

THE

TRAIN SHEET

News from the Feather River Rail Society



Spring/Summer 2016
Issue 170

-THE TRAIN SHEET-

News from the Feather River Rail Society and the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola

Editor – Matthew Elems
Email: trainsheet@wplives.org

Contribution Deadlines: Last Day of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Contents Copyright ©2016
Feather River Rail Society
All Rights Reserved

**FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY
WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD
MUSEUM at PORTOLA**

PO BOX 608, Portola, CA 96122-0608

Museum Phone: 530 832 4131
Fax: 530 832 1854

The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00am until 5:00pm daily from the last Sunday in April through the first Monday in November. The diesel shop is open during this time.

Train operations begin the last Saturday in May and continue each weekend through the first Monday in September, as well as on major holidays between these dates.

Museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday in November through the Friday before the last Saturday in April except for special events for which advanced 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 inside this issue on the inside of the back cover.

The Feather River Rail Society, a tax-exempt public benefit California corporation, is the historical society for the Western Pacific Railroad and operator of the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola, California.

The FRRS is not associated with the Union Pacific Railroad.

FRRS Tax ID number is 68-0002774
Member of the Association of Railway Museums and the Tourist Railway Association, Inc

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS and OFFICERS -

Rod McClure	President	president@wplives.org
Steve Habeck	VP, Director	vpresident@wplives.org
Kerry Cochran	Director	kcochran@wplives.org
Greg Elems	Director	gelems@wplives.org
Gail McClure	Director, Treasurer	treasurer@wplives.org
Tom Carter	Director	tcarter@wplives.org
Charlie Spikes	Director	cspikes@wplives.org
Eugene Vicknair	Secretary, Director	secretary@wplives.org
Frank Brehm	Director	fbrehm@wplives.org
Leisa Wesch	Director	lwesch@wplives.org

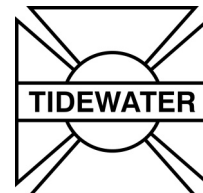
On the Cover

WP 608 sits at the east end of the museum on 27 January 2016.

Matt Elems photo.

Table of Contents – Issue 170

Rodney McClure	3
Vice-President’s Report – Dec 2015	5
Vice-President’s Report – Jan 2016	5
Vice-President’s Report – Mar 2016	6
WPRM Rolls Out Interpretive Signage	8
Spring 2016 CMO Report	9
2016 Historical Convention	10
Zephyr Project Update – Apr 2016	12
Board Meeting Minutes	13



- WEB PAGES of INTEREST -

FRRS Official Site	www.WPLives.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.WPLives.org/SN
Tidewater Southern Pages	www.TidewaterSouthern.com
Tidewater Southern	www.5.pair.com/rattenne/WP/TidelIndex.htm
Central California Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco/

Rodney McClure

27 January 1961 – 11 June 2016



It is with much sadness and heavy hearts that the Feather River Rail Society announces the passing of our brother, friend, leader and longtime FRRS President Rodney McClure, better known to us as “El Presidente” (“EP” for short). Rod was the devoted husband of FRRS Treasurer Gail McClure. He was 55 years old.

Rod started his “official” railroad career with the Western Pacific Railroad in 1979 as a trainman in San Francisco, eventually becoming a locomotive engineer. At the time of his passing, he was a regular in the Sparks pool (between Sparks, NV and Elko, NV) for Union Pacific. In his career, he operated over nearly all of the WP lines and the SP’s route from Oakland to Salt Lake City. Like many rails, Rod held other jobs when he was cut off or hanging on the extra board, including co-owning a deli and driving a tow truck in the roughest parts of San Francisco. But railroading was his life. Rod actually started his career “unofficially” at the age of seven, going to work with his Dad, the well-respected “Dirty Jack” McClure. Rod honed his skills at an early age running everything from slowly switch engines to high speed passenger power on the WP’s famous “California Zephyr”, all under “Dirty Jack’s” keen eye. Rod’s first paid workday with the WP was working with his Dad on WP SW1500 switch engine 1503, WP’s last acquired switcher and now part of our historic collection. Rod returned the favor by being on the crew for Jack’s last day on the railroad, again on the 1503.



Rod McClure at the controls of WP 707.

– Tom Carter Photo

Rod had two sons, Aaron and Eric, both volunteers at the museum until they enlisted in the military. He was immensely proud of his boys and delighted in playing Grandpa to their kids. In 1989 he married the love of his life, the former Gail Parker, sister of longtime WPRM

volunteer Matt Parker – introduced to each other at the Museum by Matt in 1987. Rod and Gail were an inseparable, matched set of humor, sarcasm, knowledge, and love. Most people consider Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet" as the ultimate love story, but Rod and Gail were more "Gomez & Morticia Adams", a far more special and quirky bond than the Bard's couple of boring old-fashioned characters. They could finish each others' sentences, were often involved in the same shenanigans with friends and family, and both had hearts of gold. On Rod's days off from the railroad, both could usually be found working in various tasks at and for the museum.

Rod's quick wit and mischievous sense of humor were ever on display. He had an adoration for the volunteers of the Western Pacific Railroad Museum and his connections in the museum world and the Union Pacific Railroad have been paramount to the growth and continued success of the FRRS as an organization. As a member of the Western Pacific family and a natural leader, Rod had earned the trust, admiration and respect of a large army of volunteers that he referred to as the "Willing People of the Western Pacific", just like those employees of the original WP.

Rod's boots are going to be impossible to fill, and he is already missed terribly by all of us that were blessed enough to know him. But in his spirit and legacy, the "Willing People" of the Western Pacific Railroad museum will carry on the traditions that he, Jack, their friends and fellow rails lived by. Rod would be very upset if we didn't. It won't be easy.

We ask that you keep Gail, Aaron, Eric and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The FRRS is accepting donations in Rod's (and his father Jack's) memory. In particular, Rod had devoted a lot of effort toward getting WP 0-6-0 165 to Portola and supporting its return to operation, as well as securing the donation of WP SW1500 1503, which he had been raising funds to repaint. We know he would have wanted to see those projects moved forward to completion.



Rod McClure relaxes at the end of a busy day with several volunteers at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum on 8 August 2014. Preparations were well underway for the upcoming Portola Railroad Days celebration.

–Greg Elems Photo

Vice-President's Report – Dec 2015

–Steve Habeck, Vice-President FRRS

Several things have come up since the last Board meeting, and I will attempt to cover as many as I can recall from my scrambled pile of notes, messages, and E-mails.

I finally heard back from Don Davis of the Truckee group that wants the snowplow at Collins Pine in Chester. Their latest idea is to let us have the center-cab GE engine they have at Truckee, which would empty a space for the snowplow at Truckee, and it wouldn't have to be moved to Portola. I don't know the details on this engine, other than it has a nice paint job, and apparently needs engine work. From the picture Don sent me, it looks like a 65-tonner. I don't know its heritage. Their plan would be to move the engine from Truckee to Portola, then move the plow from Chester to Truckee, apparently at their expense. I will get more information and solicit Board input before we make any deals.

