

To: FRRS Board of Directors  
From: Paul Finnegan, Signal Department  
Re: Museum and RAL Answering Machines  
Date: September 11, 2024

### ***Signal Department Mission***

The Signal Department's role at the museum is to maintain the society's computer, communication and railroad signal systems. The Signal Department assists in the restoration of signal equipment for display at the museum.

### ***Answering Machine Messages Updated***

Consistent with this role the Signal Department has assumed maintenance of the messages on the museum's two answering machines. I also added the current voice mail messages to the [Signal Department web page](#) and set up "out of date" token to remind me when it needs to be updated.

On 9/3/24, after the Labor Day weekend I updated the messages:

#### **2024-09-03 Museum Store phone:**

Thank you for calling the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola.

We are open Thursdays and Fridays noon to 4 and weekends 10 to 5 through October 6<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> we will be running our caboose train from 11 to 4 as part of the 2024 Portola Railroad Days celebration.

If you leave a message, we will get back to you as soon as we can.

#### **2024-09-03 RAL phone:**

Thank you for calling the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola Run-A- Locomotive reservation line.

Please leave your name and a phone number and we will return your call as soon as we can.

### ***Answering Machine Remote Access Codes Updated***

To reduce the likelihood of a malicious user updating the messages, on 9/8/24 Greg Elms changed the remote access codes on both machines. The new code has been shared with the Signal Department, the Society Secretary and the Society President. People at the museum can still update the messages if physically at the answering machines. It is requested if someone changes a message to please inform the Signal Department.

I plan to update the museum message immediately after the 2024 Portola RR Days on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and promote the 2024 Pumpkin Express event.

Going forward, the Signal Department will keep the answering machines' messages up to date.