

To: FRRS Board of Directors
From: Paul Finnegan, Webmaster
Re: Museum Web Page
Date: April 10, 2025

Mailtrain

We continue to have society members and the public signup on our “*WPRM News*” email distribution list on Mailtrain. We currently have 727 active email addresses on the list. Last month we had 719, so we had a net increase of 8 subscribers this month. No one unsubscribed this month.

Sponsors

On 2/26/25, I removed the H & R BLOCK - DAVID HANSEN Sponsorship (Silver) from the [WPRM Sponsors web page](#) because, to the best of my knowledge, it had expired. On 3/8/25, I was informed that in fact it had been renewed, so I restored it to the website on 3/9/25.

FRRS Store at spring.com

On 12/30/24, I submitted a payout request from our account at spring.com (formally teespring.com) of \$53.23 (our 2024 profits). It should have been deposited into our PayPal account in January. Eugene Vicknair checked to confirm the payment properly posted and he was not able to find it. I exchanged multiple emails with their support team,

On 3/17/25, I made a payout request of \$16.84 to see if they can now properly process payout requests. “*Payout requests are processed once a month. Payouts must be requested by the 21st of the month in order to be included with the payouts processed at the end of that month.*” Confirmation email, our payout ID is b5246f650a64.

The requested payout from 3/17/25 did not post to our PayPal account. I sent another email to support requesting an update on 4/7/25. I have not heard anything back from them.

In the meantime, I have removed the link on our website to spring.com. I don’t expect to ever see any of this money.

Policy & Procedure updates

Working with Kerry Cochran I updated the following on the website:

- 3/17/25 - PM0042 Crew Training Procedures

Let’s Encrypt Expiration Emails

Since leaving Hostmonster as our ISP for the wplives.org website, we have been using a no-cost SSL provider. As Let’s Encrypt has grown, as a cost reduction effort, they will no longer be sending certificate expiration email notices. They are recommending subscribing to another outside service that will monitor SSL certificates to ensure they are not expired. Let’s Encrypt will continue to provide SSL certificates at no cost, just not the monitoring of them.

Rather than subscribe to another service, I created a UNIX BASH script that I configured to run once a week on our web server, that will monitor and report any certificates that had failed to auto renew by sending a report to the webmaster by email. This went live on March 3, 2025.

Gold Business Partner Sponsor Program

I updated Gold Business Partner to say the sponsor will be listed in every issue of the *Train Sheet* rather than four a year since we now only publish three times a year on the [Sponsor web page](#). If this information is included other places than the website, it should be updated.

2025 Crew Training Signups

As of 4/10/25, we have had 14 people sign up for the 2025 crew training. Ten are registered for in-person training on 4/3/25 and four people are registered for TBA (to be arranged, personal training.) Ten people have completed and passed the online rules exam.

On 4/10/25, I sent a Mailtrain email blast to the 727 WPRM News subscribers inviting them to Join Our Operating Department and attend 2025 crew training.

General Items

- 3/7/25 – Posted March BOD meeting preliminary agenda.
- 3/8/25 – Posted March BOD meeting agenda and reports.
- 3/8/25 – Posted Preliminary Minutes from February 2025 BOD meeting.
- 3/9/25 – Updated next BOD meeting notice
 - Announced Charlie Spikes is now VP in Latest Museum News, updated Staff and Org Chart web pages.
 - Posted approved February 2025 BOD meeting minutes to Minutes & Reports.
- 3/16/25 – Updated and posted Personnel Record document to the [Operating Department Forms & Documents](#) web page.
- 4/1/25 – Updated monthly “From the archives...” and “For the modeler...” entries.
- 4/1/25 – Added 13 rosters to [WP Seniority Rosters](#) web page.
- 4/2/25 – Posted *Train Sheet* #200 to [Train Sheet Archive](#) and master index.