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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.

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*Cover Photo - Western Pacific boxcar 64004 catches some light from one of our night time security lights. This 50' insulated boxcar built in 1965 serves as our "road car" hauling tools and supplies for off-site events.*

*- Eugene John Vicknair photo*

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**Preserving "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"**



**- 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	www5.pair.com/rattenne/WP/TidelIndex.htm
Central Calif Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco/

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**April**      *Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM*

**12-13 Crew Training/Rules Exam**

For those who want to join our Operations Crew, come to the crew training weekend. Our experienced Ops volunteers will instruct you in train operations and then you can take the test and sign up! Current Ops Department personnel are required to update their training each year.

**26 Volunteer Day - dinner 6 PM ... Museum Opens to the Public for 2014**

Our annual event to honor and train our volunteers. At 2:00 PM, there will be training and information for our volunteers concerning safety, museum operations and visitor interaction. At 6:00 PM will be a dinner for our volunteers. There will also be chances to learn about the equipment and archive materials in the FRRS collections.

**26-27 Crew Training/Rules Exam**

A second chance training weekend for those who want to join our Operations Crew.

**May**      *Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM*

**3-10 Steam Department Work Session**

Work has shifted to reassembly of our Western Pacific 0-6-0 165! If you would like to get hands on with a steam locomotive and help restore this classic switcher that once served Portola yard, come on up to the Steam Work Session.

**24 Operating Season Opens**

Bring yourself, your family and friends when we start our regular weekend train operations on May 24th! Train rides provided every weekend from this day throughout the summer.

**June**      *Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM*

**7 Board Meeting - 1 PM**  
**Members Bar-B-Que - 5:30 PM**  
**Annual Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM**

This is our big, annual meeting for all members of the FRRS. Come join us for what is always an awesome dinner in the Diesel Shop and stay for the Membership meeting where Board Election results are announced and you can talk to the directors and department heads and hear about the plans for the upcoming year. Special events are also held, including special tours of the collection led by volunteer docents.

**July**      *Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM*

**17-19 Steam Department Work Session**

Our second work summer work session focused on WP 0-6-0 165.

**August**      *Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM*

**8-10 Portola Railroad Days**

Our annual big event held in conjunction with the city of Portola.

## WP 165 PROGRESS

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

There is nothing like planning a trip a year in advance only to get ill one day before you are supposed to leave for a week. Due to a nasty flu courtesy of our local school district, I was not able to attend the Fall 2013 work session. Lucky for me, Steve Lee offered to coordinate things in my stead, not a bad deal to say the least!

Steve reported in after the session, and outlined what was accomplished:

- Left main reservoir is on and tightened down.
- Right main reservoir: Will need to move one bracket, which will result in reusing one stud in its present location and installing two new studs. The other bracket will be left in place.
- 4 of the 6 binders are tight. Need to chase some of the threads on the #1 binder studs.
- Wedge adjusters are in place on the #2 and #3, but

