## 2022 Western Pacific Historical Convention "Celebrating the Western Pacific Family" Special Events in Portola on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **Sunday Convention Events at the Museum**

The 2022 WP Convention, being held May 12-14, 2022 in Reno, Nevada, will end with an exclusive Museum Day on Sunday, May 15 for those attending the WP Convention. Convention attendees will board a charter bus, or drive themselves, to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola where they will be given the first public opportunity to ride behind restored steam locomotive Western Pacific 0-6-0 165. Guided tours of the collection will also be offered and other special operations are in the works. In addition, convention attendees will be able to board a shuttle bus that takes them to the home of FRRS member Chris Skow, where they will be able to experience his spectacular garden railway and tour his collection of Western Pacific artifacts.

This event will be exclusive for those attending the WP Convention and the museum will be closed to the public on that day





## Chris Skow's Plans for the 2022 Convention

- Chris Skow

I continue to be very involved with the Feather River Rail Society and Western Pacific Railroad Museum. I am looking forward to the Western Pacific convention in Reno, Nevada on May 12-15, 2022. I will be showing three programs at this convention. They will be:

- 1. Feather River Express 2009
- Train Wrecks and Derailments on the Western Pacific
- 3. Union Pacific 6900 Class Centennials on the Western Pacific

On May 15, 2022, there will be special events at our museum which will include a number of photo opportunities for conventioneers. Also, I will have my personal railroad museum open which includes thousands of railroad artifacts of which most are related to the Western Pacific. Additionally I will have my huge outside G-Scale model railroad in operation which measures 70' by 300' and will have several trains operating. My layout includes mountains, tunnels, waterfalls, creeks, ponds and villages. My home is six miles west of Portola in the Blairsden Township and free shuttle service will be available from the museum in Portola to my home. I hope to see you there.

I have seven DVDs available for sale that are related to the Western Pacific and you can purchase them through our museum store or at my table at the convention. They are:

WESTERN PACIFIC THE FINAL YEARS
WORKING THE SPERRY CAR ON THE
WESTERN PACIFIC
TRAIN WRECKS AND DERAILMENTS ON
THE WESTERN PACIFIC
UNION PACIFIC CENTENNIALS IN THE
FEATHER RIVER CANYON
FEATHER RIVER EXPRESS 2009
FEATHER RIVER EXPRESS II 2010
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPLORER

Photos at left from Chris Show's museum.