

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORTS

DATE: February 8, 2013
FROM: Scott McAllister and Eugene Vicknair, Chair and Assistant Chair
ITEM: Event Report
SUBJECT: **2013 Convention Status**

Planning on the 2013 Convention is moving along. We have the location locked up, as well as a block of discount rooms at the Hawthorne Suites. The banquet contract is being finalized and we have our clinic list about 90% confirmed. We also have two of four special events confirmed and are waiting on some info to confirm the other two. We're working out the vendor space now

LOCATION – The main events will take place at the California State Railroad Museum. We will be using the Stanford Gallery for registration, vendors, model exhibits and special displays. We have a modular O Scale club tentatively planned to bring a layout and WP equipment. We are also planning on having the artifact displays from the Disney California Zephyr. Clinics will be held in the East Theater in the main CSRM building.

Before the banquet, all convention attendees will be treated to a 1 hour ride on the Sacramento Southern with hors d'oeuvres and drinks. The ride will bring us right to the turntable and the banquet will be held in the Roundhouse section of CSRM. The tentative plan is for WP F7A 913 to be on the train and for SN SW1 402 to be in the roundhouse as our backdrop.

HAWTHORNE SUITES – We have a block of rooms for Thursday through Saturday reserved at a discount. The hotel is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from CSRM and they have free shuttle bus service to the museum. Also, the Sacramento River Walk connects CSRM with the Hawthorne Suites.

BANQUET – Contract is being finalized, including a cash bar. Deposit will be \$500. We will be announcing the menu along with our clinic list hopefully in the next week.

SPECIAL EVENTS – On Sunday Morning, Tom Campbell will be leading a walking tour of R Street and the former WP line that ran down it. We're calling this the R Street Ramble. Also, Ken Rattenne has agreed to host a night photography seminar at CSRM. We are working on having special access into the museum for this.

ADVERTISING – We have the web page up, a flyer just came out in The Headlight and I have a Train Sheet closing up in about 1 week which will have a flyer and order form inside.