Doug Morgan has finally exhausted the patience of the UP. Several months ago, I told the UP Special Agent that this guy was very hard to pin down, and is famous for last-minute "deals" that might look fair at first glance, but obviously are designed to work in his favor. The Special Agent called me last Monday, and told me that Morgan played out this latest set of scenarios exactly as I had predicted he would, and that UP was tired of his games and ending the process. Morgan had until November 30th to get the equipment moved, and, of course, it didn't happen. UP Legal then told UP Operations that his equipment would not be moved anywhere on UP trackage, period. I was then told by the Special Agent to remove the equipment from UP property as soon as possible, so the engine and boxcar are back inside the Museum, and, according to our attorney (with UP's backing), they belong to the FRRS. I'm sure we haven't heard the end of this yet, though.

The first Santa Train on December 5th was a great success. We took in just over \$2000 in front gate sales, gift shop sales, and donation box income. We also collected 308 cans and 46 packages of non-perishable food items for EPCAN, which were delivered by Bil (1L) Jackson this week.

I must also recognize the great efforts of Charlie Spikes, Duane VanderVeen, and Bil (1L) Jackson, who worked on whatever issues needed to be dealt with in the last hectic two weeks. Be

sure to check out their seating design in the SN 1642 caboose, which is the new addition to the caboose train. It gives us much-needed capacity, and was made ready for Santa Train service in less than 1 month.

I would also like to recognize these volunteers, who have been newly appointed to the following positions:

Chief Mech. Officer (CMO)	Bil (1L) Jackson
Webmaster	Paul Finnegan
Election Chairman	David Epling

Other positions will be filled and named as discussions and arrangements are completed.

I am working with Vivian Sundin at the Deeble insurance agency on the renewal of our liability policy for 2016. Of note is that the premium is going from \$14,000 to just over \$21,000 for next year, and, according to Vivian, everyone else's is going up about the same. The increase has *nothing* to do with our, or anyone else's, operating record, despite what some uninformed people will say.

I appreciate your patience as I continue to handle the daily Museum business, as well as some of the administrative work, and the Santa Trains, in the continued absence of President McClure. Sometimes it takes me a few days to catch up on some items, especially when an Elko trip on the railroad gets in the way.

Vice-President's Report - January 2016

–Steve Habeck, Vice-President FRRS

The main activity at the Museum in the last month was the Santa Trains. As I reported last month, the first weekend went well, with high hopes for the remaining two events. The results we saw exceeded all expectations, with unprecedented car counts, visitors, and income. Here are some of the numbers I have tabulated:

We collected a total of 1074 cans and 109 packages of non-perishable food items over the three events, all of which has already been delivered to EPCAN, thanks to Bil Jackson, who delivered each load to EPCAN after each event. Over 300 cans were collected on each night. Car counts were also at new highs, with a record 217 cars on the third night. I made three bank deposits totaling \$7453.79 from the three nights, and that does not include credit card

sales (the WP Store did good business, too); gross income for the Santa Trains was just over \$9300, which makes these three nights a bigger income producer than Railroad Days, whose three-day total gross was around \$8000. Before we go out and spend this money, we'll need to pay some bills associated with Santa Trains.

The biggest expenses were for the electric bill (\$1300, about half can be attributed to the Santa Trains), and the rental of the light plant for the parking lot (\$1100); we also had advertising expenses of about \$700, fuel expenses of \$300, and various purchases at the hardware store of \$87. I bought pizza (out of my own pocket) after the event on all three nights for the fantastic group of volunteers that, as usual, went above and beyond what was expected to ensure the success of the events. Mike and Patty Clawson, of Big Fish Creations, provided marketing expertise that also contributed greatly to our success. Now the focus is on taking everything down and putting everything away for next year, so we can open up shop space for the mechanical department; a project that is already in progress.

The year-end fundraiser totals as of 1/5/2016 are as follows:

- 11 responses for only the WP Calendar (\$228.60)
- 15 responses with a donation and a calendar purchase (\$285.75 for calendars, \$952.85 in donations)
- 17 responses with donations (\$1475.00)

This is a total of 43 responses, with a donation total of \$2427.85, and \$514.35 in calendar sales. I believe adding the calendar to the fundraiser selections has adversely affected the response.

All calendar orders to date were processed by Elise and sent out by first class mail by me at my expense, and I have spent over \$250 on postage so far, with about 60 calendars sold to date. Elise is regularly checking phone messages, and all phone orders coming in are being processed quickly.

I went to the Courthouse in Quincy and obtained several pages of the court documents from the Clerk of the Superior Court in regards to the lawsuit and settlement with Doug Morgan. I will not discuss the details here, but I now have copies of the signed settlement documents for reference. With the backing of the UP, the status of the affected equipment is now in better focus. To date, I have not heard

from Mr. Morgan at all.

Another appointment that has been made is Greg Elems, who is now the WPRM Roadmaster.

I am disappointed at the response of some Directors to the Confidentiality Policy. This policy was approved by the Board in 2007, and is meant to restrict dissemination of information that is, or could be, of a sensitive nature regarding the FRRS. It is NOT, in any way, shape, or form, a "declaration of loyalty" to anyone. It IS a Director's declaration and agreement to safeguard and protect information regarding FRRS business or activities that cannot yet be made available to the public, such as financial, legal, or managerial issues. I expect to have more on this at this, or future, meetings.

Vice-President's Report – March 2016

– Steve Habeck, Vice-President FRRS

As usual, I have been spending 4-6 hours per day on FRRS business, but at least I feel like I am getting some things accomplished. Some things are probably still falling through the cracks, and I apologize for this.

I am awaiting a response from UP Legal regarding their opinion of the court settlement we have with Doug Morgan from 2011. I am working with the UP Special Agent in Sparks on this. We have some promising leads on possible sale of the UP 849.

UP Mechanical from Roseville was at the Museum on the morning of Wednesday, 3/2/2016, to disable the horn sequencers on UP 9532 and UP 9282, per his work order, and he was done by 1130. He was very impressed by our collection, and indicated he would be back with his family this summer. He couldn't stay long, since he had to go to Dunsuir and work on units in the Old Yard that afternoon.

I have finally finished removing all the Santa Train decorations from the caboose train and from UP 105. The drumhead, with our Museum insert, is back on the rear of the 105. There may be some expenses next fall for Santa Train lights, as we seem to have had a rather high failure rate this year as the lights were removed. For now, everything is boxed up and stored in the lockers in the MoPac caboose, and the caboose train is ready for service for the season, pending release by the Mechanical Department.

Per the arrangement I set forth last fall, Elise is now being paid for 30 hours per week, effective March 1st. With delivery of the new RAL book, she will be transferring all the rentals she has already booked into it. We will have a stocking wish list for the WP Store by the next Board meeting.

With Ali and Ethan's help, we have modified our existing General Release form for its new use for caboose train rides, per recommendation of our insurance people. The original form will still be used for RAL's, shop work, cab rides, and other uses, and will continue to be printed on pink paper. The new caboose train ride releases will be printed on orange paper, and will necessitate a major change in operations. The conductor will need to be in the WP Store before and between runs, to assist with the release forms, and to use the ticket punch to validate tickets of passengers as the releases are signed. The train crew will need to verify all passengers, or groups of passengers, have validated tickets.

The Mechanical Department continues to make progress on the RAL fleet, taking advantage of the shop and the pit, despite the weather. SP 2873 is getting much long-overdue attention, and should be even more reliable this season. Other work goes on as schedules allow.

