tools are being misplaced / possibly stolen and mistreated.  
 Bay in diesel shop will be caged off for secure tool storage. Tool and Electrical Rooms need to be locked when not in use.  
 Suggestion to place self locking / self closing latches on Tool and Electrical Rooms.

### **President's Report**

- Thanks to Tom Carter for his hard work on the new website.
- Clean up has begun for Railroad Days.
- During Railroad Days, no parking along north side of Diesel Shop.
- Some trees along balloon blocking view will be removed soon.

### **Museum Manager's Report**

- Written report provided.
- Question about deer being hit and dumped in the oil separator. The Dept. of Fish and Game came and investigated.
- CCC crew will be coming in October.
- Concerns about security. People have been coming on property in off hours.
- Request to cover cost for inclusion in Plumas Visitor Bureau Map. \$288.
- Offer to include us in another visitor map of the Sierra area. \$350.
- Motion 11-08-09. Motion to approve expenditure of \$638 for Plumas Visitor Map and Sierra Map from line item 67010 – Advertising. (Vicknair / Monger) Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

### **Financial Report**

- Financials provided.
- We are spending more than last year at this time, but income is also up from last year.
- We need to get equipment listed for sale gone and

money in bank. This will help a lot to cover for lower income.

### Director's Reports

*Vicknair* – Disney Zephyr donation – report on advertising, positive reaction, future use

### Event Reports

*Portola Railroad Days* – Debbie Baer sent report on status. Rick Gruninger's band Rock Shop will be performing. Edenwold has no more room.

### Department Reports

*Website* – Thanks to Tom Carter for the new website and his hard work. New site is geared toward families and casual visitors. Message board will not be coming back. Members area still needs work and guidance concerning iVolunteer software. Will upgrade software for iVolunteer at end of the season. Asked for other ideas on how to reach members. Suggestion to provide more timely posts on blog and website.

*Webcam* – east facing camera is down. It is disabled until we get it fixed.

*Historic Department* – WP Conventions are planned for the following locations and dates: April 26-29, 2012 at Vacaville, CA. 2013 at Elko, NV. 2014 at San Jose, CA.

### Public Comments

Suggestion to add to camera system for security. This is already being worked on.

### Notices

- Long time member John Manter passed away.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:03 PM and reconvened to open session at 7:28 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

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The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Business Issue – Equipment Sale. Consensus direction given.

Motion 11-08-10. Motion to add a Business Item – Endowment. (Carter / Holmes) Aye – 6, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Motion 11-08-11. Motion to accept Endowment personnel list as presented by Treasurer Mason. (Brehm / Vicknair) Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries."

## September 2011 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motion 11-09-01

#### Consent Calendar

Motion to accept consent calendar and the minutes of the July and August 2011 meetings.

Brehm / Vicknair. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### President's Report

- Suspected arson destroyed Western Pacific Hospital
  - President contacted all Directors to discuss situation as it unfolded.
  - Emergency Situation created with Hospital arson. We are required to safe the area and haul away debris.
  - Jerry Lee Knox handled knock down and is cutting us a break. Rick Joy Contracting is handling haul away and cutting us a huge break.
  - Community and City Hall has given us a lot of support during crisis. Leah Turner from Portola City Government has been particularly helpful.
  - FRRS Fire Marshal Frank Brehm has performed own investigation and is heading our response.
  - We are waiting for official report from Cal-Fire.
  - Frank Brehm reported on fire: Fire started about 12:50 AM on September 7, 2011. Fire department arrived in timely manner, but when they arrived the building was fully involved. Right now fire is being called suspected arson.
  - The FRRS commends the fire department on their amazing job at preventing further spread of the fire.
  - Community is heartbroken over this loss. There have been offers for funding support for whatever plan we have for future of site.
- Colfax Railroad Days is still up in the air due to issues that have arisen. Will be updated later, possibly by special meeting.

### Museum Manager's Report

- Written report provided.
- Sales comparison for Year to Date 2010 to 2011 shows sales slightly positive: \$30,082.06 for 2011, up \$1,180.61 from 2010.
- Visitor levels remained steady throughout the day in August. The largest noticeable lack of visitors was during Hot August Nights Week. Possibly due to no advertising by FRRS during HAN.
- Railroad Days
  - Thanks to early volunteers for RR Days: Sam Herschbein, Matt Elems, David Elems, Greg Elems, Victoria Epling, Rod McClure, Steve Habeck, Rick Gruninger, Charlie Spikes, Tim Carter, Tom Carter, Ethan Doty, Russ Johnson, Cheri Johnson and David Epling.
  - Revenue was \$10,973.45, down \$1,654.08 over 2010.
  - Attendance was steady on Saturday and we were

ahead of last year for the same day. Sunday was unexpectedly busy as well.