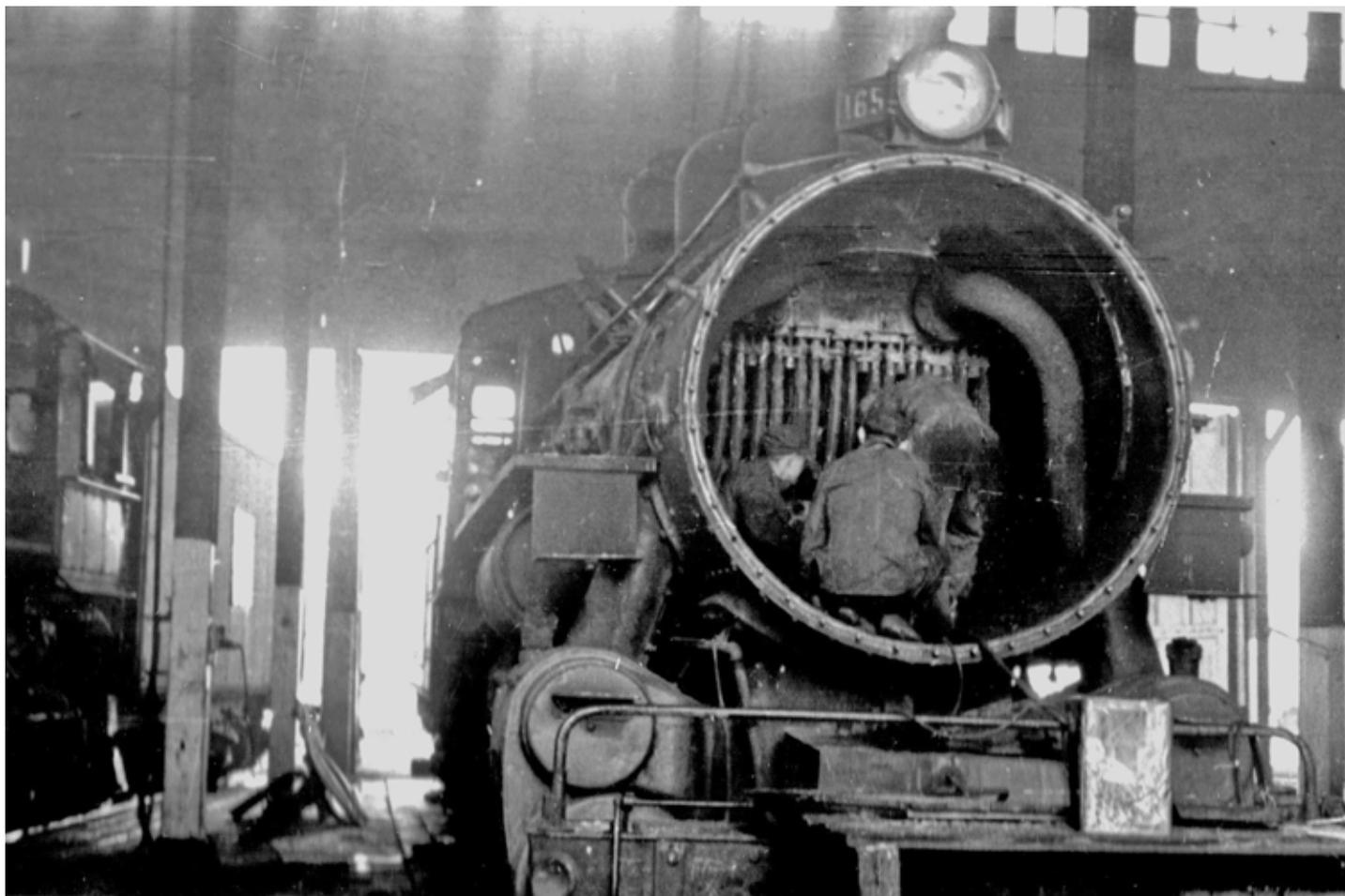
are not tightened up. Felt it unnecessary to do so until we have the engine trammed and everything properly adjusted. Once the engine is trammed and all adjustments made, can start hanging the brake rigging, safety straps, and lower sand pipes.

- Left brake cylinder in place and secured.
- More scaling, grinding and priming done. More crap dug out of the mudring. Still a lot in there, though.
- Rear tube sheet knuckle fitted up and rivet holes drilled. Ready to weld.
- Both sides of tender frame scaled, wire-brushed and primed. Need to look over the center sill around the rear truck to see if it is broken/patched like it is at the front truck. This thing obviously had a heck of an impact to the rear at one time in it's past, as both side sills have been replaced from the rear to about 6 feet forward.

Big thanks to Steve for opening the store in my absence. Others helping out this time include Ken



David Elems works on the front pilot of the rapidly reassembling WP 165. - Dave Roth photo



WP 165 receives servicing in the Portola Roundhouse, October 2, 1945.

- Bob Sims collection, FRRS

and Nancy Harding, Jeff Boone, Dave Roth, Dave Anderson, Kirk Baer, Ed Chase, Hank Stiles, Charlie Spikes, Mike Garritta and Eddie Powell.

Ken was in the boiler when the locomotive was shoved back into its spot a few feet, so he gave Steve a dime for the fare. That marks the first revenue the 165 has generated since its arrival! Steve gave the coin to Gail McClure who will either hold onto it or place it into the General Fund.

Thanks again to Steve Habeck, and the Elems for getting everything in place prior to the work session. Having the engine over the pit made working on the binders much easier.

Our primary goal for 2014 should be completing a successful hydrostatic test on the boiler. For this to happen will take a great deal of effort on the part of all of us, but when we pull together, a lot can get done. This is evidenced by last year's effort to get the chassis back on its drivers, as well as putting up the rebuilt springs. When we work as a team it can

happen. Thanks again to Roger Stabler for funding the spring rehabilitation!

As I write this, the superheater flue material has arrived in Mineral, Washington and they await the swaging on the ends. This will be done by Stathi Pappas and his crew at the Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad. The completed flues will be brought south in June when Stathi's Porter locomotive number 2 comes back to California for operating dates on several railroads. Thanks to those guys for helping us along with this project. Also thanks again to all of our superheater donors that made this possible! A list of donors is forthcoming.

Steve Lee, along with our friends from Wasatch Railroad Contractors, will be out soon to finish up the welding on the patches after boilermaker Norm Comer completes the fitting of the new metal. We will then be ready for the new rigid and flexible stays. After that there are studs to replace, plugs to make, water glasses to install, and a few other sundry details before we start rolling tubes and flues

in. Plans are being made for a full-out two week long session in Portola to get all of this done, more details as they become available.

