



# FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow FRRS Member,

As we reach the holidays, we wish all our members and their families glad tidings and happy memories of this soon to pass year.

It has been nearly 30 years since the Western Pacific Railroad was merged into the Union Pacific, but in Portola and in the hearts of its fans, the memories of the WP still run strong. Thank you for your ongoing support of the FRRS and its mission to keep the WP alive for future generations.

Our Society is unusual, perhaps even unique, in its focus on preserving the archives, personal stories and equipment of a single railroad family. There are few places where you can see the entire history of a railroad saved for the future. From construction records and rail cars used to build the first tracks, to the final switchers and cabooses acquired by the WP, its rich history of nearly 80 years runs strong.

And this history lives because of you, the members of the FRRS. And with your contribution, we will continue to expand and share the story of the Western Pacific and its people. Please help us to make 2016 a bigger and better year for preservation of one of the most beloved and unique railroads in American history.

In addition, you are invited to join your fellow members in a number of events coming up in December and early 2016. Please see the event listing on the next page.

Also, don't forget to order your limited edition Western Pacific Historic Calendar. With historic images drawn from our extensive archive collection, professionally scanned and retouched from original negatives, it is a must have for any fan of the WP family.

Our 2016 Convention is also coming up in late April. Please watch the Train Sheet and WPLives.org for more information coming soon!

On behalf of the Feather River Rail Society's Board of Directors, we thank you in advance for your continued support. The WP Lives thanks to YOU!

Wishing you all the best,

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Eugene Vicknair  
Director and Funding Department  
Feather River Rail Society

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod McClure".

Rod McClure  
President  
Feather River Rail Society



One of the WP's massive 2-8-8-2s pulls a short inspection train through Oroville, CA

FRRS Archives - Virgil Staff Collection

An image from the FRRS archives used in the 2016 WP Historic Calendar.  
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**Please join us at these events in 2015 and 2016...**

2015

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December 5, 12 and 19 – Santa Trains in Portola – 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

2016

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April 9-10 and May 14 – Operations Crew Training at the WP Museum in Portola.

April 20-24 – WP / NMRA Joint Convention in Modesto, CA

May 28 – Operating Season opens

June 4 – Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner starting at 5:30 PM