The MofW Department is formulating plans for track work prior to the season. We have some issues that must be dealt with this spring, and that is where the focus will be placed.

With the recent return of winter weather, I have made contingency plans to make the rotary set available, if that should be necessary. There is quite a bit of work involved to accomplish this, but if the need is there, we will find a way to get it done. We still have an urgent need for new locomotive batteries, and we will be reminded of this with the next failure of any batteries in the RAL fleet, since replacements will have to come from the WP 2001. This will also be a potential issue in July, with the visit of the UPHS group. It will be in our best interest to put on the type of show we are capable of, with focus on our WP equipment. I am already mulling over plans and ideas for this visit, and am open to suggestions.

I would also like to have everyone consider some upgrades to the WP Store, to make it more usable and comfortable year-

round. Repair of the external roof area, to stop the leaks; insulating the ceiling surfaces; coating the windows with film (interim fix to replacing windows with dual-pane glass); and installation of a couple of ceiling-mounted HVAC units, would go a long way to making our store a more pleasant place to work and shop. I think that this scope of work could be done with a reasonable budget, and would pay off big for us. I'm open to ideas (and criticism, to a point).

I also spoke with our attorney regarding the refusal of two Directors to sign the Confidentiality Agreement, providing him with a copy of the Agreement, and the response for not signing the Agreement submitted by Director Monger. He is of the opinion that such a document (the Agreement) is necessary, and should be signed by all candidates for Board seats as part of the election process, prior to them taking a seat on the Board.

As for our specific policy, he did not see any problems with it, as written, and suggested that, if some Directors do not agree with it, they should come up with a suitable document themselves and submit it to the Board for approval. As for their refusal to sign the existing document, he stated that it is a discrepancy in their fiduciary responsibility to the organization as a Director, is in bad faith, and is a divisive stance on their part. He stopped short of defining their actions as Director misconduct.



Energy Efficient

In an effort to improve reliability and efficiency, some items around the museum have been replaced and upgraded! This new energy-efficient water heater replaced an aging one in the machine shop.

WPRM Rolls Out Interpretive Signage –Eugene Vicknair

For several years, the Society has been looking at ways to economically place interpretative signage on our railroad equipment. Starting in 2010, we began experimenting with different methods and materials to replace the small number of plastics signs that were done many years ago.

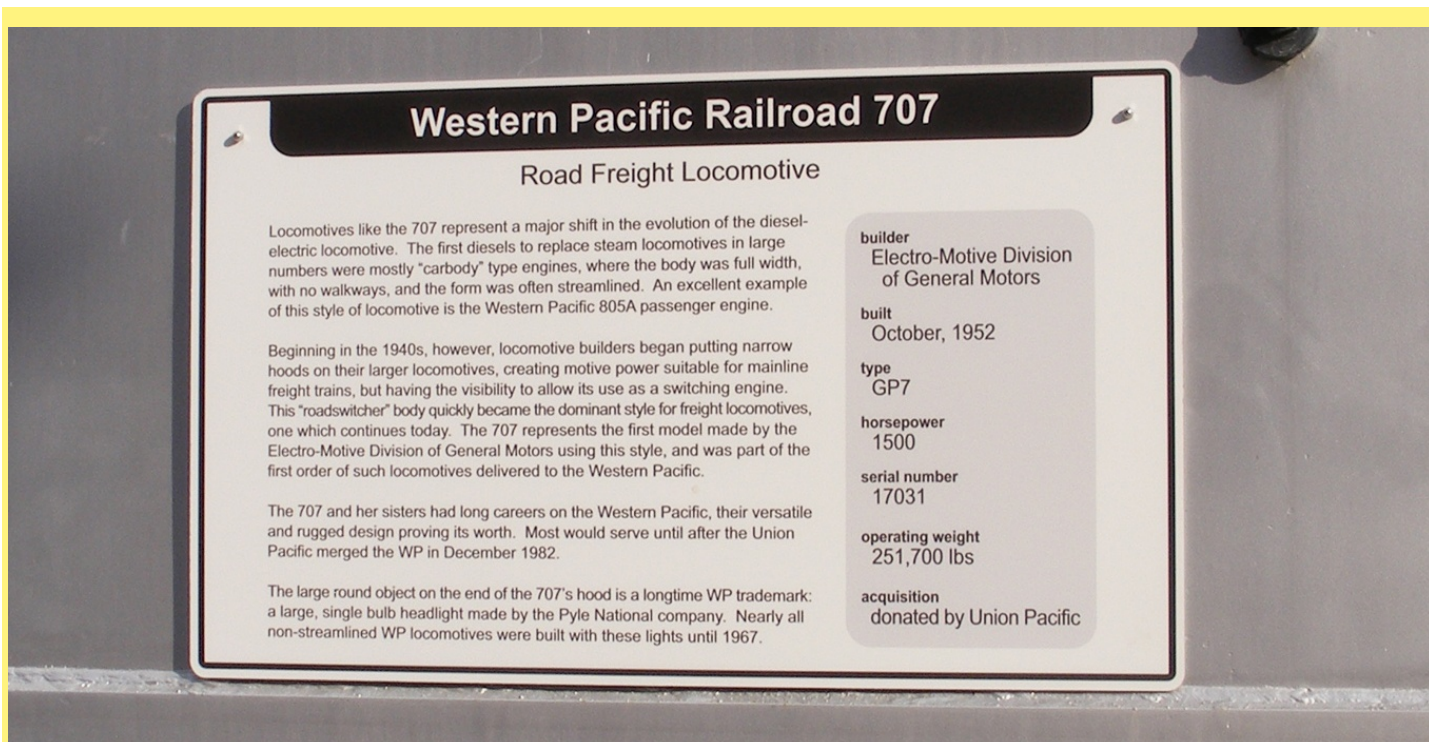
Outdoor equipment signage can be very expensive, with high quality signs costing as much as \$400 each. While we did not want to “cheap out”, with 150 pieces of equipment and our harsh environment, we needed to find an easy to implement and cost effective solution. In 2013, a small number of aluminum signs were produced that cost about \$40 per sign (including mounting hardware) and they handled the weather quite nicely. The price was further squeezed down and now sits around \$34 per sign.

In 2015, we placed out first orders for these new signs, placing two identical signs (one per side) on select items in our rolling stock

collection. Some pieces received a second pair of signs with extra information such as details on their mechanics or historical information on other events the year they were built.

So far the results have been very positive! Visitors appreciate the information and the members have expressed approval for the look and quality of the signs. The graphic work has been donated by Eugene Vicknair through his design company. Research for the histories that appear on the signs has been done by Eugene, Mike Mucklin, Frank Brehm, Garth Groff, David Epling and others using the FRRS archives and other resources.

By the opening of the 2016 season, we should have signs on 24 pieces of equipment, with another 15 pieces slated to receive them by end of season. We have also acquired signs discussing WP history, details of rail and showing the WP system map. Also, our Run A Locomotive units will now sport small signs advertising their availability to visitors. With additional funds, we will be able to place even more signs in 2016, as well as direction signs around the museum, enhancing our visitor experience for everyone.