Again thanks to all of you have been supporting this project, not only with your donations of time, material and funds, but also with your moral support and kind words of encouragement. That means more to us on the steam crew than you can imagine. See you soon, and have a great Spring season!

Our next work session will be Spring 2014, May 3rd - May 10th. I hope to have the Superheater flues on site by then, as well as many of the staybolts made up so we can start rolling in tubes. Dave Varley has the FRA Form 4 just about done, a huge undertaking to be sure, thanks to him for sticking with it.



Jeff Boone helps with the prep for priming.

- Dave Roth photo

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

## April 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Consent Calendar

#### Motion 13-04-01

Accept the minutes for the March 2013 Meeting. Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

### Scrapping of Alaska Power Car

- Written report provided.
- Car is deteriorated. Any power on passenger cars will be undercar type.
- We will keep trucks and some parts.

#### Motion 13-04-02

Accept report and add the Alaska Power Car to scrap list. G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

### Sale of SP SD9 4404

- Written report provided.
- Draft of contract provided to Board.
- Item 4 – Max storage will be 12 months.
- We will not load, we will spot cars.
- We will provide water and electrical for crew use, no welding gas, no forklifts.
- Remove FRA item about making roadable.
- Scrap site must be made clean and returned to usable condition.
- Once contracts are mutually accepted, \$40,000 is non-refundable.
- Services / access are weather and volunteer permitting.
- Remove interchange item.
- Cannot use Edenwold, Lounge Car or Shower Car.
- Item 13, Section B – termination
- Consensus approval given with changes and based on final review before vote at May meeting.
- Rick Gruninger to send exact insurance requests.

### Donations / Fundraising Campaign

- Written report provided.
- Concerns that there are other expenses and we need to address those in addition to work receiving donations.
- Consensus: Spring Fundraising Letter will be modified to include donation challenge and will focus on fencing.
- Discussion of what our priority should be in building facilities. Concerns about needing to complete Disney Zephyr Project.
- Consensus to table Capital Fund Campaign to May.

#### Motion 13-04-03

Accept the donations and direct Steve Habeck as signer

on stock fund to authorize sale of donated stock as soon as available and transfer funds to Museum account. Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

- Thank you to Bob Sims and James Mason for their donations to this.

### **Facilities Improvements**

- Written report provided.
- Proposal to adopt facilities projects for work based on donations received. These projects will be the facility fencing and completing the walkway / loading area along the south side of the Diesel Shop.

#### Motion 13-04-04

Approve the fencing project and Train Loading Walkway extension based on the accepted donations and funds to be raised from the Spring Fundraising Letter. Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

### **Battery Chargers**

- Written report provided.
- Proposed acquisition of new battery chargers for locomotive batteries.
- Consensus to table to July Meeting.

### **Special Recognition Life and Active Memberships**

- Written report provided.
- Approve two Life Memberships and one Active Membership for volunteers Matt and David Elems and Deanna Fecko.
- Concern that there are others who have spent more hours and deserve Life Memberships more than the Elems brothers.
- Nomination is based on the volume of labor and importance of the projects they have taken on. Last two years, they have been here 5-6 days a week through most of the year.
- Comments made that their work has been essential in getting us through financial crisis of the last two years.
- In 2012, each was worked over 1,600 hours.

#### Motion 13-04-06

Accept report as presented and grant Life Memberships to Matt and David Elems and a 1 year Active Membership to Deanna Fecko in recognition of their service to the organization. G. McClure / Spikes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

### **Equipment Storage**

- Written report provided.
- Review proposed policy and procedure changes for

stored private equipment.

- Checks received from Wayne Monger and Vic Neves for equipment storage.
- Some of the insurance endorsements for private equipment storage gets sent to the museum. Copies need to get to Tom Carter.
- Discussion on how insurance endorsements are handled.
- Suggestion to accept report and offer monthly, quarterly and annual pay option.
- Consensus to accept the report and ask for rewording to cover monthly, quarterly or annual payments.

### **Archives Insurance**

- Quote provided for insurance for the Meeker collection.
- Review proposed insurance policy for Meeker archive materials.
- We are under contract to provide insurance for the complete collection.
- Finding insurance was not easy due to specialized nature of the collection.
- Quote is for \$250,000 in protection. Annual premium is \$2500 plus fees. Deductible is \$2500.
- All risk coverage: fire, water, vandalism, etc.

#### Motion 13-04-07

Accept insurance quote and enact insurance for the Meeker collection. Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0. Motion carries.

