

WELCOME to the 2017 Western Pacific
Historic Convention, hosted by
Harrah's Reno and produced by the
FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

All events at Harrah's Reno will
be taking place on the 3rd Floor at the
ROBERT RING CONVENTION CENTER

Several restaurants and bars are located
within the casino and surrounding area.

Restrooms are located adjacent
to the Convention space.

For directions and information, including
directions to the Layout Tours and
Special Events, please check the
Registration and Information Table.

If you have a question, please look for
an FRRS volunteer in a green polo shirt.

The Western Pacific reached Reno, Nevada via a branch
starting near Beckwourth Pass and heading south.
About half of this branch was built on the former right
of way of the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway, a
narrow gauge line that ran from Reno north to Lakeview,
Oregon, with a branch to Davies Mill (near Blairsden)
from the Beckwourth Pass area. On March 24, 1917, an
agreement was reached to sell Western Pacific the
64.42 mile section between Reno and Hackstaff (now
Herlong, CA) and the 39.4 mile branch from Plumas Jct.
to Davies Mill for a price of \$700,435.00.

On February 3, 1918, the rebuilt WP branch to Reno
was placed into service. The line was mainly a freight
feeder, with a gas mechanical car providing a limited
attempt at passenger service in the 1920s. In the 1970s,
industry around Stead, NV and the TOFC ramp at Parr
Yard saw booming carloads. Today the Union Pacific
operates the branch based out of Sparks Yard as far as
Boomtown on the California border. The line beyond to
Reno Junction is in place but mothballed.



DOWNTOWN RENO

We would like to thank the following for
their invaluable assistance in making this
event possible for everyone:

Kerry Cochran, David Epling, Steve Habeck,
Patty Clawson, Scott Lawson, Tom Grey,
Nick Strowmatt, Roy and Susan Richey,
Leisa Wesch, Rick Gruninger, Adam Michalski,
our vendors, our volunteer staffers, door
prize donors and our presenters.
as well as anyone we forgot!

Thank you,
Eugene Vicknair - 2017 Convention Chair

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THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD

MAY 4-7, 2017
Harrah's Reno



Western Pacific RR Historic Convention



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday - May 4

- 12:00 PM Registration opens
Vendor and Exhibit Room opens
- 12:45 PM Doors open - Ormsby Room

Clinics and Shows..

- 1:00 PM Introduction
- 1:10 PM The Saga of the Z-Scale Western Pacific
- by David Epling
- 1:45 PM Virgil Staff film
- 2:20 PM Creative Railroad Photography
- by Michael Clawson
Big Fish Creations
- 3:00 PM break
- 3:20 PM The Indian Valley Railroad
- by Eugene Vicknair
- 4:15 PM Feather River Lumber Company
- by Dan Elliot and Scott Lawson
Plumas County Museum
- 5:30 PM Vendor and Exhibit Room closes

Evening Events..

- 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Kevin Caldwell Layout Tour
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bob Westphall and
Bob Norwich Layout Tours
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Mixer at The Depot
Craft Brewery - Distillery

Friday - May 5

- 11:00 AM Registration opens
Vendor and Exhibit Room opens
- 11:45 AM Doors open - Ormsby Room

Clinics and Shows..

- 12:00 PM Introduction
- 12:03 PM Working for the Western Pacific
- by Michael Rush and Todd Bruso.
host of ESPN Radio "Pitlane"
- 12:45 PM WPRM and the City of Portola
- by Robert Meacher, City Manager
and Steve Habeck, FRRS President
- 1:35 PM break
- 2:35 PM Modeling WP Steel Caboose 484
- by David Epling and Kevin Caldwell
- 3:15 PM Western Pacific's Oroville Line Change
- by Kerry Cochran
- 3:55 PM break
- 4:10 PM Keddie: Western Pacific's Heart
- narrated by Eugene Vicknair
- 5:30 PM Vendor and Exhibit Room closes

Evening Events..

- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Jim Petro Layout Ops / Tour
- 6:35 PM game start Reno Ace's Game and Dinner
gates open at 5:35 PM

Saturday - May 6

- 9:30 AM FRRS Board Meeting - Ormsby Room
- 10:30 AM Registration opens
Vendor and Exhibit Room opens
- 12:45 PM Doors open - Ormsby Room

Clinics and Shows..

- 11:00 AM Introduction
- 11:03 AM Orange and Silver Days Gone By
- by Keith Ardinger
- 11:55 AM Virgil Staff film
- 12:30 PM lunch break
- 1:30 PM Story of Western Pacific Caboose 668
- by Katy Dickinson
- 2:20 PM Western Pacific First 50 Years Film
- by Warren Haack
Cantenary Productions
- 3:20 PM break
- 3:35 PM Time Flies and the Feather Flows:
- by Steve Cope
- 4:25 PM Tesla, California and the Alameda and
San Joaquin Railroad
- by Dan Mosier
- 5:30 PM Vendor and Exhibit Room closes

Evening Events..

- 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Closing Banquet

Sunday, April 26

8:30 AM

NSRM and Virginia City Excursions and Tours

bus departs for Virginia City at 8:45 AM - Harrah's Reno Main Entrance
estimated return about 5:15 to 5:30 PM

If you have questions...
Look for a volunteer with
a GREEN POLO SHIRT and NAMETAG

**Fundraising Raffle Tickets and Archives prints
will be for sale at the Museum Store in the Vendor Room**



Preserving "The Feather River Route"