Informational Signage

One of the prototype signs as applied to Western Pacific GP7 707. No modifications are made to the bodies to mount the signs and they can be easily removed without damage.

Spring 2016 CMO Report

—Bil Jackson, CMO

Hello, My name is Bil Jackson, aka One L. I was asked to take over this position late 2015 to attempt to bring up to standards the railroad equipment. I have been blessed with the use of the expertise of David Elems, Charlie Spikes, Ethan Doty, Duane Vander Veen, Seth Adams and the Wilson's to complete the following projects:

- Repair the starting and cooling system problems with the two Santa train portable generators.
- Service and replace the damaged and leaking radiator in the big white fork lift.
- Service the back hoe for winter use.
- Change out one tire on the lift all, diagnose the starting problem and replace the diesel fuel line.
- Repair the drive pulley on the steering pump and install the pump on the 20ton crane.
- Diagnose the starting problem on the Derrick. The starter is out for rebuild.
- Service the SP2873 for this years duty.
- Service the WP917D for this years duty.

The QRR1100 is scheduled for service in May. Obtained the brushes and fuel sight gauges for the US Army1857. Service is scheduled for May. Seth is working on the oil pump problems on the WP501.

Both the WP2001 and WP707 are badly in need of radiators and batteries and will not be available for any service until funds are obtained.

We have completely changed out the mechanical shop and installed two newly obtained Lathe and Radial Mill\Drill Press which were donated by Chris Allen. Electrical hook up was completed by Duane V,

Chris Allen and his Steam crew have been available to keep up the progress on the Steam Engine WP165.

Besides the repairs and maintenance of the above equipment we have been repairing leaks at the toilets, sinks, water heaters and sewer drain problems on the Silver Debris Shower car and Silver Debris Bunk car. We have also repaired broken water lines in the mechanical department west end sink, bathrooms and of course the soda machine in the gift shop. Those items were in need of repair as a result of the winter freeze and age of the equipment. We have to deal with these issues each year. We have also replaced burned out lights inside and outside the building and replaced various broken windows. All the above work was completed by the above volunteers in the cold of winter.

Imagine what we could accomplish in the summer **(with your help)**.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for allowing the funds to be available to purchase the needed parts and equipment.

**Fritz on the Job**

Fritz is seen here preparing additional lighting in the body of WP F7 917D on 14 May 2016, to assist in the inspection of the prime mover. The 917 currently utilizes an EMD 16-567C prime mover, although it was originally equipped with the less maintenance-friendly 567B version of the engine.

Bil "1 L" Jackson and Fritz have been working steadily on the pre-season maintenance of the RAL locomotive fleet, having already finished SP2873 when this photo was taken. Since this photo was taken, 917 was successfully started, which you can watch on the museum website under the new photo and video gallery.

Photo by Matt Elems

2016 Historical Convention

—Eugene Vicknair, 2016 Convention Co-Chair

The 2016 Western Pacific Historical Convention was held in Modesto, California at the DoubleTree Hotel April 20-23, 2016. This event was held jointly with the Pacific Coast Region of the National Model Railroad Association and provided a different format from our regular conventions.

Huge thanks to Scott McAllister, 2016 Co-Chair and lead on the PCR-NMRA side, as well as his fantastic convention committee. The attendance was nearly 200 and with 4 days of clinics, presentations, tours and events it took a lot of coordination from the whole team. Presentations included the debut of an updated film on the First 50 Years of the Western Pacific from Catenary Video, a look at the history of and techniques for modeling several WP related pieces, including the shorty steel gondolas by Bill Gilbert and Tidewater Southern steeple-cab electric 100 by Chris Allan. Jim Providenza shared information and techniques on modeling WP F-units, while Mark Williams gave presentations on the *California* and *Pioneer Zephyrs*. WP branch lines were also featured, with Ken Middlebrook discussing the San Jose Branch and Wayne Monger giving a look at the

relatively unknown Terminus Branch. Special thanks to Stan Jennings who came out from Salt Lake City to share his knowledge of the Salt Lake, Garfield and Western Railway. Eugene Vicknair did a show on 6 ex-Rio Grande steam locomotives that came into the WP family, while CSRM's Kyle Wyatt presented research on WP's second generation of heavyweight passenger cars. Newly scanned films from the Virgil Staff collection were shown and Evan Werkema closed out the presentations on Saturday with a great show on WP's steam powered railfan excursions. Other presentations focused on details of modeling and model railroad operations. Attendees also got to enjoy the NMRA model contests.

Three tours were also part of the goings-on. On Thursday a bus took 40 attendees to the Port of Stockton for a close up look at the Central California Traction Company's operations at the port as well as the recently opened welded rail plant. Friday afternoon was a special excursion and photo run-bys on the Sierra Northern's Sierra Railroad division out of Oakdale. And on Saturday morning a group got to tour the shops of the Modesto and Empire Traction Company, which included a roll-out of newly restored General Electric 70 tonner 600. Thanks to Scott Inman for coordinating the tours



The Closing Banquet of the 2016 Convention.

Photo by Eugene Vicknair

and special thanks to the CCT, Sierra and M&ET for their assistance and cooperation.

The Saturday banquet featured a talk by retired Sacramento Northern trainman Norm Lucas, sharing his experiences with the SN in the 1970s and some of the interesting people he worked with on trains like the Chico Local and the SN Detour. Norm's presentation was very well received and generated more than a few laughs at some of the colorful stories. Thank you again for sharing it all with us, Mr. Lucas!

The banquet also featured an announcement that the Union Pacific Foundation had awarded the FRRS a \$3,000 grant to being work on an Archives Research Facility. More details on that will be coming soon.

The archives raffle had over 30 sets of prizes ranging from models and model railroad supplies to archive prints. Special thanks to our raffle gift donors for their generous assistance:
Catenary Video
Richard Brennan
Brad Lomazzi - Railroad Americana

Walt Schedler - Walt's Trains & Electronics
Bowser Model Trains
Peter Arnold
Kadee Quality Products
Woodland Scenics
Marc Desobeau
Kalmbach Publishing
FRRS Museum Store
FRRS Archives
Pacific Coast Region - NMRA
Broadway Limited

Planning for the 2017 Convention is already in progress. Details will be coming in the next few months.

Thank you to the 2016 Joint Convention Committee and the convention volunteers:

Scott McAllister, Al Rowe, Jim Dieckman, Richard Klammer, Steve Wesolowski, Jim Collins, Mary Moore-Campagna, Bob Schott, Scott Inman, Nancy Stokely, Tom Campbell, Rod Smith, Bob Cable, Dan Evans, Giuseppe Aymar, Ray deBlicek, Greg Elems, and David Elems.



On 4/14/16, Steve Habeck, Leisa Wesch, and Rick Gruninger attended the Sierra Valley Gun Club's monthly meeting in Portola, CA. The FRRS was asked to make a presentation to their membership, outlining the importance of the Western Pacific Railroad to the City of Portola. With the aid of a very well constructed slide show, put together by our own Eugene Vicknair, Steve hit his Mark with the audience. Steve's extensive knowledge of the area, and it's Railroad History, scored a Bulls eye with their members. The audience was also treated to a rare glimpse of Firearms/Railroad History and information. Thank You Steve and Leisa for representing the FRRS in an informative and positive light.

