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**Volunteer Day
2013 WP Convention
Crew Training**



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

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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.

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.

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*Cover Photo - WP 106, the "Charles O. Sweetwood" is shown during a ceremony at Crissy Field in San Francisco during its use as a Red Cross blood car. Today, the "Sweetwood" is owned by the FRRS and slated for restoration.
- Arthur Walter Keddie Library, FRRS - WPRR Corp. Archives / Ken Meeker Collection*

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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/

VOLUNTEER DAY 2013

On April 27, 2013, the FRRS will hold our first ever Volunteer Day. This is an event designed to give members old and new a chance to learn about the various departments, programs and projects that one can volunteer for at the Society. Department Heads, Project Managers and current volunteers will be on hand to explain aspects of their programs, give tours of the museum facility and answer your questions.

Departments and projects you can volunteer for include Archives, Operations, Mechanical, Steam Restoration, Fundraising, Zephyr Project, Facilities, the Museum Store and Publications. Also, we're always interested in folks who want to take on special projects.

You can tour the volunteer support facilities and learn how to make reservations to stay at the museum and what accommodations are available to members. The day will end with a members only dinner.

Please join us on April 27 and learn how you can help the FRRS in its goal to keep the Western Pacific alive!

Visit the WPLives.org website for more information.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 1, 2013 is the date for our annual Membership Meeting and Dinner. This annual event is a great chance to meet and catch up with other members, tour the museum and learn what has been happening and what will be happening with the FRRS.

The event starts with dinner at 5:30 PM after the museum closes to the public. The Membership Meeting follows at 7:30 PM, which includes the results of the Board of Directors elections. Typically, the evening finishes off with a multimedia show and discussions of WP history.

Mark your calendar and join us at the museum on June 1. That day is also one of our two Operations Department crew training / rules exam sessions.

Crew Training and Rules Exam for 2013 will be...

May 11 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

June 1 – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

WP 165 PROGRESS

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

The first Steam Work Session of 2013 is going to be a big one! After years of dismantling, we're going to be putting some very big components back together.

If all goes according to plan, during the week of April 20-27, we will have two heavy lift cranes at the museum with the goal of placing the 165 back on her drivers. A lot of work has been going on both at the museum and away to prepare for this major event. We need many hands to make the work light. Won't you please join us?

Also, the superheater flue fundraiser is nearing its goal! We have 18 of 24 flues covered. With only 6 more to go, your help is needed to finish this major milestone. The donation for each flue is \$350. Please visit the WP 165 news page at wprsteam.blogspot.com for information on how to donate.

The next steam work sessions in 2013 are scheduled for Thursday, July 18th through Saturday, July 20th and Thursday, September 26th through Saturday, September 28th.



Looking tired and ragged, WP 0-6-0 165 waits for an uncertain future near the end of WP's steam days. Today, she is getting nearer to being the first WP steamer to operate in over 30 years.

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. Click on Monetary Donations and select 165 Donation to support the return of steam to Portola.

BUY A HOUSE – HELP THE SOCIETY

The FRRS has received the donation of a residence in Portola for resale, proceeds to go to support the Society's efforts. The property is located a few blocks from the museum just above Old Town Portola.

The home is a one bed, one bath layout with a kitchen, family room and front room, as well as a yard with alley access and a garage in the back. Condition is as-is. It does require work, mainly in the roof, but will make someone a nice vacation home or mountain residence.

The Society thanks Gary Yee for his generous donation to help our preservation efforts. If you would like more information on the property or would like to make an offer, please contact Eugene Vicknair (via email at eugene.vicknair@gmail.com) or Rod McClure (via email at president@wplives.org). We currently have a real estate agent working on the sale, so if you are interested, please don't wait.

Caboose Train operations start May 25!

SANTA TRAINS 2012

December 1st and 8th, 2012 saw Santa Trains return again to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum. While the weather didn't grant us much snow, the crowds seemed to enjoy themselves anyway. Trains were pulled by SP GP9 2873, decked out in lights thanks to hard work by the Habeck Family. Inside the baggage car, hot coffee, cider and chocolate accompanied homemade cookies and baked goods. And, Santa and Mrs. Claus were also in attendance.

Thanks to the Habeck Family, Alicia LaBreque, Louise Dunbar, Gail McClure, Mary Ann Vicknair and everyone who provided treats and staffing for this year.