- Volunteers: John Morehouse, Rick Gruninger, Tom Potts, Burr Wilson, Alex Wilson, Eric Spikes, Charlie Spikes, Matt Elems, David Elems, Cheri Johnson, Russ Johnson, Sam Herschbien, Tim Carter, Tom Carter, Alicia LaBrequé, Matt Shuman, Ron Huey, Ann Morningstar, Ed Byers, D.J. (all Shuman would give me for a name), Frank Christ, DeMario Strong-Baker, Eddie Powell, Jeremy Barclay, David Foreman, Slim Lieby.

- Staff for the event: Victoria Epling, Debbie Reynolds, Rod McClure, Steve Habeck and myself.

- Vendors on site: Sinbad's Hot Dogs, Kettle Korn. Norm and Barbara Holmes set up a sales table on Saturday. Brad Lomazzi and one of his people set up tables on both days.

- Entertainment: Rick Gruninger's band. Some logistics issues have been identified and next year we should have a better idea on where to place the band.

- We had 2 N Scale modular layouts, the N Trackers out of Reno, Mel Jones and Bob Sandin. The other layout belonged to FRRS member Chris Martinovich.

### Financial Reports

- Financials provided.
- Question about reimburse of RAL engineers. Rate is \$10 per RAL. Taxes are taken from amount.

### Event Reports

- Portola Railroad Days – Debbie Baer gave report.
- Had committee meeting on Sept. 2
- What went right: Family Fun Park, 43 entries for car show, web site improvements, bands, Mountain Man event
- What did not: PayPal sales, community dinner was overpurchased, parade judges were sidelined by parade staff, steam whistle fundraiser was not manned, horseshoe tournament was abandoned by organizer, treasure hunt, art center, parade announcer showed up at last minute, complaints that there were not enough RR Days souvenirs,
- For next year: downsize to Saturday and Sunday event, all at park, no car show, no big tent, move spike driving to volleyball court.
- Received complaints of no advertising in regional area. Look at billboard for next year.
- Spike driving contest should move to the museum.
- RR Days Committee backed away from billboard cost.
- There was a large arts and crafts fair in Blairsden that drew a lot of crowd away.
- Trains and Travel have announced that they will not run a train next year

### Department Reports

*Archives* – Written report provided. Comments about improving archives security and cataloging. Review of

software options for cataloging archives and making them available to people.

*Facilities* - Ed Powell repainted A/C leak in "Edenwold". Duance Vanderveen hooked up Wilton drill press and worked on WP caboose 428. Bruce Bowman and Bob Sims did a lot of work in the Silver Debris including flooring installation. Eugene Vicknair and Bob Sims are looking at final push to finish car. Water leak noted from Shower Car, being assessed for repair.

### Safety Report

- Everyone is requested to stay away from the Hospital due to the unstable nature of the remains and the amount of debris from the fire.
- Trying to put together track gang for third weekend of October to work on balloon. October 17-18.

### Public Comments

- Concern about brush and weeds around some of the cars. McClure has contacted someone with a brush hog and requested that they clear around the yard.
- Thanks to Ron Huey for two days of work during Railroad Days and thanks to his wife Ann Morningstar for giving tours during Railroad Days.

### Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:06 PM and reconvened to open session at 5:41 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

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The Board heard a report on a Legal Issue – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Facilities Issue – WP Portola Hospital. No action taken."

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## - FRRS Membership -

### Yearly Dues

- Associate \$25.00
- Active \$50.00
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- Sustaining \$150.00

**Single Life Membership** - \$1800.00

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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.

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#### Admission

- Adults 19 and over... \$8.00
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- Child under 3... free
- Family... \$20.00  
(2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

Admission and Train Ride tickets are good all day.

Admission and Train Rides for FRRS members are free. Cab ride is extra fare with member discount.

Admission charged April 2 to November 6, 2011, plus Santa Trains, December 4 and 11, 2011.

#### Train Rides

- Adults 19 and over... \$4.00
- Youth 4 – 18... \$2.00
- Child under 3... free
- Family... \$10.00  
(2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

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## **LATE NEWS**

Our historic Western Pacific Hospital, built starting in 1912 and the subject of a project to retrofit and restore it as exhibit, library and archive space, was destroyed in a fire of suspicious origin. Thanks to the quick and skillful actions of the local firefighters, the fire was confined to the Hospital structure and did not spread to surrounding homes. Investigations are currently underway due to suspected arson.

The WP Hospital was recently featured in a *Headlight* article and was identified as one of the crown jewels of the FRRS holdings. Many in the community, including the Portola City government, have expressed sadness and dismay at this tragic loss. A full report and updates will appear in the next issue.