Photo by Richard Gruninger

Zephyr Project Update – April 2016

–Eugene Vicknair, Zephyr Project Coordinator

While a lot of focus has been placed on the restoration of WP 0-6-0 165 in the last couple of years, our *California Zephyr* equipment has also been seeing some attention. Due to several factors, focus has shifted off the dome cars “Silver Lodge” and “Silver Hostel” and moved to our diner, “Silver Plate”. WP FP7 locomotive 805-A has also been getting care.

Thanks to work by a number of volunteers, including Steve Habeck and Duane van der Veen, most of the electrical system in the “Silver Plate” is now operational and the car can be plugged into ground power. We can now light the car for visitors and often have it on display during operating weekends. The car is also used for our annual Santa Trains.

The kitchen has been cleaned and evaluated and plans are proceeding for restoring various systems. The rotary toaster has been repaired and is now off display waiting for other work in the kitchen. We have also identified a supplier for the surface material on the dining tables and are evaluating which tables can be restored and which will need full replacement. Thanks to the donation by Walt Disney Resorts of several shadow boxes of *California Zephyr* artifacts, we now have some displays in the “Silver Plate” along with information for visitors. WP 805-A is maintained in operational condition and has been receiving engine work over the last few years. We have also received a set of traction motors to replace the mixed set under the engine and plans are being reviewed for the best way to replace them. This will likely need to wait until repairs are done to 200 ton derrick WP MW37.

Finally, a plan has been approved to move the F-unit cab we received from Disney to a permanent location at the end of the loading dock to form the centerpiece of an eventual *Zephyr* historic exhibit. Thanks to Steve Habeck and other volunteers, the headlight and some interior lights now work on the cab and it is often lit during evening operations such as Santa Train.

At the recent Western Pacific Historic Convention in Modesto, some newly scanned films from the Virgil Staff Collection of the FRRS Archives were shown. In several scenes the WP 805-A can be seen leading *Zephyrs* through the East Bay and Niles Canyon. The FRRS is currently looking at ways to make these films more widely available.



Run-A-Locomotive Signage

(Above) Eugene Vicknair prepares to attach mounting magnets to new signage advertising a locomotive's availability in the Run-A-Locomotive program. These new signs follow the lead of the other new museum signage (see article on page 7), using magnets for a secure, but non-damaging way to attach to equipment.

(Below) Having finished drilling holes, Eugene poses with the finished product and his signature smile.

Photos by Matt Elems



**Board of Directors Meeting – February 8, 2014 – 1:00 PM
Renzel Room, History San Jose – San Jose, CA**

Secretary Eugene Vicknair called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter (phone) Kirk Baer Eugene Vicknair
Wayne Monger Charlie Spikes (phone) Kerry Cochran
Greg Elems

Attendance

Bill Meeker David Elems Ernie vin Ibsch
James Mason Matt Shuman – Election Chair

Correspondence

Surveyor who has been working on property lines has received his final payment.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the December 2013 BOD Meeting.

Motion 14-02-01

Accept the minutes of the December 2013 BOD Meeting as presented.

Monger / Cochran. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Minutes of the January 2014 BOD Meeting.

Motion 14-02-02

Accept the minutes of the January 2014 BOD Meeting with the changes as presented.

Cochran / Elems. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Old Business

2014 Board of Directors Elections

- Currently, all members have received election notice postcard.
- As of now we only have 3 incumbents running.
- First set of post cards received one back with address correction. Second set received five corrections. Corrections to be sent to Director Vicknair.
- As of today, no complaints or issues from the membership.
- Extended deadline is to February 15.
- Question as to why candidate statement deadline was not extended. This was done due to timing. No complaints so far.

2014 Dunsmuir Railroad Days

- Dunsmuir RR Days as of right now is no more. Whole function is being changed by the organizing committee.
- Issues with Union Pacific concerning equipment movement and insurance requirements.
- Matt Shuman has written letter to Union Pacific as one of the organizers of the event. Cites long tradition of event, training in safety that resulted, good PR, etc.
- Thanked and complimented FRRS / WPRM for their support in the letter.
- Letter is being sent as a Dunsmuir community letter.

New Business

2014 Budget

- Treasurer G. McClure will be sending proposed budget within next week and sending draft to bookkeeper. Asks for review and recommendations for approval for March meeting.

2014 Trackwork

- Written report provided outlining trackwork proposed for 2014, including Parking Lot track.
- Question about repairs of balloon loop. That is still being looked at.
- This is about expansion of storage / display.
- Donated ties are coming from CCT.

- Suggestion to prioritize parking lot track.
- Consensus direction to proceed.

2014 WP Historical Convention

- Written report provided.
- Two weeks separation from Portola Railroad Days, listed as August 8-10.
- Kirk Baer thanks Vicknair and McAllister for stepping up.

Motion 14-02-03

To appoint Vicknair / McAllister to head convention and approve them to continue planning of event as outlined.

Cochran / Monger. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

- July 30- August 2 is UP Historical Convention in Ogden, Utah.
- Question is there had been talk about joint convention with UP. Yes, but members mostly did not want to travel to Ogden.

Fundraising and Promotion

- Written report provided.
- Suggestion to plant grass at hospital site and use that for car show location.
- Ideas for DVDs of Virgil Staff films as another fundraiser.
- Director Carter is working with a large car show in Lodi.
- Director Vicknair has been talking to Scott Franklin about parking stabilizer compound and regarding parking lot.
- Matt Shuman had concerns about water restrictions and placing grass. May be better to just put money into stabilizers for parking lot instead of tending lawn.
- Director Elems points out that hospital area still quite uneven, rocky and needs to be leveled. Concerns about basement fill being compacted.
- Pointed out that doing work on hospital area is long term investment for future events.
- Director Elems had question about what long term plans for hospital property. Suggested we should think about what we want to do on this site.
- Director Carter suggested addressing hospital site at future meeting. Will be on future agenda.
- Director Cochran recommended adopting Springtime Fundraising Letter and WP Coffee Table Book for adoption of fundraising ideas. Suggested we review other ideas over the next few meetings.
- Director Monger recommended using 1914-1915 picture book for coffee table book.
- Suggestion that we remove Roseville Yard display equipment to local casino.
- Director Elems is working on list of local museums. Looking at doing a brochure exchange. Question about offering RAL discount.
- Director Carter is still working on museum pin-up calendar.

Motion 14-02-04

To approve pending expressed concerns proceeding Spring Fundraising Letter and the WP Coffee Table Book as outlined. And to continue investigation on costs for Car Show and report back to the Board.

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

Lounge Car / Shower Car Repairs and Security

- Written report provided.
- David Elems shared his experience with the break-in. Pointed out intruder only stole food.
- Suggestion that we approve a budget and let Vicknair and David Elems work out best solution.

Motion 14-02-05

Approve \$1500 budget – line item 70020 – Lounge, Sleeper and Shower Car - for security improvements to the Lounge and Shower car. Director Vicknair and David Elems to work together on best improvements for the cost and work with Director Cochran on locks and cameras.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Kenneth J. Meeker Collection

- Bill Meeker addressed the Board and guests.
- Open Letter to the Board from the Meeker Family.