For 2013, we are exploring expanding Santa Train to three Saturdays, but this will only happen if we get additional volunteers. If you would like to make homemade treats, help with decorating, be an event volunteer, promote Santa Train or just help where you can, please contact Gail McClure at the museum: 530-832-4131, or via email at info@wplives.org. The dates for 2013 Santa Trains will be December 7 and 14 with a possible third Saturday to be announced later in the year.



SP GP9 2873 prepares to pull our Santa Train around the balloon with a full load of passengers. - Eugene Vicknair photo

June 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondence

- Received clippings from various papers about Dunsmuir RR Days.
- Restitution hearing for Hospital arsonist delayed.
- Full title for donated house arrived.

Motion 12-06-01

Consent Calendar

Approve minutes of the May 2012 BOD Meeting.
Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.
Motion carries.

Motion 12-06-02

Short Term Capital Plan

- Written report provided.
- Positive comments from Treasurer and thanks to President McClure and Director Vicknair for putting it together.
- Questions if plan was set in stone. Plan is a guide and is flexible.

Approve Capital Plan proposal.

Carter / Holmes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 12-07-03

RAL Pricing

- Written report provided.
 - Fuel prices about \$3.80 to \$4.00 a gallon delivered.
 - Recommendation to increase all RAL plans \$20.
- Discussion to do \$25 to make the prices more round numbers.

Approve RAL price increase \$25. New prices will be Plan A - \$175, Plan B - \$200, Plan C - \$300. Effective date August 1, 2012.

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

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Dunsmuir prep almost complete. UP 1996 SP heritage engine coming up Canyon now. Train leaves Tuesday for Roseville, Wednesday to Dunsmuir.

Financial Report

- Financials and written report provided.
- Noted that the financial summary is a snapshot of a single day and is not a good indicator of what will happen in the future. Always a moving target.
- As of Friday, June 1, we have almost \$20,000 in the bank and income coming in.

- Current cashflow to date 2012 is running a profit, versus deficit in 2011. Income is ahead of 2011 and expenses are lower.

- Noted that there is now a business plan in place and plans to put in place a financial reserve fund. Thanked the Board for their work on this and applauded the Board for approving the plan.

- 2011 Year End Financial Report presented.

- Noted that in 2011 we fared much better than other non-profits. Our collections and assets are safe and secure, despite cashflow issues in 2011.

- Noted that large deficit for 2011 was due mainly to one-time expenses like Hospital clean-up.

- Went over 2011 Financial Report, answered questions from Board and members.

- Treasurer Mason will donate the printing costs for the 2011 Year End Report.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – Sponsorship brochure samples shown.

- *Carter* – Written report provided. eBay sales of surplus scale models have netted almost \$2500 to date. Asked Board to start putting out more reports with more info so that members can see what progress is being made.

- *Cochran* – Has been looking at operation from new position as Superintendent. Agreed with Tom Carter's comments and added more statements that we need more communications and better communications.

- *Holmes* – Asked about status on moving equipment from his property. Quotes are coming in.

Event Reports

- *Portola Railroad Days 2012* – Committee is meeting every Monday. So far, no funders have come forward. Still unsure if they will be able to have event. Old accounts are being closed out so that new committee can move forward. Committee would like a Winterail type event in the evening, but we will wait and see how event develops. Asked about museum operating shuttle. Suggestion that it might be better to have Plumas Transit operate. Suggestion to lock up local business people other figures in Party Caboose "jail" as a fundraiser. Museum has committed to doing some events on property and those are the only ones we will do. Live steam group with rideable equipment is willing to come. Suggestion to have FRRS booth uptown to direct people to museum. Thanks to Debra Baer for all her work and contacts.

Department Reports

- *Operations* – 4 more qualified for operations. Thanks to Tom Carter for all his work on training, also thanks to Rick Gruninger and Bill Parker for their ops work.

- *Museum Store* – Restocking is in process, bringing in things for girls and toddlers as we have been getting requests. Have received a lot of stock for Dunsmuir.

2013 Western Pacific Historical Convention



1903 - "110 YEARS OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC" - 2013 May 17 – 19, 2013 - Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Hosted by the California State Railroad Museum - located in Old Sacramento, California

Clinics and Shows...

