

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: August 2019
ITEM: Old Business Item 1
FROM: Kerry Cochran and Eugene Vicknair

2020 WESTERN PACIFIC HISTORIC CONVENTION

With the Board's consensus at the last meeting, we have proceeded with getting information and pricing to do a 2+1 day convention at the Gold Country Casino in Oroville.

The current format envisioned is that we would have a meet and greet and early registration on Thursday evening, then programs on Friday and Saturday with the banquet Saturday. Sunday would be for tours and special events (with some also likely on Thursday as well).

Based on costing, Kerry and Eugene has determined the pricing for the convention to be as follows:

FRRS member

\$85 combo

\$45 convention

\$45 banquet

non-member

\$92 combo

\$52 convention

\$55 banquet

Banquet would be buffet with 3 entrée options. Depending on response, we may also add a dessert option. We can have registration table outside convention rooms on Thursday and during convention. If we do catered food at the meet and greet, it will cost about \$6 per person. This will likely depend on interest.

Room Block proposed by casino:

- Standards (16 Avail) - \$97 discount / \$140 regular
- Jr. Suites (5 Avail) - \$117 discount / \$160 regular
- Deluxe Rooms (18 Avail) - \$127 discount / \$170 regular

Other information:

Dates - April 16-19

- Thursday, April 16 – registration opens, meet and greet, special events
- Friday, April 17 – presentations

- Saturday, April 18 – presentations, model contest judging, raffle, banquet
- Sunday, April 19 – special events

Theme – Western Pacific's Gateway to California

Committee

- Kerry Cochran – coordination, presentations
- Eugene Vicknair – site, mailing and promotion, archive photos and exhibits
- Greg Elems – vendors and museum store
- Bob Sims – registration management
- David Epling – layout tours, model contest and exhibits, photo contest

Assistance

- Janet Steeper and Fred Elenbaas – on-site registration and check-in

We still need someone to handle / set-up special events like WP depot tour, Oro Dam tour, possible bus travel, etc.

Goal is to start promotion in time for next Train Sheet and before Pumpkin Patch Express.

REQUEST: Consensus approval on plans and pricing.