- Noted that Bill Meeker made statement of pursuing possible legal action against FRRS is requests / demands were not met.
- WP President Flannery told Bill's father, Harold, he was appointing him caretaker of the corporate archives. As UP merger was closing, Harold was asked to remove archives and keep them safe.
- They were moved by Harold and Ken Meeker and stored at Ken's home in San Carlos. Moved to Ken's new home in Stockton.
- After Ken passed away in 2010, Meeker family asked Dr. Cheryl Meeker for archives return, were informed that deal had already been made with FRRS for donation of archives.
- Harold Meeker still believes that he is custodian of archives.
- Meeker Family is not necessarily opposed to having archives at FRRS. Would like reasonable access to archives beyond those of regular access. Would be used not for sale and for personal use.
- Feels their requests were ignored by the FRRS Board.
- Wants archives to be open to public.
- Director Cochran asked for hard copy of the letter.
- Director Carter asked if President Flannery's request was done in writing. Bill Meeker indicated that they do not.
- Bill Meeker expressed that they have been custodians of this and protected them for many years.
- Director Vicknair summarized position of the Board.
- Bill Meeker never received an official response from the Board.
- Family has no foreseeable publication needs. Would be for personal use. Should a publication or casual use come up, FRRS would be given full credit.
- Suggestion that access policies be shared with Meeker Family and go from there.
- May 2012 – archives policies were approved. Director Cochran will forward relevant policies to Director Monger for sharing with Meeker Family.
- Notification of Board decision was sent by Frank Brehm to Meeker Family in November.
- Some of corporate collection was collected by Ken Meeker himself, aside from San Francisco material.
- Consensus of the Board to provide Meeker Family with current archives access policies and proceed from there.

Feather River and Western Locomotive Display

- Written report provided concerning proposed location and style of display.
- Locomotive to be displayed on raised set of rails along main track in current parking lot.
- Location to be consistent with future construction plans.
- Questions about ADA concerns. As locomotive would not be open to public, no ADA issues.

Motion 14-02-06

Approve plan and location of display as presented, provided budget authority of \$750 budget – line item 5600 – Restoration – and give Director Carter authority to proceed with project. Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Union Pacific Grant Acceptance

- UP Foundation Board has approved a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for organization and cataloging of WP archives.
- Acceptance letter and of grant needs approval of Board.
- Director Monger read proposed response letter. Copy provided in written form to Board.
- Director Vicknair asked what limits of grant use would be. Grant to be used for material use, help pay storage fees. Would not be used for employee costs.
- Debra Baer started process with UP Foundation. Initial grant request was \$5,000.

Motion 14-02-07

Approve letter and accept grant and to sign and forward as soon as possible. Cochran / Vicknair. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

Director's Reports

Habeck – written report provided

Vicknair – written report provided. Issue of Headlight is on press and heading to mail.

Monger – have signed up for 2014 California Association of Museums Conference in Napa March 4-5. Will be going to grant writing workshop. Will be attending a workshop on getting word out about

organization, creative marketing strategy. Cost was \$575. Insurance for his caboos is due. \$432 is insurance cost for the caboos. Headlight has three issues ready to go.

Carter – told Board about WP photos recently posted on-line from NRHS - John W. Barringer collection.

Financial Reports

- Reports provided.
- James Mason answered previously presented question about valuation of Archives.
- Endowment discussion for May 2014 Board Meeting.

Committee Reports

Collection Management – equipment sale recommendation (consensus requested). FR&W 1 previously approved for display at museum and removed from list. Consensus to approve report as amended with FR&W 1 removed. All items on list except FR&W 1 were already approved previously for deacquisition.

Public Comments

- Ernie von Ibsch – commented that it is very interesting to attend the meeting and see how things are going. Updated everyone on his wife, Kathy's, book on the Zephyrettes. Have been hosting reunions of the Zephyrettes.

Notices

- Need volunteers to take on planning for Volunteer Day in April and Media Day in May.

Closed Session – requested by Director Vicknair.

Adjourned to closed session 3:41 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 3:48 p.m.
“The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Railfair Event. No action taken.

Board of Directors Meeting – March 15, 2014 – 1:00 PM WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter	Kirk Baer	Eugene Vicknair
Wayne Monger	Charlie Spikes	Steve Habeck
Greg Elems (arr. 2:00 PM phone)		Gail McClure

Attendance

Rick Gruninger – Insurance Manager	Matt Elems
David Elems	Matt Shuman – Election Chair (phone)
Frank Brehm – Archivist (phone)	Ron Huey – Election Committee (phone)

Correspondence

- We were contacted by a non-member whose uncle worked for WP. He has a diesel enamel herald and a steam enamel herald he is going to donate as per his uncles wishes. His uncle is still alive and they have been invited and are planning to come to the museum for a visit in the summer. His name is Oscar Arrieta.

- We received a check from a Life Member for painting of the WP SW1500 1503. Amount is \$5000. Asked that his name be withheld from the record. The Board extends its thanks for this support.

Old Business

2014 Budget

- Proposed agenda provided.
- Review of budget and details, including needs in the budget for fundraising / sales.
- Discussion of past use of Restricted Account as “savings” account and intention to revised how this account is used.
- Recommended that we adopt budget and revise as needed for now.

Motion 14-03-01

Adopt proposed budget for 2014 with requested change in steam fund cost to \$40,000 from \$10,000.
G. McClure / Carter. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Southern Pacific SD9 4404 Status

- Written report provided.
- Overview of current status, Western Rail wants to complete sale.
- Check received for full sale amount of \$40,000. Received today.

Milwaukee Road U25B 5057 Status

- Written report provided.
- Storage grace period ended January 1, 2014. Since then, we have been charging reduced rent of \$100. Proposal is to increase rent to full authorized \$300 as of May 1, 2014.
- Estimate is that there are 2 more days of work needed to prep engine for movement. Need shop and pit access.
- Work estimated to be done in April – May.
- Request that Cascade Rail provide more people to assist with work.
- All negotiations for movement are coming from Cascade Rail.
- Cascade Rail has been performing more fundraising.

New Business

Grant Applications

- Written report provided by Director Vicknair outlining grants and projects he would like to apply for.
- Director Monger outlined grants he is applying for.
- Directors Vicknair and Monger to work together on grants.

Motion 14-03-02

Accept the report and give Director Vicknair authority to proceed.
G. McClure / Habeck. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Conference Call Access Policy

- Clarification of conference call policy.
- Directors, Officers and Department and Committee Heads only would be allowed to use conference call system.
- Question about allowing exceptions for special cases.

Motion 14-03-03

Set policy to restrict conference call use as outlined to just Directors, Officers, Department and Committee Heads, with exceptions to be approved by Board on a case by case basis.
Spikes / Carter. Aye - 5, Nay - 2, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

2014 Portola Railroad Days Events

- Written report provided.
- Idea to bring speeder car rides back to Portola Railroad Days.
- Outlined plan was provided. Seeking Board approval to proceed with planning.
- Plan is to charge for speeder rides.
- Matt Shuman to manage and coordinate.
- Questions about insurance and coverage needed.
- Would need to provide insurance to cover while operations are on our property.
- Consensus direction given to proceed.

New Project Moratorium

- Written report provided.
- Response to concerns over large number of projects currently approved.
- Intent is to clear out some of the current projects before we take on some more projects.