- Sac Northern Diesels - history and modeling by Scott Inman
- Rare Films from the Virgil Staff Collection
- Alameda and San Joaquin by Wayne Monger
- The Western Pacific in San Francisco by Jeff Asay
- WP's Blood Car "Charles O. Sweetwood" by Eugene Vicknair
- Western Pacific Diesels by Dale Sanders
- More to be announced soon...
- Presentation and Discussion on the Future Direction of the FRRS – WPRRHS – WPRM

Featuring...

- Archive and Photo Exhibits
- Disney California Zephyr Exhibit
- Vendors and Special Guests
- Model Railroad Layout Tours
- Our Ever Popular Raffle!
- Modeling Display & Competition

Special Events...

- A guided overview of the CSRM Archives
- Special Train Ride & Reception aboard the Sacramento Southern Railroad
- Catered Banquet in the CSRM Roundhouse
- Night Photography Clinic hosted by noted photographer Ken Rattenne
- The "R Street Ramble", walking tour of WP's R Street Line
hosted by WP historian Tom Campbell

2013 Convention Hotel Deal

Hawthorn Suites - Sacramento
Double Queen Suites: \$67 per room, per night, plus tax max of four guests
Call the Front Desk, (916) 441-1200, and let the Agent know that you are with the Feather River Rail Society

See next page for Fares and other information - Register on-line at <http://convention.WPLives.org> or mail payments to: WP Historic Convention 2013, 12012 Gold Arbor Lane, Gold River, CA 95670

Non-members wishing to join FRRS can receive a 1 year Active membership for \$15 more over cost of any non-member fare. This is a 50% discount over regular Active membership. As a special bonus, current members wishing to renew their Active memberships can also do so for 50% off (\$25 extra) when they register.

Guest Speaker and Event Line-Up will be announced soon. Convention info available at <http://Convention.WPLives.org>.

Scott McAllister, Convention Chair

eMail - convention@WPLives.org

2013 Western Pacific Railroad Historical Convention

1903 - Celebrating 110 Years of the Western Pacific - 2013

May 17 – 19, 2013 - Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Hosted by the California State Railroad Museum - Located in Old Sacramento, California

Convention Pre-Registration

Combination Fare (convention and banquet)	— <input type="text" value=""/> ^{qty}	\$80 - FRRS member	<input type="text" value=""/> ^{qty}	\$90 - non member
Convention only	— <input type="text" value=""/>	\$40 - FRRS member	<input type="text" value=""/>	\$50 - non-member
Banquet only (available until May 1)	— <input type="text" value=""/>	\$45		
Non-Member 1 Year FRRS Active Membership	— <input type="text" value=""/>			+\$15
FRRS Member Active Renewal Discount	— <input type="text" value=""/>	+\$25		
Photo Clinic with Ken Rattenne – Friday 7:00 PM	— <input type="text" value=""/> ^{qty}			+\$20
R Street Ramble with Tom Campbell – Sunday 8:00 AM	— <input type="text" value=""/>			+\$12
TOTAL FARE			\$	<input type="text" value=""/>

Pre-Registration ends May 1, 2013 - Register on-line at convention.WPLives.org or mail payment and this form

note: There is no charge for non-rail spouses to attend the convention, but they need to be registered and have paid fare to attend the clinics, banquet and some special events.

Attendee Info:

name	<input type="text"/>				FRRS member #	<input type="text"/>
spouse or guest name	<input type="text"/>					
mailing address	street	<input type="text"/>				
	city	state	zip code	country		
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>			
optional	phone number	eMail				
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>			
Payment by CHECK or CREDIT CARD	card type	MC	Visa	card number		
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	CCV	expiration				
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Mail payments to: WP Historic Convention 2013, 12012 Gold Arbor Lane, Gold River, CA 95670

Make checks payable to: FRRS or Feather River Rail Society
 please note 2013 Convention in memo line

Any questions, please contact the organizers by email at convention@wplives.org

Lots of changes happening in Store. Will also be doing more communication coordination. Thanks to Stephanie Parker, Matt and David Elems, Debra Baer, Debbie Reynolds and everyone else who has volunteered for Store operations

Committee Reports

- *Web Operations* – Request to do new publicity of FRRS Yahoo List and verify members on list.
- *Election* – Written report provided. As of 3 days after mailing, over 50 ballots have been returned. Ballots will be counted July 14.

Safety Report

- Bees and hornets are a big problem this year.

