

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: July 2016
ITEM: Event Reports
FROM: Eugene Vicknair
SUBJECT: **Mohawk Valley Festival, 2017 Convention**

Mohawk Valley Independence Day Festival

We had our first booth at a Mohawk Valley Independence Day Festival on July 3. Although our visitor level was not quite what we hoped, we still managed to sell museum merchandise, ice cream bars and hand out a great deal of literature about the WPRM and the Run A Locomotive program. We met a lot of people who had been to the museum years ago and were thinking of return visits. We also put out a lot of notice on the upcoming Railroad Days, Pumpkin Trains and Santa Trains.

Huge thank yous to David Elems, Ann Morningstar and Matthew Shuman for helping set-up, crew and tear down the booth, and thank you to Duane van der Veen who entered his motorcar with WPRM banners in the parade and helped with tear down and pack-up.

We are already working on plans for next year and how to refine our presence and approach.

2017 Western Pacific Historic Convention

Pending approval of the selected venue and final approval of the Board, our tentative dates for the 2017 Convention are April 20-23, 2017, Thursday through Sunday. We are currently talking to three possible venues and hope to have a final recommendation for the August meeting.

The 2017 Convention Committee is currently Eugene Vicknair, Tom Carter and Fred Ellenbaas. We are looking for a few more volunteers.

Possible events being explored as part of the convention are:

- Mixer and tours at "The Depot" (former WP / N-C-O Depot) microbrew and restaurant
- Special excursion on restored V&T line
- Western Pacific Day at the Sunday Reno Aces game
- Model layout tours