



FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Regular Meeting
July 11, 2015 – 4:00 PM

WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, CA

Agenda Topics

Attendance

Correspondence

Consent Calendar

Items will be acted on simultaneously unless a Director requests separate discussion and/or action.

1. Minutes – Minutes of the May and June 2015 General BOD Meetings, the January 2015 Special Meeting and June 2015 Membership Meeting.

Old Business

none

New Business

1. Advertising (Carter)
Discuss advertising opportunity from our joint venture with City of Portola.
Discussion. Possible Action.

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1. President's Report
2. Financial Reports
 - reports provided
3. Director's Reports
 - *Vicknair* – written report provided, WP San Jose Trestle update

- *Monger* – written report provided
4. Event Reports
 5. Department Reports
 - *Funding* – written report provided
 6. Committee Reports
 7. Legal / Insurance Report
 8. Status of Surplus Property Report
 9. Safety Report
 10. Public Comments - Note: public comments will be held to 3 minutes when recognized by the chair, unless granted extension by the Board.
 11. Notices

Closed Session – none requested

Adjourn

Next Meeting – August 8, 2015 – 5:00 PM WPRM Meeting Room
Portola, CA

UPCOMING EVENTS

July.. Caboose Trains

Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
Train Operations: 11 AM – 4 PM

- 4 Independence Day
- 11 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- TBD Steam Department Work Session

August.. Caboose Trains

Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
Train Operations: 11 AM – 4 PM

- 4-9 Hot August Nights
- 7-9 Portola Railroad Days
- 8 Board Meeting - 5 PM Portola
- 31 Train Sheet Deadline

September

Museum Hours: 10 AM – 4 PM, Friday-Monday

- 7 Labor Day
Operating Season Ends
- 12 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola Calendar Review
- TBD Steam Department Work Session

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORT

DATE: July 11, 2015
FROM: Tom Carter - Director
ITEM: New Business Item
SUBJECT: **Advertising Opportunity**

Recently, in a partnership with the City of Portola, we ran a full page color advertisement in two bi-monthly issues of “Deals & Wheels” magazine throughout the month of June. The total cost to the FRRS for their portion was \$400 for the two issues. This publication has a circulation of well over 100,000 from the Sacramento area to Elko and is primarily auto’s for sale. The advertisement is attached. They did a very nice job on it in my opinion.

We have the opportunity to continue this advertising with the same publication at the same rate, or go a different route all together with other advertising avenues.

REQUESTED ACTION: Board discussion, vote



Show your kids that not all train sets come in a box.

Discover Portola, where you can experience hands-on rail history at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum.

Steeped in railroad history, Portola is a city in the heart of the Plumas National Forest with unlimited mountain biking, hiking, fishing, exploring, and of course, home to North America's largest and most complete collection of Western Pacific trains at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum.

Tour vintage passenger cars, and marvel at a variety of freight cars and locomotives. At the Western Pacific Railroad Museum,

you can climb aboard to ride the trains, and even operate a locomotive. To book a reservation, go to www.runalocomotive.com.

The Western Pacific Railroad Museum is just one of the many reasons to discover Portola. Located less than an hours drive from Reno and a little over 2 hours from Sacramento, Portola is close enough for a day trip, weekend getaway, or longer should you want to **LIVE WHERE YOU WANT TO PLAY**.



www.wplives.org



www.discoverportola.com

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – DIRECTOR REPORT

DATE: July, 2015
FROM: Director Vicknair
SUBJECT: **WP Trestle**

As per decision of the Board I drafted a support letter for the San Jose Willow Glen Trestle and had it reviewed by Kerry Cochran and Steve Habeck. The letter has gone to the Save the Trestle effort.

The court has ruled that the city cannot proceed with demolition at this time. It appears that some council members are reconsidering their positions.

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – DEPARTMENT REPORT

DATE: July, 2015
FROM: Director Vicknair
SUBJECT: **Funding / Grants**

A new grant application was submitted to the Tom Dailey Foundation for preliminary work on the Archives Research Room as per previous instructions of the Board.

I have also been in contract with the grant company working with the City and we are discussing cooperative efforts of funding for three projects identified by the Board: WP 165 restoration, Display Building and Old Town Extension / Track Rehabilitation.

FRRS Board of Directors – July 2015 Meeting
Director Monger’s Report to the Board and Membership –

FRRS Life Members Wayne and Lynda Monger attended the Milwaukee Road Historical Association four-day annual Convention at Yakima, Washington June 18-21. Wayne made 2 presentations at the MRHA to the nearly 200 attendees. First was an overview of the History of U25B Milwaukee Road 5057 from 1980 through the FRRS ownership 1986-2013, followed by the repairs/preparation work at WPRM leading to the movement of the 5057 to the POVA shops at Usk, Washington in late 2014. Second presentation was on the Milwaukee Road’s Tacoma Shops complex in the early 1970s from the R.E. (Dick) Buike photography collection within a small segment of the Jeffery Moreau estate donated to Cascade Rail Foundation.