Public Comments

- Gail McClure thanked Ron and Ann Huey for donating \$100 in honor of her and Rod's anniversary.
- Ron Huey thanked the Board for their work. Stated that he is impressed with the positive direction that he is seeing and wanted to underscore the importance of communication. Noted that we need to get word out that Society needs volunteers, assistance, etc. Applauded emails on FRRS List in recent weeks discussing activities at the museum.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:45 PM and reconvened to open session at 5:28 PM. Director Vicknair 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 personnel issue – Communication. Consensus direction given.

The Board heard a report on a personnel issue – Personnel. Consensus direction given.

July 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondence

- Tom Grey at V&T wants turntable out in 2 weeks.
- Bernard LaBonte asked Frank Brehm for track diagram copies, Frank asked for donation to Society in exchange
- Need to move WP dispatcher desk from Sacramento

Announcement of 2012 Election Results

Due to the revised schedule resulting from the invalidated first mailing, the announcement of the election occurred during the July Meeting and was followed by the seating of the new Board.

Ed Wagner gave report on remailed election results. Reported that he tried to get the election remailed as quickly and accurately as possible.

Tellers were Debra Baer, Kirk Baer and Ron Huey.

Total 903 ballots mailed, received 10 back undeliverable. Received 398 ballots (about 44.6% return), 1 invalidated due to ballot error.

Results:

Write-ins

Railroad Brat	Rod McClure
Bil Jackson	Bob Sims
J. Chris Allan	Keith Gillette
Carry Cochran (SIC)	Thom Anderson
Rus Johnson (2)	Craig Simmons (3)
Scott McAllister (11)	Kirk Baer (14)

Nominees (* = elected)

David Epling: 73 votes

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 or 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.

Frank Brehm: 103

*Charlie Spikes: 205 – 1 year seat

*Greg Elems: 215 – 2 year seat

*Gail McClure: 255 – 3 year seat

*Eugene Vicknair: 312 – 3 year seat

*Steve Habeck: – 346 – 3 year seat

President McClure thanked Ed Wagner for his work

In compliance with By-Laws requirement, Rod McClure resigned his Board Seat

Seating of New Board

Board of Directors for 2012 – 2013

Charlie Spikes	Steve Habeck
Wayne Monger	Tom Carter
Norm Holmes	Eugene Vicknair
Greg Elems	Kerry Cochran
Gail McClure	

Motion 12-07-01

Consent Calendar

Motion to table consent calendar.

Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.

Motion carries.

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2012

- Matt Shuman gave report.
- Whole event overall went well. Some minor problems and issues in the "Silver Plate" diner car which were solved quickly.
- Had last minute surprise insurance issue. It was resolved, but brings up issues with future events.
- President McClure discussed surprise issues with last minute insurance. Has approached UP reps about how to deal with this in future. If not resolved, we will not be able to do off site trips. Believes we can get this resolved, however. One answer may be using Dunsmuir City insurance.
- Had problems with Silver Plate. There were messes left in car (deposit forfeited). Fundraisers in car did well, but we did not receive anything. Recommended that we enforce proposed fee charge in future. Also had mess in UP 105, garbage was left in car.
- Gift Shop sales were down about 25% from last year. Feel that lack of booths in railroad yard hurt the business with our store and trains. RR Days Committee is considering this.
- Overall attendance was down about 10% over last year. Speeder rides were also down.
- No problems with train and equipment.
- Had volunteer BBQ on Sunday night that everyone chipped in for.
- Certificates of appreciation are being sent by Dunsmuir Days Committee to people who assisted with event.

- Social media publicity appears to have helped publicize event.

Equipment Scrapping

- Written report provided.
- Question about condition of wedge plow for scrapping. Consensus to remove it from list.
- President McClure is talking to scrappers.
- Consensus to proceed with scrapping SP 4450.

Archives Policies, Mission and Procedures

- Written reports and samples of contracts / documents provided.
- Suggestion that we give everyone a month to review and be prepared to vote on them at next meeting.
- Request for internal temp data from the Simplot car before we approve moving materials from Reno into Simplot car. Concerns that moving to car may conflict with agreements we have for archives donations.
- Matt Parker will look into device for checking temp and humidity.
- Consensus direction to table for action at August meeting.
- Discussion about how to arrange archive cars if we move to that use.

Motion 12-07-02

Publications

- Written report provided.
- Positive expressions for expanding our book publications and moving into digital, DVD, etc

Accept report and approve exploring expanded publications.

Brehm / Habeck. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.

Motion carries.

