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.

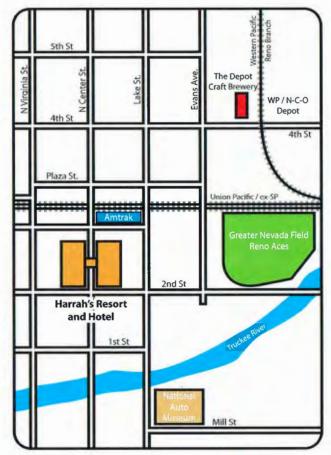
For directions and information, including directions to the Layout Tours and Special Events, please check the Registration and Information Table.

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 imited 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,
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our vendors, our volunteer staffers, door
prize donors and our presenters.
as well as anyone we forgot!

Thank you, Eugene Vicknair - 2017 Convention Chair

## WELCOME TO





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

Evening Events..

5:30 PM

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Kevin Caldwell Layout Tour 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bob Westphall and

Vendor and Exhibit Room closes

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Bob Norwich Layout Tours
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

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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