Wayne and Lynda Monger rented a U-Haul truck June 16-19 to transport donated Milwaukee Road historical materials from three separate collections (Dr. Cheryl Meeker, Jeffery Moreau estate, Wayne Monger) from California to the Cascade Rail Foundation facility at South Cle Elum, Washington. The photographic materials from the Jeffery Moreau estate were then forwarded to the joint Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive facility at Burien, Washington for permanent access for research. The cost of the U-Haul truck was \$1,113 plus fuel costs to make the 772 mile one-way drive, all of which was donated by Wayne and Lynda Monger to the Cascade Rail Foundation. One of the Milwaukee Road station signs for Beverly, Washington donated by Dr. Cheryl Meeker from Ken Meeker’s collection was taken along on the Saturday June 20 MRHA Convention bus tour of the Milwaukee Road mainline. At the stop at Beverly, the nearly 200 convention attendees lined up for the annual MRHA Convention group photo with the “Beverly” sign in the foreground and the mile-long Milwaukee Road Bridge over the Columbia River in the background.

On Wednesday June 24, Wayne and Lynda spent 3 hours at the 5 year old Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive (www.PNRArchive.org) at Bruien, Washington, less than 2 miles away from Sea-Tac Airport. The PNRA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was formed by and is a joint consortium of five 501(c)(3) non-profit Railroad History Organizations (RHOs) representing the entire Pacific Northwest region – the Great Northern Railway Historical Society, the Northern Pacific Railroad Historical Association, the Cascade Rail Foundation (for the Milwaukee Road history), the SP&S Railway Historical Society and the Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club. PNRA Board President Gary Tarbox was the official guide to the volunteer work areas, the archival storage facilities, structural improvements and alterations being made to the building plus the model railroad room. Wayne and Gary then spent over one hour in a meeting where the functioning and governance of the PNRA as a jointly “owned” archive operation of five organizations was discussed in detail. Highlights included overview of purchase and adaptation of the existing building to the needs of an archive facility, public and private funding of operations, corporate support (i.e. Microsoft, Boeing, etc.), interactions between the partners, volunteer requirements, archive handling and security, digital conversion and public access of materials in the archive, establishment of working relationships with larger public museums and libraries plus establishing partnerships with local and regional government agencies in the Pacific Northwest in support of land use planning and historical structures rehabilitation projects.

On Friday June 26 at 12 noon, Wayne and Lynda arrived at the Pend Oreille Valley Railroad locomotive repair shops complex at Usk, Washington for a pre-arranged meeting with the shop employees there.

After a tour of the facility with the shop foreman plus a discussion of the pending planned 3-year work by the POVA shops on the Cascade Rail Foundation owned U25B Milwaukee Road 5057, the FRRS-loaned green composite brake shoes and the air brake system component from U30B WP 3051 were retrieved from U25B MILW 5057 for transport back to FRRS at Portola by Wayne and Lynda Monger. It is interesting to note that the 5057 is coupled to former FRRS-owned SD9E SP 4404 on a side track at the POVA shops. Due to a backlog of locomotive rebuilding projects that POVA is doing for Montana Rail Link and Progress Rail (among others), it will be sometime in 2-4 months before the POVA shop will have a time slot available to get the 5057 into their shop and remove the borrowed rear pilot plate (from SW1 WP 501) off of the 5057 to ship it back to FRRS Portola. They are now very much aware of the historical importance of this pilot plate and the need to get it returned intact.

Finally, Wayne and Lynda visited with the Feather River Rail Society's first Roadmaster while in the Spokane area. Roger Hepkema was our organization's first Roadmaster when we started the Portola Railroad Museum in 1985. Roger and Wayne were the FRRS survey crew that did the initial survey work of all of the existing tracks and the planned new/rebuilt tracks that are on our museum site now at Portola. Wayne also got a chance to look through more boxes of the WPRR Eastern Division archival materials that Roger has stored at his home in the Spokane area. Roger was in Elko the same day as Ken Meeker in May 1984 when UP work crews cleaned out all of the WP files from the Elko Depot. So, Roger was there assisting Ken in "saving" as many boxes as possible of WPRR documents that were on their way to destruction and burial at the Elko County dump. So these files are parallel to the Elko files that are labeled and inventoried within the Western Pacific Railroad Corporate Archives – Kenneth J. Meeker Collection at the Reno secure storage area. Considering how difficult it is to locate WPRR files from the Eastern Division, Roger's collection of WP files is very significant for future research.