Motion 14-03-04

Approve report and adopt the moratorium. Review in 6 months

Carter / Habeck. Aye - 6, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Change to Election Procedure

- Written report provided.
- Update on Election process status.
- Election ballot / package is nearly ready for printing.
- Question about deadline to submit By-Laws changes.
- Nothing in By-Laws about deadlines / dates for By-Laws changes.

Motion 14-03-05

Accept proposed changes to election policies as proposed by Election Chair with effective date of 3-15-14, to be reviewed in 4 years, replacing issue of 1-5-02.

G. McClure / Spikes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

Summer Excursion Train

- Written report provided.
- Request as to whether there have been material changes to the facts versus when Board rejected this previously.
- Chris Skow requested reconsideration.
- Union Pacific, Omaha, has stated that no one can stay on train if stored in UP yard. Excursion has 75 stay on board bedrooms sold on train.
- If anything goes on the ground owned by Amtrak, we would need to change any derailed wheels at our cost. Considering condition of West Pass interchange, this is a concern.
- Concerns that we keep bringing up already considered items.
- Director Carter stated that reconsidering this item sets a bad precedent unless there have been material changes. We have already told Chris Skow no several times. Feels it is a waste of time.

Motion 14-03-07

Reaffirm that we do not wish to get involved in the excursion due to various concerns including insurance, condition of West Pass interchange and business concerns.

G. McClure / Carter. Aye - 5, Nay - 2, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Equipment Storage

- Written report provided.
- Review of proposed policy / new calendar for payment and discussion of proposed fees / penalties for late payment.
- Legal counsel has reviewed and approves of changes.
- We have current insurance certificates for Wayne Monger, Dave Wallace and Bill Parker.
- Suggestion to offer discount for year advance payment.
- Request for effective date. Suggestion to make effective July 1, 2014.
- Director Carter, as manager of rentals, to review with all equipment owners.

Motion 14-03-06

Accept report as outlined and revise current storage policy. Effective date to be July 1, 2014.

Carter / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 2. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Over \$2100 was spent to repair white forklift due to abuse and bad operation practices.
- White forklift is to only be stored inside from now on.
- Backhoe is currently being check for possible hydraulic leaks.

Director's Reports

Carter – written report provided

Habeck – written report provided

Monger – \$250 from Dick Dorn to archives. CAM conference attendance will be reported next month.

Was at Jeffrey Moreau (author and FRRS member) memorial on day after Winterail at Western Railway Museum at Rio Vista Jct. Director Monger has been asked to go through Jeff's archive materials. Interurban materials will go to WRM and OERM, Milwaukee materials to go to Cascade Rail and we will get WP material. Suggestion to see if we get support for CCT 24 caboose project as memorial to Jeff.

Financial Reports

- Reports provided
- Treasurer McClure is going to start doing 1 hour classes before each Board Meeting on accounting topics such as how to read a balance sheet, profit and loss statements, etc., as well as topics requested by directors and members. They will be open to any member who wishes to attend.

Event Reports

- 2014 Historic Convention* – report on current plans, status. Looks like it will be at Hampton in Suisun City and banquet at Western Railway Museum.
- 2014 Media Day* – written report provided. We received a call from a Redding TV station wanting to do a live spot on events and venues in the area. Eugene Vicknair and Tom Carter are working on event with help from Matt Parker. Proposed date is May 9.

Department Reports

- Funding* – written report provided

Committee Reports

- Election* - written report provided

Safety Report

- Tom Carter has volunteered to take job as Safety Manager for the museum. He has experience in railroad and OSHA procedures.
- Concerns about level of hornets and wasps this year.
- Facilities Manager to acquire and put out more traps for the wasps.

Public Comments

- David Elems had sample of forms he is proposing to hand out at crew training concerning locomotive cooling aspects. Has been working on damaged reverser on WP 917. Reverser is very gunked up and requiring a great deal of cleaning and lubrication. Currently non operational.
- Noted by the Board that Matt and David Elems have been working at the museum over the winter and putting in many hours despite weather and conditions.

Notices

- Gail McClure needs assistance for Volunteer Day events.

Closed Session – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair.

Adjourned to closed session 3:06 pm. and reconvened to open session at 4:43 pm.

“The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Museum Property. No action taken. The Board heard a report on a Membership Issue – Contested Membership. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken. The Board heard a report on a Personnel Issue – Policy Adherence. Consensus direction given, no reportable action taken.”

Board of Directors Meeting – April 12, 2014 – 4:00 PM
WPRM Meeting Room – Portola, CA

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

The following Directors were present

Tom Carter	Kirk Baer	Eugene Vicknair
Wayne Monger	Charlie Spikes (phone)	Steve Habeck
Greg Elems (phone)	Gail McClure	

Attendance

Debra Baer	Matt Shuman – Election Chair and Board of Trustees
Ron Huey – Election Committee	Alicia LaBrecque
Norman Holmes	Ann Morningstar
James Mason	Chris Skow
Matt Elems (arrived at 4:45 PM)	David Elems (arrived at 4:45 PM)
Tim Carter (arrived at 4:45 PM)	Rick Gruninger (arrived at 5:00 PM)

Noted: public comments will be held to 3 minutes when recognized by the chair, unless granted

Correspondence

- Carter – proposed community garden at Hospital. Consensus of the Board is to decline.
- Bill Parker sent check for his caboose rental.
- Habeck – renewals received for NMRA, Cal Association of Museums and American Alliance of Museums. Fundraiser has received 29 responses, 27 are checks, 2 are credit cards. \$4850. Received \$1160 for steam fund and \$1000 from Barbara Flannery for general fund.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the February and March 2014 BOD Meetings and April 2014 Special Meeting

Motion 14-04-01

Motion to act on minutes separately.

G. McClure / Monger. Aye-8, Nay-0, Abstain-0. Motion carries.

Request to add notation that Bill Meeker threatened legal action against FRRS in February minutes.

Motion 14-04-02

Motion to accept the February minutes as amended.

G. McClure / Monger. Aye-6, Nay-0, Abstain-2. Motion carries.

Motion 14-04-03

Motion to accept the March minutes as presented.

G. McClure / Carter. Aye-8, Nay-0, Abstain-0. Motion carries.

Motion 14-04-04

Motion to accept the April special meeting minutes as presented.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye-6, Nay-0, Abstain-2. Motion carries.

Old Business

Events for 2014 Portola Railroad Days

- Question if there has been any check on insurance for speeder operations.
- Our insurance folks have been on vacation. Hoping to have answer soon.
- Speeder people are lined up.
- All speeder folks are members, ready to go once insurance question is answered.
- President will inform Board of insurance issues at next Board meeting.

