WELCOME to the 2015 Western Pacific Railroad Historic Convention, hosted by the Red Lion Inn - Elko, NV and produced by the FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY.

All events at the Red Lion Inn will be taking place in the

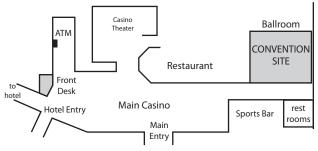
#### **GRAND BALLROOM**

and associated rooms.

The hotel restaurant and bar is located between the Convention area and the front lobby, across from the casino area.

Restrooms are located across the hallway from the Convention rooms.

Check signs for directions.



Please refer to the map and schedule located in this program for more information.

We would like to thank the following for their invaluable assistance in making this event possible for everyone:

Mike Kessler, Rod McClure, Gail McClure, Mark Bassett and the Nevada Northern staff, Silver State Restaurant, the Red Lion staff, the Northeastern Nevada Museum, our volunteer staffers and our presenters. as well as anyone we forgot!

Thank you, Eugene Vicknair - 2015 Convention Chair

#### **CLINICS and PRESENTATIONS**

#### Reminisces of Working the WP by Harry Baynes

Harry Baynes shares his experiences of working for the Western Pacific.

#### And Then There Were Three... the WP SW1500s

A group created show narrated by Eugene Vicknair discussing the history, service, retirement and modelling of the WP's SW1500s.

# The Bear and the Feather by Jeff Moore

History of the relationship between the Western Pacific and the McCloud River Railroad.

# Western Pacific in Nevada by Wayne Monger

An update of a convention show from several years ago looking at WP's operations in the Silver State.

#### Whether to Weather by Bill Meeker

A clinic on model railroad weathering techniques and application to WP family prototypes.

#### The Loneliest Line by Eugene Vicknair

History of the Western Pacific's short-lived and little known subsidiary the Deep Creek Railroad.

# **Virgil Staff Films**

Newly digitized footage from the Virgil Staff film collection, part of the FRRS archives.

# Last Days of SN Electrics by M. Vurek and E. Graham

Images and history from the end of the Sacramento Northern's final electric operations.

# Flowery Lake Pass Tunnel by Wayne Monger

Construction of the shoo-fly and tunnel 43 at the Flowery Lake Pass area of Nevada.

# The Nevada Northern and WP by Mark Bassett

A look at the history and interaction of the WP and the famous Nevada Northern Railway and the Kennecott operations around Ely. Presented by Mark Bassett - Executive Director of the Nevada Northern Railway Museum

# WESTERN PACIFIC

Historic Convention - 2015 -



Exploring the East End

# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday, April 24		Saturday, April 26	
10:00 AM	Registration opens - Vendor and Exhibit Room opens	9:00 AM	Registration opens - Vendor and Exhibit Room opens
11:45 AM	Doors open - Ballroom Theater	9:30 AM	Doors open - Ballroom Theater
Clinics and Shows		Clinics and Shows	
12:00 PM	Introduction	10:00 AM	Introduction
12:10 PM	The Western Pacific in Nevada - by Wayne Monger	10:05 AM	Flowery Lake Pass Tunnel (#43): Construction and Shoo-fly
12:45 PM	The California Zephyr Fremont to Oroville: 67-68 - Virgil Staff film		- by Wayne Monger
1:15 PM	Reminisces of Working the the WP - by Harry Baynes	11:05 AM	The Western Pacific East End - Virgil Staff film
1:45 PM	break	12:00 PM	lunch break
2:15 PM	The Nevada Northern and the Western Pacific - by Mark Bassett	1:30 PM	The Feather and the Bear: the Western Pacific and the McCloud
3:20 PM	And Then There Were Three the Western Pacific's SW1500s		River Railroad - by Jeff Moore
4:10 PM	dinner break	2:10 PM	Whether to Weather: weathering railroad models - by Bill Meeker
4:45 PM	Vendor and Exhibit Room closes	2:45 PM	break
		3:10 PM	The Loneliest Line: Western Pacific's Deep Creek Railroad
Small group tours of the Elko Yard and WP right of way will be conducted during Friday by FRRS President and Western Pacific / Union Pacific engineer Rod McClure. Please check at the Registration Table for times.			- by Eugene Vicknair
		3:50 PM	Last Days of the Sacramento Northern Electrics - by Matthew Vurek
			and Edward F. Graham
		4:30 PM	break
The Northeastern Nevada Museum, located just minutes west of the Red Lion on		4:45 PM	Vendor and Exhibit Room closes, Raffle sales end
Idaho Street, is offering convention attendees \$2 admission. Just show			
your convention badge at the front desk for your discount. Their hours are		Evening Event	
Tuesday – Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM and Sunday 1 PM – 5 PM.		6:45 PM	Western Pacific Banquet - Michael Kessler, keynote speaker

Sunday, April 26

7:30 AM

Nevada Northern Lunch, Steam Excursion and Tour - bus departs for Ely at 7:45 AM - Red Lion lobby estimated return about 7:15 to 7:30 PM

Fundraising Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$1, 12 for \$10
Archives prints for sale at the FRRS Table in the Vendor Room.