### **President's Report**

- Written report provided.
- The process of reopening the Museum for the season has begun. RAL fleet up and running. Museum Store getting organized and cleaned along with the inventory.
- Dave McClain has been of great help by having the hydraulic rams for the backhoe and forklift rebuilt at no cost to us.
- Rick Grunniger has been cleaning up the shower car. Please note that the Silver Debris Lounge car is NOT to be used as a sleeping area for anyone. Rick handles the reservations for the sleeper.
- Ordered 3 barrels of EMD oil which we need for RAL engines.
- Many projects have been going on around the museum even with the rotten weather.
- Malley the cat has not been seen for over two months.

### **Financial Reports**

- Reports and financials provided
- Question about how much is in Centennial Fund Locomotive repainting line item. \$5,957.50.
- Fund for Milwaukee 5057 U25B is still on books. This

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC SD9 4404

Over the past several years, the FRRS has undertaken a sometimes controversial reevaluation of our mission and collection. With the membership expressing strongly that they wish to focus on the Western Pacific family of railroads, several of the items that come from other railroads have been considered or approved for deacquisition. These have included Southern Pacific 0-6-0 1215, now cosmetically restored in San Jose, CA; Southern Pacific / Simplot RS32 4004, now at the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum in Campo, CA, and Milwaukee Road U25B 5057, currently being worked on for movement to Cle Elem, Washington.

In all these cases, the FRRS follows a set of policies and guidelines based on recommendations from the Association of Railway Museums. These guidelines ensure that other museums / historical entities are given first and ample opportunity to preserve items deemed to no longer fit in our collection. If there is no interest from these quarters, then the search widens to include industrial buyers and, finally, can even include scrapping.

For over three years, we have been advertising SP SD9 4404 for preservation and, later, commercial sale, following the decision to deaccession it from our collection. This move was undertaken for several reasons, including relevance to the overall mission, operational viability of an SD9 on our museum railroad and the priority of other pieces for repair and restoration. In the end, it was decided that the 4404 needed to go to a new home.

Although several museums expressed interest, various issues prevented any from completing acquisition. In keeping with our guidelines, we widened the offering and a locomotive broker has stepped forward seeking to acquire the 4404 for its lease fleet.

What this means is that the locomotive will see a second life of railroad service and the FRRS will be able to focus its resources, as well as income from the sale of the locomotive, toward other projects that better fit with our mission and goals. These include repainting of WP equipment, improvements to the security of our museum grounds and public exhibits utilizing our archives.

While we wish we could save everything, the fact is that we must make choices in light of fiscal and volunteer-power constraints.

These decisions will not go away. With a collection of over 150 pieces, more hard choices will need to be made. If there is a piece you feel strongly about, consider joining the FRRS' Sponsorship Program, a unique opportunity to provide direct care to a historic item of rolling stock. Recently, a group of members formed to sponsor one of our former Southern Pacific Baldwin AS-616s with the intent of seeing it repainted and placed into Run A Locomotive service to provide income to support the rest of the collection and archives.

Hopefully, at some point we will be able to bring you stories of 4404's new career.

### HOW TO MAKE ADDRESS and MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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

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

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

Or you can call the museum directly at 530.832.4131

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

is to go to Cascade Rail Foundation.

- Updates on Financial amounts: Have about \$14,000 in the B of A account right now. Cash performance much better than last year. Next month we should be positive in cashflow with museum opening. We have some expenditures coming up related to WP 165 work. We need to purchase stock for the Museum Store.
- Bob Sims is donating \$20,000 in stock to kick-off Capital Funding Campaign with a goal of building a display building. Will require some action by Board to approve sale once stock is transferred. He is also donating \$5,000 for sidewalks, \$3,500 for steam fund and \$4,500 for fencing. For fencing, we have also received \$100 from Ron Huey and \$500 from Bruce Veilleux. James Mason is donating \$5,000 for sidewalks, \$3,000 for steam fund and \$5,000 for fencing.
- Overview of how to set up a Capital Funds Campaign. Ties in to New Business Item 3. Discussion about how to proceed and false statements that have been made about Society finances.
- Sales at Winterail were slow for store. Around \$1,500.

### Director's Reports

- *Habeck* – provided report on status of museum. WP Greenville Depot burned March 23rd. Winter caused damage around museum. Report on repairs to WP 484 caboose. Battery servicing in process. Working on radio upgrades in equipment. Due to injury, Steve Habeck has been instructed not to operate any equipment while on injured status.

### Event Reports

- *2013 Convention* – report on convention status. Written report provided. CSRM is rolling out red carpet for us. They are offering to open library for members on Sunday if there is enough interest.

### Committee Reports

- *2013 Elections* – report on status of elections. Everything is on track and on schedule. Printer is doing mailing now and should mail by April 15.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

- Update to O&NW 4 sale and movement.