Director Oath of Office

- Written report provided.
- Comment that statement of faith be removed.
- Comment that a verbal oath of office is common in other organizations which are recorded in the minutes.
- Wording presented is a combination of other organization's oaths.
- Consensus to table to August for action.

Motion 12-07-03

Brochure Printing

- Written report and brochure sample provided.
- Cost is \$1500 for 5000.
- WP 2001 special RAL is shown as \$1000 on website.
- Suggestion to have WP 2001 special as a stand alone RAL at \$500. Would need advance notice.
- Discussion about other alterations to the RAL program, ideas to increase revenue.

Motion to proceed with 5000 brochures for \$1500 plus tax, version B with removing specific 2001 note and exchange for different information. New version to be sent to Board. From line item 67010 – Advertising. Monger / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

Motion 12-07-04

Sale of Southern Pacific SD9 4404

- Written report provided.
- Western Rail Inc. will ship all parts for alignment coupler conversion, we will install as part of sale.
- Sale price is \$45,000.

Motion to approve sale contract as provided. Vicknair / Habeck. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carries.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Received nasty letter and bogus bill from a man who wanted to buy a surplus signal box from us. We sent part that appeared to be one he specified, but he claimed it was not. Never paid for part and has started being abusive in email. We have now turned this over to legal. Tom Carter dealt with man and has been talking to our legal counsel.
- eBay sales are doing well. We are seeing good returns on donated models. Have sold about \$2700 in last month. Norm has donated more materials.
- We received a donation of about 27,000 slides of other railroads, bridges and Paris. We will be looking at these for resale.
- We may have an event in Sparks with Union Pacific next month. Still waiting on information.
- Coordinating with Scott Franklin to review moving equipment from Norm's house. Need to move WP turntable soon.
- Recommendation to let volunteers for gift shop claim mileage for driving to and from Reno. Item 53050 – Payroll Expense. Suggestion to let volunteers use that budget item for mileage. Current mileage rate is about \$0.55 / mile. Consensus to proceed.

Financial Report

- Financials and written report provided.
- Reviewed status of financials. We are doing better than same time last year. We are looking good so far.
- Expenses in gift shop have been way down. Was losing money last year, is making money this year.
- Comments that cost of some things like EMD oil are going up dramatically.
- Recommendation that we enforce documentation for credit card charges.
- Announced that he will not stand for Treasurer for

August officer election. Suggested that we search outside the Board for Treasurer. Willing to assist new person and will help with search.

- Graph charting profit / loss was shown. Everyone likes the graph and would like to continue seeing it.
- Update on 4th Street House: lined up appraiser, but they went on vacation for 2 weeks. We have a realtor. Charlie Spikes took care of weed clean-up.
- Going to get someone to clean weeds from property. Will need to pay some expenses for this. We have had scrap pickers searching through Hospital property.

Director's Reports

- *Brehm* – Recommendation we dump the FRRSList. Question about why FRRSList members need to be FRRS members. Suggestion to have Matt Elems take over FRRSList and reorganize list. Matt Parker and Tom Carter will be moderators on the FRRSList. Consensus direction to maintain the FRRSList and appoint Matt Parker and Tom Carter as moderators. They will manage the membership of the list.
- Concerns about issues with membership list and other items with our bookkeeper.

Event Reports

- *Portola Railroad Days 2012* – Committee went to Ray Breedlove of Union Pacific with questions about RR Days. Committee looking for ways to enhance revenue. Looking for ways to support local civic groups but not event itself. Concerns about planning for Railroad Days by committee. No admission but we are charging for train rides. Thanks to Debra Baer for being our representative with the RR Days Committee.

Department Reports

- *Publications* – report provided. Planning for a Headlight focusing on Meeker collection with related article in Train Sheet.
- *Historic* – Elko is looking to be out for 2013 Convention. Some discussion on having one closer.
- *Museum Store* – Working on stocking the Store as we were low on product. Now have new designs that are selling well, have restocked shorts. Almost out of toys for kids. Last week almost all days were around \$1000 in sales, almost \$1900 today. Offer to advertise in flyers at local RV parks. Estimated cost would be about \$850 for all three. We have \$2700 in ad budget, have spent \$1100 so far. Thanks to the volunteers who have been working in the Store and doing RALs. Consensus direction to approve ads for three RV parks (Feather River \$165, Grizzly \$165 and Clio River's Edge \$399) taking from line item 67010 - Advertising.

