

including Brad Lomazzi, the Rio Grande Modeling and Historical Society, ExactRail, the Tooele Valley Trackers Model Railroad Club, Ron Mitchell, Bob Jarvis and artist Marc Desobeau. Several of these vendors also donated to the raffle drawing, while Mr. Desobeau debuted a fantastic new painting in progress and put it up for silent auction to benefit the FRRS Archives Fund. FRRS and RGM&HS member Jeff Pierce was the winner of the painting depicting WP GP9 732 at the shop building in Salt Lake's Roper Yard. Finally, the Ophir, Tintic and Western model club from Orem, Utah brought their N scale modular layout and put it on exhibit in the vendor room. Everyone seemed to enjoy the layout and a lot of compliments were given to the OT&W crew.

So many people contributed to making this convention as success. First of all a special thank you to Jeff Pierce who was our point person for so much in Salt Lake. Derrick Klarr of UTA / Frontrunner helped set up the excursion and tours on Thursday. Mike Murphy helped organize the layout tours and lined up some presenters. Kerry Cochran aided in planning and organization while Paul Finnegan kept the website up to date with registration and show details. A big thanks to David Elems, who ended up handling the Society sales table for most of the event. Thanks also to Mike Carlson, Alicia Johnson, the Utah State RR Museum, Don Hartley and the Utah State Office of Historical Preservation, our fantastic home layout owners, the Gold Spike Train Club, the national NMRA, the RGM&HS, the numerous door prize vendors (with particular thanks to Kadee, Bowser and Accurail), Marc Desobeau for his generous donation, the FRRS convention volunteers and everyone who attended this great convention!

The 2019 Convention will be a joint event with the Pacific Coast Region NMRA and will be held in Sacramento May 2-5, 2019. Not only will we be celebrating 70 years of the California Zephyr, but it will also be the 75th anniversary of the PCR. Registration is now open! Go to the website at [convention.wplives.org](http://convention.wplives.org).

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*Seth Adams started WP 501 on October 11<sup>th</sup>, she ran for the first time in years. There will be more information about the WP 501 project in the next issue of the Train Sheet.*

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