

To: FRRS Board of Directors  
From: Paul Finnegan, Webmaster  
Re: Museum Web Page  
Date: June 4, 2025

### **Mailtrain**

We continue to have society members and the public sign up on our “*WPRM News*” email distribution list on Mailtrain. We currently have 731 active email addresses on the list. Last month we had 727, so we had a net increase of four subscribers this month. One person unsubscribed this month.

On 5/20/25, I sent an email blast, “*2025 Events at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum*” to the 729 subscribers of the WPRM News email list. The email was based on the 2025 events flyer that Eugene Vicknair created.

On 6/3/25, I sent an email blast, “*FRRS Membership Meeting and Dinner – this Saturday June 7, 2025*” to the 435 FRRS members who have email addresses in the Membership database per a request from Kerry Cochran.

On 6/4/25, I send an email blast, “*CALLING ALL CREWS - Open Cab Day on Saturday, June 21, 2025*” to the 53 members of the Operating Department per a request from Eugene Vicknair.

### **H/A Collection**

On May 24, 2025, I created a new historical archive collection entry for Virgil Staff Collections - [Scans from Dale Sanders 4/10/24](#). Kerry Cochran had uploaded 752 high-resolution tif files that I used to create the new collection.

### **Web Server and WP Cloud O/S Upgrades**

In September 2020, Kenneth Finnegan and I moved our web server from Hostmonster to systems that Kenneth has at Hurricane Electric in Fremont. Kenneth has continued the gratis service for our website and our cloud server since then. It was setup using the, at the time, current version of the Operating System, Ubuntu 20.04 (Focal Fossa). This version of the O/S reached end-of-life on 5/31/2025. To make sure we keep current on all security patches, Kenneth upgraded our web server and cloud hosts to Ubuntu, 2024.04.02 (Noble Numbat) over the May 31/June 1 weekend. This version will be supported until May 2029.

The actual upgrade process went smoothly (Kenneth had to first update both systems to 22.04 and then to 24.04) but it took much longer than expected. I have had to fix a few shell level issues using the new O/S, but all the public tools I have tested work properly. The version of our cloud tool, *Nextcloud*, was also updated in the process. Its user interface has changed, but all the testing I have done has shown no issues with the actual database.

### **General Items**

- 5/8/25 – Updated website for publication of *Train Sheet* #204, posted in Latest Museum News and [Train Sheet Archive](#).
- 5/10/25 – Posted material for May BOD meeting on [Minutes & Reports web page](#).
- 5/10/25 – Posted April 2025 Preliminary Minutes BOD meeting on [Minutes & Reports web page](#).
- 5/11/25 – Updated next BOD meeting date & time (Members’ meeting)

- 5/11/25 – Created [H/A Collection Norm Holmes Small Box 001](#).
- 5/12/25 – Added TIP\_Instruction.pdf and WP\_High\_Line\_TIP\_Manual.pdf to [WP History Western Pacific Common Standards](#) web page per request from Kerry Cochran.
- 5/13/25 – Posted 2025 Crew Training sign-in sheet to Operating Department Online File Cabinet.
- 5/14/25 – Sent summer events to *High Country Life magazine* for July.
- 5/16/25 – Used information from Upcoming Events Flyer project to update the FRRS Calendar.
- 5/16/25 – Added Kaiser Frazer Automobile Club visit and Motorcars to Store and Entrance Screenly systems.
- 5/16/25 – Released [Around the Museum 2025 gallery](#) to public.
- 5/17/25 – Posted [2025 Events at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum](#) flyer.
- 5/17/25 – Added 2025 Events at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum slide to Entrance and Store Screenly systems at the museum.
- 5/17/25 – Added three photos from Greg Elems of the WPRM tables at the SMRHS open house to the [Around the Museum 2025 gallery](#).
- 5/19/25 – Updated FRRS Reimbursement Form on [Museum Forms & Documents](#) as both an Excel File and as a PDF file.
- 5/19/25 – Posted another photo from Greg Elems of the WPRM tables at the SMRHS open house to the [Around the Museum 2025 gallery](#).
- 5/22/25 – Created a new post for the Google search results for [WPRM Parking Lot](#) to visit the WPRM website for current information.
- 5/26/25 – Added two photos by Greg Elems from our booth at the Ardenwood Railfair.