Status of Surplus Property Report

- *US Navy MRS-1 544* – Alco Museum in New York is

interested. Direction to offer between \$10,000 - \$14,000. Use of flatcar Big Red free, no pay for tiedown and chain return. They cover Big Red return movement and must provide idler flat as required by UP.

Public Comments

- *Ed Wagner* – recommendation to revisit and possibly revise election process. Feels that there needs to be greater oversight and review by the Board of the election. Due to recent events in the last two elections, feels this is needed. Opinions expressed as FRRS member, not as election chair. Thanks again to Ed Wagner for his great work on the election.
- Ed Wagner made \$100 donation for iVolunteer software.
- *Matt Parker* – Someone donated cast iron freight car brake beams. Asked that we ramp up volunteer recruiting.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:43 PM and reconvened to open session at 7:59 PM. Director Vicknair 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 business issue – Business Opportunity. Consensus direction given.”

August 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondance

- Wayne Monger had first draft of a news release from Cascade Rail Foundation concerning fundraising for MILW U25B 5057 that he shared with the Board.
- Wayne Monger shared a letter of July 29 from the Meeker (Harold, Lorraine, Larry and Bill) Family concerning the Meeker Collection. He also shared a letter from July 6 from Harold Meeker to Cheryl Meeker asking that a condition allowing special access to the collection for the Meeker Family be included in the donation. He then shared a letter from July 7 from Cheryl Meeker to Harold Meeker concerning her thoughts on this request. Director Monger also related a letter and discussions he has had with the Meeker Family concerning these communications and issues surrounding the donation. This will be placed on the September agenda for discussion in Closed Session.
- Some discussion concerning the Meeker communications occurred. Consensus to review and discuss at September meeting. Director Vicknair will review with FRRS legal counsel before next meeting.

- Charlie Spikes shared a thank you note to the Society for helping with awards for the Cake Run.

Election of Officers

Nominations held before each vote.

Office of President

Nominees: Rod McClure (Spikes / Elems)
Debra Baer (Monger / Holmes)

Open vote held

McClure – 6, Baer – 2
Rod McClure elected

Office of Vice-President

Nominees: Steve Habeck (Carter / G. McClure)
Steve Habeck elected

Office of Secretary

Nominees: Eugene Vicknair (Habeck / Holmes)
Eugene Vicknair elected

Office of Treasurer

Nominees: none
Election of Treasurer tabled to September Board Meeting
James Mason will advise for next month

Departments, Committee and Chair Appointments

Tabled to September Board Meeting
Noted that WPRRHS is without an Administrator

Motions 12-08-01 and 12-08-02

Consent Calendar

Accept June 2012 Minutes.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 3.
Motion carries.

Accept amended July 2012 Minutes.

G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

Motion 12-08-03

Archives Policies, Mission and Procedures

- Jeff Asay sent a comment opposing movement of the archives from Reno to Portola until a full facility is created in Portola. He also felt that costs were high for current status of our facilities.
- Director Vicknair sent comments previously to the Board.
- Director Habeck suggested that we can modify and alter the procedures, fees, etc. as we go along.
- Debra Baer felt that the procedures and policies were, in some cases, too cumbersome and not user-friendly.

This included time lines for access being set at possibly 4 weeks.

- Director Habeck expressed that we need to get something in place and that this is a good first attempt.
- Director Elems also felt that we do need to get something in place and then modify.
- Director Gail McClure stated that she feels it is a good idea to be clear with our time limits and access at this stage. We can refine and tweak these documents. They are a dynamic framework.
- Director Habeck outlined current status of archives and need for policies in place.
- Director Gail McClure expressed concerns with moving archives to Portola.
- Director Vicknair recommended reviewing status in near future after adopting.
- Comments for changes to be sent to Eugene Vicknair as Secretary.
- Director Monger expressed concerns that some of these could conflict with By-Laws concerning WPRRHS establishment.

Motion to accept recommended policies, procedures and mission with understanding that this is a dynamic document and will be reviewed for status in 6 months (February 2013 meeting).

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

Director Oath of Office

- Director Vicknair sent comments previously to the Board concerning wording and intent of the proposed oath. Suggestion to refer to this as an Acknowledgement of Obligations and Responsibilities and have it be a signed document.
- Suggestion to redraft along the lines of recommendations by Director Vicknair and resubmit.
- Consensus direction to redraft based on comments and submit for September meeting.

