

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: December 2018
ITEM: Director Report
FROM: Eugene Vicknair

FUNDRAISING

I am continuing to work on grant applications. I have three in process for Q1 2019 application deadlines relating to the WP 165 and the Charles O. Sweetwood. I am also working on two very large grants for the Whitman Building and possible land acquisition.

Thank you letters for 2018 donations are in process and will be going out later in the month.

2019 PHOTO CALENDAR and IRON FEATHER SALES

During the pre-sale time, we had nearly 40 orders each for the "Iron Feather" book by Jeff Asay and the 2019 Historic Photo Calendar. After conferring with Steve, I ordered 50 copies of the "Iron Feather" and 75 calendars, with additional going for store stock. We will be looking to sell the remaining calendars during Santa Trains. Jeff was very happy with the number of sales.

It appears that Jeff Asay will be signing copies of "Iron Feather" at the Convention.

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2019 CONVENTION

Vendor applications are expected to start arriving soon. Also, letters are going out for raffle donations in the next couple of weeks. Hotel discount reservations will open January 15.

We're still looking for about 2-4 more shows on the WP / FRRS side. WP will have 1 room for presentations while 2 rooms will be running for PCR side. Shows will run Thursday – Saturday and some will repeat since there will be so many shows running at the same time.

The special events and tours are still being worked out. Hopefully those will be announced in January.

As part of the convention, a special run of HO Scale Tidewater Southern Cornucopia cars has been done. Each includes a copy of the article on these cars published in Headlight issue 50.

Frank Brehm has been scanning images he received from John Walker as well as pulling together text for recreating issues 17 and 18 of the Headlight. The plan is to recreate the issues with updated information but retaining the layouts of the originals. We will also be adding some additional features. The plan is to publish this in time for the convention. I will be starting the layout soon with the material from Frank, recreating the original look since the layout files for those issues are lost.

Registration so far has been slow for the convention, but the expectation is that it will pick up in January.