### Safety Report

- Zero tolerance on sideswipes, switch run-thru, etc. Any incidents will be investigated.

### Notices

- Volunteer Day is coming up April 27.
- WP turntable at Virginia City still needs to be moved.

### Closed Session

Adjourned to closed at 6:27 PM, returned at 6:48 PM

The Board heard a report on a business item – Off-site event. The Board took the following actions:

#### Motion 13-04-08

Add item of urgency to support off-site event.  
Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

#### Motion 13-04-09

Motion to approve \$1000 expenditure from 67180 - Administrative Support – Legal Expense to support initial cost of off-site event.  
Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 6, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

## May 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Consent Calendar tabled to June meeting.

### Correspondence

- Letter from County advising that during the course of digging to repair a water leak on the Hospital property, petroleum products were found in the ground. President McClure has left a message with the appropriate individuals requesting further details with no return call as of this date.

### Sale of SP SD9 4404

Board discussed changes to proposed contract. Contract was referred back to Director Vicknair for recommended changes by consensus direction. Contract to be returned to Board for final approval.

### Life Memberships

Discussion regarding recommendations from Board of Trustees to change the current life membership payment structure. Director Vicknair expressed concerns due to a lack of time to consider recommendations. James Mason expressed concern regarding cost to service life memberships. Item tabled until there has been time to look at this issue in more depth.

### Donation of Numberboards and Beet Gon to CSRM

The idea had been proposed that the Board consider donation of the original 913-A numberboards from the Kenneth J. Meeker / WP Corporate Archives collection currently owned by FRRS to CSRM for placement in the engine. Dr. Cheryl Meeker reportedly is in support of this as long as the numberboards are actually used on the locomotive and not placed in storage.

#### Motion 13-05-01

Motion: Transfer of Ownership of Two (2) Historical

Artifacts from Feather River Rail Society (Western Pacific Railroad Corporate Archives/ Kenneth J. Meeker Collection) to California State Railroad Museum.

Description: Two (2) Original 33"x11 3/4"x3/8" translucent black on white locomotive identification "numberboards" for Western Pacific Railroad EMD Model F7A "913-A".

History: Original 1950-era "numberboards" for 1st Western Pacific F7A 913-A. Transferred to 2nd WP 913-A (original WP 920-A renumbered to WP 913-A) in October 1971. Ownership of "numberboards" transferred to Western Pacific employee Kenneth J. Meeker in late 1977 after WP 913-A was damaged and removed from service due to an internal fire. Last two public display/operational uses of these two original "913-A numberboards" was on the rehabilitated/repainted Western Pacific 913 during the inaugural run of April 24, 1978 and on May 19, 1978.

As per the Ten Year Fractional Donation Agreement between the FRRS and Dr. Cheryl L. Meeker covering the Western Pacific Railroad Corporate Archives/ Kenneth J. Meeker Collection, ownership of these two historical artifacts was transferred to the Feather River Rail Society during December 2012. This proposal transfers ownership of the two (2) historical artifacts to California State Railroad Museum at Sacramento for the reinstallation into Western Pacific F7A 913 for permanent public display. This proposal is made in memory of Kenneth J. Meeker and all Western Pacific Railroad employees during the years 1970 to 1983. Monger/Habeck Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- FRRS has three SP Beet Gons and it has been suggested one be donated to CSR.M.

#### Motion 13-05-02

FRRS to deassign one SP Beet Gon for donation to CSR.M, number to be determined, all cost for loading, tie-down and movement to be the responsibility of CSR.M. Vicknair/Habeck Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

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

- Scrapper has not gotten back to President McClure with estimated revenue and details of equipment scrapping.
- In the process of reactivating DRMO status for the purpose of obtaining military surplus.

#### **Event Reports**

- *2013 Convention* – Director Vicknair provided update

regarding convention. Event is coming together and there are approximately 130 registrants at this time.

#### **Committee Reports**

- *2013 Elections* – Director Habeck reported there have been a rather large number of ballots returned as undeliverable. Recommendation that a request to update addresses be published in The Train Sheet.

#### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Meeker collection now insured.
- CSR.M had some insurance concerns regarding the convention that have been addressed.

#### **Safety Report**

- Wasps are out – be aware to avoid being stung.

#### **Public Comments**

- Debra Baer reported that Chris Skow is working on running several excursion trains in 2014 and would like to provide a presentation to the Board.
- Kirk Baer advised that he is in support of a large season-kickoff event, separate and apart from Portola Railroad Days.