David Healy Photography

- Written report provided.
- Contract to allow David Healy non-exclusive access to photograph equipment and grounds and sell resulting artwork prints. FRRS would receive 30% of net proceeds via check 4 times per year. There is no direct cost to the FRRS.
- Noted that David Healy has often aided the Society.
- Consensus to forward to legal for review and ensure that there is an escape clause in the contract.
- Will not require any equipment to be moved special.
- Suggestion that he become a member, if he is not, in order to be protected under insurance.
- Director Vicknair will forward to legal counsel.

Colfax Railroad Days 2012

- Director Carter has been in contact with Jim Woods of Placer – Sierra concerning Colfax RR Days 2012. Reviewed feedback from last event wrap-up meeting.
- Date for event would be October 6-7, 2012.
- Question to the Board as to whether we want to do the event again.
- Noted that we have had to raise our insurance to \$5 million at Union Pacific request. We are looking at ways to reduce cost for this coverage.
- Colfax people have been given copy of event guidebook along with new costs for per diem, etc.
- Proposal to keep per diem costs at \$35 for this year event. Lodging and other costs would be covered by Colfax event.
- Store gross income for 2011 near \$5000 for event.
- Director Gail McClure noted that 10% - 15% of RALs this year resulted from contacts at Colfax 2011. Also many new visitors came to the museum having seen us at Colfax.
- Would also assist our relationship with new management at UP Roseville.
- Consensus direction to President McClure and Director Carter to continue negotiations with Colfax.

Lease of Locomotive

- Written report provided.
- Concerns about leasing SP 2873 since it does not have alignment control couplers.
- Director Gail McClure pointed out that SP 2873 is primary RAL locomotive.
- WP 2001 is the only GP we have with alignment control couplers.
- Discussion about daily costs and earning from possible lease.
- James Mason suggested free lease in exchange for installation of alignment couplers in SP 2873.
- Consensus direction to President McClure and Directors Carter and Vicknair to continue exploration.

Movement of Equipment from Holmes Property

- Written report provided.
- Scott Franklin is working on permits from Plumas County, having some roadblocks in getting them.
- Director Carter had question about recent issues with county. Plumas County is struggling with reduction of workforce and are having trouble keeping up with volume of work.
- President McClure and Scott Franklin may have to travel to Quincy to obtain permits.
- Director Holmes expressed frustration with the delays in movement.

Display of Feather River & Western Locomotive

- Written report provided.

- Director Carter proposing putting FR&W Plymouth locomotive on status display in a prominent location alongside the main operating line of the museum.
- Pointed out that we need to move Norm's equipment in short timeline and may not have time to set up the display area ahead of time.
- Discussion concerning short timeline with needing to move the equipment. We may not be able to just roll it right off truck and may need to do display later.
- James Mason suggested cost could be covered out of restricted Building Fund as facilities display.
- General approval of display concept.
- Concensus direction to table concept until after equipment is moved.

Western Pacific Caboose 428 Restoration Proposal

- Written report provided.
- Matt and David Elems have been doing repairs on WP 428. Due to extent of decay found, are proposing a restoration and adding some safety modifications.
- Current work has been charged to Restorations item.
- Discussion of plans for work to be done.
- Suggestion to make modification of adding a steel plate under floor over each wheel in deference to proposed use in road show trains.
- Steve Habeck is guiding their work. They have been following guidelines and receiving information from Mike Mucklin on caboose layout and history.
- Thanks to Wilsons for their assistance.
- Rick Carter has offered to come to museum and do an air brake class to assist with restoration / repair of old air brake equipment. Also offered to help with caboose restoration.
- Director Habeck noted that another caboose in caboose train is showing rot and will need similar work.
- Director Gail McClure asked if they need budget approval for work.
- James Mason pointed out that budget can be handled under Restoration line item for small amounts.
- Direction given to establish major costs and come to Board for budget approval.
- Concensus direction given to proceed.

President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Request to put trackwork weekend on calendar, blog and FRRS list.
- WP SW1500 1503 is alive and well thanks to Seth Adams. Still problems with the wheel slip relay.
- *Mechanical* - Dave McClain and Dwight Whetstone finished all cylinder replacement on SP GP9 2873 and it no longer spews oil. They checked the Quincy 1000 and found the spark arrestor was full of oil and junk. That has been drained and fixed. They are now focusing on the WP 501 for repair.