Railroad Days Excursion Train

- President McClure has been talking to Bert Hermey and Roy Wullich about needs for Portola Railroad Days train.
- Serious concerns that our liability would be substantial if a private car or Amtrak equipment went on the ground.
- Only cars that would come on to our property would be 4-5 sleepers that will have people staying on board overnight. Rest of train will stay in Union Pacific yard.
- Concern about West Pass. Interchange track has been redflagged leaving only enough room for 2 passenger cars and locomotive.
- Passenger cars would be placed on RIP 1. None of our cars would go into UP yard, all would be placed on east end of our yard.
- Written report of requests from FRRS to Trains and Travel was presented and reviewed.
- Would need Silver Solarium and Silver Lariat on dinner train Saturday. This will be negotiated.
- Cars will be watered in Union Pacific yard.
- Trains and Travel staff will be present to guide their passengers so that FRRS volunteers do not have to worry about it.
- Bookings are at Go level. Waiting on final Union Pacific approval.
- Any servicing of sleeper cars needs to be done within normal operating hours.
- \$10,000 payment would be refunded if train does not run.
- Sunset Magazine reporter will be on train and would like to do article on the museum as well.

- Gail McClure will handle PR relating to museum. Debra Baer will handle PR relating to Railroad Days.

New Business

Wrapping of "Silver Hostel"

- Written report provided.
- Will keep people out of car when stored.

Motion 14-04-05

Motion to accept report and approve expenditure under Zephyr Project line item.
Vicknair / Carter. Aye—8, Nay—0, Abstain—0. Motion carries.

Board of Trustees

- Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 1:00 PM.
- Trustees have questions, including whether Trustees are a true Board.
- Trustees would like to get fiscals from 2013 to today. Will work with Treasurer McClure to get financial reports needed.
- There were questions about responsibilities of the Trustees. Their responsibility is to manage and grow the Endowment and to make recommendations on any Endowment policies to the Board of Directors. Treasurer McClure will provide clarifications.

Collections Committee Sales List

- Written list provided.
- Request to remove Western Pacific 11509 from list.
- Notes on O&NW 4 AS-616 corrected.

Motion 14-04-06

Motion to accept report as amended above.
Carter / G. McClure. Aye—7, Nay—0, Abstain—1. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Written report provided at meeting.
- Noted that drain line for oil separator was crushed due to a pile of debris being dropped onto it. Need to get new pipe into drain line.

Director's Reports

Carter – written report provided. Overview of safety changes being looked at and request that the Board buy in on supporting this. Equipment is being damaged and dangerous situations being created.

Financial Reports

- Reports provided, Treasurer's report to be provided at meeting.
- Treasurer will be offering a class before July meeting on basic accounting. Class will be 1 hour before Board Meeting. Class July 12 at 3:00 PM.
- Request to follow up on donation check by Dick Dorn to Archives and payment by Wayne Monger for rental. Treasurer McClure to follow up.

Event Reports

Winterail – we did approximately \$1,200 at Winterail, including memberships. Revenues have been declining over last 3 years. We need to consider if we will keep participating. Suggestion to revisit in September.

2014 Historic Convention – written report provided.

2014 Media Day – written report provided

Department Reports

Funding – written report provided

Committee Reports

Election – written report provided. Mailing is ahead of schedule and will be out within the next week.

Status of Surplus Property Report

SP SD9 4404 – work crew from Western Rail is delayed a couple months.

Safety Report

Covered in Director Reports

Public Comments

- Ron Huey donated a new Shop vacuum to the wood shop.
- James Mason – made statement concerning response to comments he has made recently to and about the Board. Stated he has made comments as a member and California resident who feels concern for the Society. Requested the Board help support current fundraiser and noted that grant organizations ask how much Board members contribute to organization in terms of monetary donations. Expressed disappointment that he is not allowed to speak with bookkeeper and CPA who handles our taxes. Last year donated \$23,000 to the Society and also coordinated an additional \$33,000. Stated that as he was not allowed direct access to the bookkeeper and CPA this year he would no longer donate to Society. Expressed his opinion of no confidence in President Rod McClure and Treasurer Gail McClure.
- Debra Baer – Was at last Portola Railroad Days meeting and they requested info as to whether we would be having transport to and from museum and what events will be happening at museum. Asked for reciprocal links on website. We will provide tug and propane for towing people mover. Gave update on events being planned by city. Discussion about having a horn signaling contest.
- Chris Skow – offered to give 2 free tickets for Keddie Dinner Train to raffle to raise money.

Notices

- Gail McClure needs assistance for Volunteer Day events.
- We need to start planning Annual Meeting / Dinner.
- To all our Family and Friends—Anyone up to joining us for the Marriage and Union of two families on May 16, 2015 between Deborah Ann Harton and Matthew Stephen Shuman in the Dunsmuir City Park/Botanical Gardens (www.dunsmuirbotanicalgardens.org) in Dunsmuir California? Date set and more details to come. Let the little wedding planner, Riley, loose!!!

Closed Session – requested by President McClure and Director Vicknair.

Adjourned to closed session 5:50 pm. and reconvened to open session at 7:28 pm.

“The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Museum Property. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Business Item – Equipment Opportunity. Consensus direction given. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Proprietary Business Item. Action taken as outlined.

Motion 14-04-07

Motion to address concerns raised in candidate statements, as is our responsibility to the membership, outside of the established election; costs to be covered by line item – Printing 67220, conditional upon recommendation of attorney.

G. McClure / Carter. Aye–5, Nay–1, Abstain–0. Motion carries.

Greg Elems and Charlie Spikes had to leave during the Closed Session before vote on motion.”

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 7:29 PM
Next meeting: May 10, 2014 – 4:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, California

- FRRS Membership -**Yearly Dues**

Associate \$25.00
 Active \$50.00
 Family \$80.00
 Sustaining \$150.00

Single Life Membership - \$1800.00

Family Life Membership - \$3000.00

Institutional - \$60.00 (annual membership for 501(c)3 groups)

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.
 Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

Associate memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.

Active memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

Family memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have two votes and include two adults and all minor children residing at the same address.

Sustaining memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.

Life memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only for life.

Family Life memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, include two adults and all minor children residing at the same address, and have two votes (one per member) for life.

Send all applications, renewals and address changes, including email changes, to:
 Feather River Rail Society - Membership Dept. - P.O. Box 608 - Portola, CA 96122-0608
 Address / email changes may also be sent to membership@wplives.org

Mission Statement

"The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public, as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad."

Mission Goals

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, and WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.

WPRM Admission and Train Ride Fares for non-members (effective April 1, 2011)**Admission**

- Adults 19 and over... \$8.00
 - Youth 4 - 18... \$4.00
 - Child under 3... free
 - Family... \$20.00
- (2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

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)

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.

Cab Rides

- Adult 19 and over... \$20.00
 - Youth 4 - 18... \$10.00
- Cab rides are for one (1) ride only.

The Train Sheet needs your photos and articles!

If you are working on projects for the Society, volunteering on restorations, performing archives work, helping out at off-site events, etc., or if you get some nice photos of FRRS or museum happenings that you want to share, **please contact us to have them printed in The Train Sheet.**

Photos should be at least 5" high by 7" wide and 300 dots per inch.

Articles should focus on FRRS related events, people or your own personal experiences with the Society.

To contribute, contact Editor Matthew Elems by email at trainsheet@wplives.org.

The Train Sheet
Feather River Rail Society
P.O. Box 608
Portola, CA 96122-0608

Change Service Requested

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 580
Manhattan, KS
66502



(From Left to Right) Eugene Vicknair, Charlie Spikes, David Elems, Kerry Cochran, Bil Jackson, and Rick Gruninger discuss safety after the Board Meeting on 14 May 2016.

– Matt Elems Photo