#### **Addition of Item of Urgency**

##### Motion 13-05-03

Addition of Financial Reports to Agenda  
Vicknair / Monger Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0

Financial reports provided

##### Motion 13-05-04

Approval of transfer of \$7,090.94 from BofA account to RBC Investment (Endowment) account.  
Habeck / Spikes Aye – 9 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0

#### **Closed Session**

Adjourned to Closed at 5:16 PM, returned at 5:35 PM

The Board heard a report on a business item – Off-site Event. 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 item – WP Convention. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

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### **June 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary**

#### **Motion 13-06-01**

Consent Calendar

Accept the minutes for the April and May 2013 Meetings.

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

### **Sale of SP SD9 4404**

Board discussed changes to proposed contract.

#### Motion 13-06-02

Accept the contract as revised and move ahead with the sale to Western Rail.

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

Motion carries.

### **RPCA Convention**

- RPCA is having their convention in Reno in February 2015. Would like to use Museum facility for some events.
- Want to use shop for 2 days to do an Amtrak brake and truck seminar.
- They have to provide insurance. Would be weather permitting.
- Chance for us to engage with RPCA and learn latest specs for trucks and brakes.
- Concerns about weather. Would need to make sure Santa Train is torn down.
- Consensus direction to continue exploring this issue.

### **Trustee Qualifications**

- Board of Trustees asked for clarification Clarify whether non-Director Officers can or cannot serve as Trustees.
- Written report provided.
- Noted that by-laws make past presidents ex-officio members of the Board, so they can't serve.
- Noted that focus of Trustees is intended to be different from Board and Officers, so would make sense to restrict.
- Also encourages not having so many people with multiple jobs.

#### Motion 13-06-03

Add sitting Officers to those restricted from serving on Board of Trustees.

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

Motion carries.

### **Acquisition of Equipment**

- Proposal to acquire a single piston diesel injector test bed.
- Written report provided.
- Equipment offered for donation. Moving would cost about \$1500.
- Designed for working on large diesel motors, could be used for our own equipment and as work for hire for outside. Could raise money for us.
- Rod and Gail McClure have offered to transport.
- Wayne Monger suggested that Cle Elem group could bring it down as they will be coming with empty trailer to haul stuff back with MILW 5057.

- Will review this option with Cascade Rail Foundation.

#### Motion 13-06-04

Accept donation and approve cost to move not to exceed \$1500 from line – Acquisition / Transport 52010.

G. McClure / Holmes. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

### **Advertising**

- RV Park brochure printer is offering us \$200 discount for advertising in their publications.
- Past ads in these have been very beneficial for us.
- Consensus direction to proceed.

### **President's Report**

- Western American Railroad Museum in Barstow was vandalized heavily recently.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – Working with Calif. Conservation Corp, surveyor and Concrete contractor on Facilities Projects as approved by Board in April. Awaiting quote on fencing and concrete.

### **Financial Reports**

- Written reports and Financials provided
- Cash in Bank of America is up to \$54,000 with money received from Convention.
- Several expenses for the Convention and Museum Store stock up.
- Our cash position is way better than last year.
- Endowment is up to \$36,102. Has climbed well in last two years.
- Form 990 update is being worked on.
- Life Membership issue – J. Mason made presentation concerning cost of Life Memberships to the organization. Pointed out that inflation has made cost to service much higher. Suggested that perhaps Life Memberships no longer be sold, but might be solely a recognition item. Pointed out that \$300 Life Membership in 1983 is now, by some inflation metrics, a cost of about \$3,000.
- Informed Board that insurance costs since 2000 have been rising as a percentage (5% to 20%) of budget. Insurance costs have been rising and the scope of the insurance has expanded.
- Rick Gruninger stated that insurance costs are expected to rise about 20%-30% over next year or so.
- Gail McClure asked why there was a jump in the electric bill recently. Lots of work has been going on recently that required air compressor and other electric power.

### **Event Reports**

- *2013 Convention* – written report provided. Thanks to Scott McAllister and Eugene Vicknair for their work on the Convention. Consensus direction that we consider

San Jose for 2014 Convention.

- *2013 Volunteer Day* – not too many new people showed up. We need to advertise better next year.

### Department Reports

- *Publications* – written report provided. Have had many requests for reprints of earlier editions. Eugene Vicknair will talk to Mike Mucklin about possibilities.
- *Museum Store* – written report provided. Consensus direction to proceed with suggestions and recommendations, including hiring a member to cover Store for 2-3 days a week.
- *Mechanical* – request for expenditure for parts and equipment, possible action. David Elems would like to order parts to repair known issues and stay ahead of maintenance. Cost could be several hundred to several thousand. Wanted consensus of the Board. One set would be seals for water pumps to allow us to rebuild some spare pumps. SP 2873 is one that needs a water pump. Cover seals for valve covers and radiator gaskets are also needed. Guidance given that \$2000-\$3000 is supportable right now with budget conditions.