- *Museum Store* - Big thanks to The Girls and Boys in the gift shop.
- *Portola Railroad Days* - Our Hot Dog vendor from Reno canceled out, but Gail McClure has someone else lined up for RR days.
- *Trackwork* - Greg Elems will be organizing a track work weekend after RR days to fix the balloon.
- *Oroville Turntable* - Have not heard back from Tom Grey about moving the turntable from Virginia City.
- *Norm Equipment Move* - Waiting to hear from Scott Franklin about moving Norm's equipment. Talked to him last on Thursday and he was to get back to me today with information on Plumas County permits
- *Fourth Street House* - Gail McClure went to Quincy and resolved the tax and title issues with the house in person. Should have a clean title in a few weeks.

Financial Reports

- Reports and financials provided.
- We are running a net profit of \$25,855 this year as opposed to approx. \$40,000 deficit last year.
- Our expenses are down quite a bit from last year.
- RAL gross is down, but profit is up from last year.
- Admissions are down about \$503 from last year. Gail McClure feels that overall attendance is down about 25%, but we are doing better at capturing admission.
- About \$15,000 of Hospital expenses were carried into this year. Without those, profit would be over \$40,000.
- Suggestion that Board build up money to buy locomotives back from Endowment Fund in future.
- Discussion about Cost of Ownership for having equipment in collection and what it means.
- Compliments for the Board on their progress in fundraising and Short Term Capital Plan.
- Director Carter asked if we are in cash position to make big payment on short term credit.
- Concerns with taking too much cash on hand to handle short term credit payoff.
- Suggestion to pay larger segment of short term credit from James Mason and Director Gail McClure.

Motion 12-08-04

Motion to pay all current expenses plus interest plus \$500 for the next three months. Issues to be revisited for review at that time (November 2012).

G. McClure / Monger. Aye – 9, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.
Motion carries.

- Noted that electric bill has come down dramatically. Switch to Liberty Energy and use of CFL bulbs in shop contributed to this change.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – Fred Elenbaas restriped the handicapped

parking area, including renting the sprayer to do the work. Thank you to Fred for his help! Reminder to use credit card reporting forms.

Department Reports

- *Publications* – written report submitted. Train Sheet issue 159 received by members, issue 160 done and sent for printing.
- *Museum Store* – There is some purchasing that will need to happen. Adding more custom shirts and other items. Web store is under rebuilding. Issues with tax and shipping charges have been resolved. Thank you to the volunteers who are working on the Store and the RALs. Special thanks to Matt and David Elems, Stephanie Parker, Deanna Fecko, Loren Ross, Charlie Spikes, Matt Parker and others.

Status of Surplus Property Report

- *USNavy MRS-1 544* – Alco Museum in Schenectady, NY is considering the offer authorized last meeting.
- *SP SD9 4404* – Western Rail approved the contract with two adjustments requested. We are working on getting a UP interchange inspection before deciding on these requests.
- *SP Beet Gons* – Another museum has expressed an interest in one of the beet gons. Negotiations are in progress. Santa Maria Valley would like the other, but is unsure how to effect movement. They are discussing.

Safety Report

- Be careful of wasps. Very bad this year.

Public Comments

- WP desk needs to move from Sacramento.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:45 PM and reconvened to open session at 8:10 PM. Director Vicknair reported following the closed session:

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

The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.

The Board heard a report on a business issue – Rail Festival. No action taken.

September 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Correspondance

- David Healy photo contract approved by legal.

- Two authors working on romance / mystery novels taking place on California Zephyr, looking for info. Director Vicknair will respond to them.
- Correspondence on Meeker collection issues.

Election of Officers

Office of Treasurer

- Recommendation to ask James Mason to act as interim Treasurer and assist in search for new permanent Treasurer.
- Consensus to proceed this way for now.

Department, Committee and Chair Appointments

- Current appointments remain in place. Tabled to October.
- Kyle Wyatt has agreed to become WPRRHS Administrator.

Motion 12-09-01

Consent Calendar

Accept August 2012 Minutes.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.
Motion carries.

Colfax Railroad Days 2012

- Event is up in the air right now. Maybe 50-50 chance.
- Waiting to hear back from UP Omaha.
- Discussion about status of event.

September minutes continued in next issue...

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*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 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 Eugene Vicknair by email at trainsheet@wplives.org.

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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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- Youth 4 – 18... \$4.00
- 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.

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Cab Rides

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