### Committee Reports

- *2013 Elections* – Thanks to Ron Huey for co-chairing the election and Matt Shuman for chairing. About 740 ballots sent, 293 envelopes received. About 39.6% rate of return. 342 valid ballots. 4 invalid ballots. 1 returned day late. 3 non-conforming ballots. Tellers were Ann Morningstar and Deborah Harden. No witnesses from candidates. 28 write-ins. 333 – Kirk Baer, 280 – Tom Carter, 299 – Wayne Monger. Thanks to Ed Wagner for his guidance on this election. Bil Jackson sent thanks for changing his address on the fly to reach his temporary work location. No reported problems or issues. One question that was answered. All materials presented sealed to President McClure who signed for the materials. Matt and Ron will be making suggestions to the Board in the future. Matt Shuman and Ron Huey appointed to head election for 2014.

### Safety Report

- Wasps are out – be aware to avoid being stung.

### Public Comments

- Ron Huey suggested that we add a recognition page to the website for thanking members, volunteers and donors who perform services to the Society.
- Greg Elems mentioned that he spoke to some members who were disappointed about Dunsmuir RR Days not happening this year. He assured them that we are working on 2014 event. Encouraged them to come help and thanked them for their support of the Society.
- James Mason encouraged the Board to look at the "Too Many Hats" phenomenon and find more volunteers to

- cover some of these needed jobs and positions. Rod McClure spoke to the need for more volunteers to assist and encouraged people to look for more people.
- Rick Gruninger reported we have 2 new members for Ops Department and that crew training has gone well. Gail McClure thanked him and noted improved relationship between RAL engineers and Store under his guidance.
- Bob Sims had questions about special publications. He has some ideas. Directed to talk to Frank Brehm and Eugene Vicknair. Asked that we put out a listing of committee heads and department heads. After upcoming reappointments, we will start posting on website.
- Noted that Skunk Train / California Western has a fundraiser going on-line to repair collapsed tunnel.

### Notices

- The Annual Membership Meeting is at 7:30 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM.

### Closed Session

Adjourned to closed at 2:27 PM, returned at 2:30 PM.

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

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## July 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Installation of New Board

Formal installation of new Board, with Kirk Baer replacing Norman Holmes as director.

### Motion 13-07-01

Consent Calendar

Accept the minutes for the June 2013 Meeting.

G. McClure / Elems. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.  
Motion carries.

### Correspondence

- Form 990 received for review.
- *Monger* – several members have indicated they want to talk about forming a work group to install dispatching exhibit in railcars. George Westinghouse grandson will be at the museum next month doing research into WP 103 passenger car.

### Sale of SP SD9 4404

Tabled until August

### Offer to Purchase VIA Lounge Car

Sterling Rail has approached FRRS with buyer for Lounge

Car FRRX 754 for \$47,700.

- Written report provided.
- Offer is \$47,700 plus payment for COTS and interchange prep.

#### Motion 13-07-02

Motion to authorize acceptance of listing agreement and to negotiate final sales contract.

Carter / Vicknair. Aye - 4, Nay - 4, Abstain - 0.  
Tied – motion fails.

- Item tabled and will be reconsidered as old business at August meeting.
- Norman Holmes gave history on car acquisition, expressed opinion that we sell.

#### **Fourth Street House Sale**

Request Board approval of sale parameters so President can negotiate and close with buyer.

- Written report provided.
- Appraisal of house is \$30,000, plus cost to fix roof around \$5000-\$6000.
- We have cash offer for \$25,000, would not have broker fees and buyer would pay closing. Purchase as is.

#### Motion 13-07-03

Motion to authorize President to negotiate sale under above parameters.

Carter / Vicknair. Aye - 9, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

#### **2014 Excursion Run**

Proposal to run an excursion train to Portola in 2014.

- Verbal report provided by Chris Skow.
- Plan to kick off the season next year with big promotional push / historical awareness of WP and try to drive up volunteers and visitors.
- Chris Skow would like to bring a 14-16 car train to kick off season.
- Reported that his company lost about \$21,000 on the trip in 2011.
- Central Coast NRHS wants to partner and provide their database and membership list to promote trip.
- Chris Skow's company has database of 20,000 people.
- Would need to be a 3 day event.
- On day train lays over, proposing we switch out the train and use coaches for run to Keddie and back. Would need approval from UP, but feeling is that this will likely not be possible.
- Question if Bay Area – Klamath Falls train would run next year. Does not look like it will.
- Proposal is to split profits 3 ways between FRRS, Trains Unlimited and Central Coast.

- Run from Emeryville to Portola Friday, layover Saturday, return Sunday.
- Some people will stay in sleepers on-board.
- Train would be used to promote a major event at the museum as part of season opening.
- Opinion that we start making season opening into a major event to attract volunteers and visitors.
- Tentative title is "Western Pacific Railroad Festival".
- Concerns expressed about getting enough volunteers to prep and operate on the event days.
- Consensus direction to keep exploring this concept, Debra Baer to explore planning for event, Chris Skow to discuss with Central Coast and develop more info.
- Revisit at August meeting.

#### **Fundraising Proposals**

Proposals to post projects on Kickstarter.com and Rally.org.

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about how the funding websites work.
- Review of how our programs set up and function.
- Suggestion to have a different project for the Kickstarter.
- Consensus direction to proceed with planning and come back August meeting with more refined proposal.

#### **California Shortline Railroad Association**

Proposal to join the CSLRRA as an Associate member.

- Written report provided outlining work and costs.
- Discussion about CSLRRA programs that could benefit the FRRS.

#### Motion 13-07-04

Motion to approve joining CSLRRA as Associate Member and approve payment of \$600 annual dues from line item – 67079 Dues and Memberships.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.  
Motion carries.

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

- Long-time member Steve Milward fell off his roof and broke his hip.
- Member Allan Hirasawa reportedly passed away. He had been working for CalTrain.

#### **Director's Reports**

- *Habeck* – written report provided outlining recent events at the museum.
- *Monger* – Herold Meeker's father is in poor health. August 18 plan is to move MILW 5057 into the shop and have Cascade Rail volunteers working on engine from August 18 – August 25 to prepare for movement. They will be unable to move the diesel test rig we purchased.
- *G. McClure* – Made statement that Edenwold and

Shower Car have been left in poor / trashed condition again. Rick Gruninger and Matt and David Elems have spent a lot of time cleaning it.

### Financial Reports

- Financial Reports provided
- Walkway cost has been paid for from donations.
- Suggestion made to convert former Historical Society account into Restricted Fund account. Would consolidate all project money into single account. Will make money accounting clearer.
- Form 990 has been reviewed and been released for signature so we can file with IRS.
- The 2012 Annual Report will follow soon.
- Rod McClure is going to work with Rick Gruninger and our insurance contact before she retires to review our policies and see what can do about our insurance.
- Suggestion to review safety programs and procedures in light of our insurance costs.

### Event Reports

- *Lionel / Toy Train Operating Society* – 63 from Convention in Sparks came in tour buses today. We received many compliments on our docent tours, crews for trains and overall presentation and friendliness. Thanks to everyone who assisted. Also received assistance from volunteers cleaning and setting up the Museum Store. Thanks to Gail McClure, Rick Gruninger, Tom Carter, Eugene Vicknair, Steve Habeck, Debra Baer, Charlie Spikes, Matt & David Elems and Alicia LaBrequé.

### Department Reports

- *Museum Store* – due to a medical issue, Gail McClure needs some time away to recover. Other volunteers will be covering the store.
- *Trackwork* – there are ties that need to be replaced. Dates to be announced for trackwork.
- *Web Operations* – request for more people to review and proofread website. Webmaster has been very busy and needs help with web management. West webcam has been fixed, Greg and Matt Elems fixed with new bracket. Matt Elems now managing iVolunteer software.

### Safety Report

- Discussion on changes needed in safety procedures.
- Suggestion to draft a safety committee.
- Review of needs and issues.

### Public Comments

- Bob Sims donated several items for the archives.
- Norm Holmes brought up a bag of locomotive manuals donated by Nevada State RR Museum.

### Closed Session

Consensus of the Board to table Closed Session.

## 2014 SPRING FUNDRAISER

When you receive your Train Sheet, our 2014 Spring Fundraiser should be underway or about to start. Your support of the Society is critical to providing ongoing preservation, cataloging, repair and restoration of our archives, equipment collection and facility.

This year, we have several critical items on our "To Do" list. Foremost is completing a chainlink security fence around the entire WPRM property, including both our leased and owned land. A team from the California Conservation Corp, along with volunteers, is being engaged for this work, but it will still cost around \$20,000 to perform this work.

WP SW1500 1503, currently wearing worn Union Pacific paint, is slated to receive her green and orange WP colors and be brought back to full operation. On the other end of the spectrum, WP SW1 501 is scheduled to return to operation this year and get her paint touched up in time for her 75th birthday.

Scanning and cataloging work continues on our WP archives, including our collection of films.

All this work needs your financial support. Please consider giving to the FRRS. Donations can be mailed to the Society address or you can donate on-line at <http://donate.WPLives.org>. The WP Lives because of you, the members of the FRRS.

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*Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs.*

*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](mailto:trainsheet@wplives.org).

## - 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 501c(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](mailto: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. 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.

#### Cab Rides

- Adult 19 and over... \$20.00
- Youth 4 – 18... \$10.00

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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