

Establishing Funds

A number of individuals have expressed an interest in donating to a specific project. Accordingly the Board of Directors voted to establish funds for certain projects. They are as follows:

General Fund - This fund pays for all bills not covered by special funds including utilities, insurance, supplies, building repairs, improvements etc. All income from membership dues, donations, gift shop profits, train ride tickets etc. go into this catch-all fund. This fund maintains the museum and membership services.

Building Fund - Funded principally through the profits from the annual opportunity drawing for a free train excursion trip sponsored by Trains Unlimited, Tours.

WP 805A Fund - Started several years ago to pay for the restoration of this important unit. Some mechanical and cosmetic work remains to be completed.

WP GP-9 Fund - Repays acquisition and transportation costs for WP 725 and 731. Future restoration work includes body and paint work and mechanical improvements.

FB 110-1 Fund - This 1929 Ingersoll-Rand locomotive has been under repair by the Johnson family and will need cosmetic and mechanical restoration.

UP 737/SP 216 Fund - For cosmetic restoration as a display item.

SP 1215 Fund - Established to fund inspection and possible restoration to running condition. Funding for this project is on a "stand alone" basis.

UP 105 Fund - Our UP business car is in need of a new roof.

TCS Board Fund - WP's complete TCS control board is to be established in the UP baggage car. A memorial fund has been established in the name of Dave Meyers, WP's Chief Train Dispatcher.

The Feather River Rail Society is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) educational corporation and all contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Thank you for your support.

WP Web Site Updated

Frank Brehm has updated his Western Pacific Internet Web Page. It is now found at:

<http://www.jps.net/fbrehm/index.htm>

Check it out, it has a great deal of good information on it. Also his email address has changed to:

fbrehm@jps.net

Why not send him a nice message thanking him for his work on this site? It benefits all enthusiasts of the WP.

Another WP Locomotive For Our Collection

Five years ago we first made an inquiry to Foster Farms to acquire former WP 563. This 1,000 hp ALCo S-4, one of only two owned by WP, was purchased by Foster Farms in December, 1976, and used as a switcher at their Livingston, CA feed storage facility. It was replaced by a former SP ALCo S-6 and remained as a standby unit and later as a parts source.

In October we were notified that the unit was available at a reasonable price. However, since the museum's financial condition is not as strong as we would like, Norman Holmes and John Ryczkowski agreed to purchase the locomotive, restore it to operating condition (unless major problems are revealed) and then donate it to the museum. A portion of the profit from Norm's book on the Western Pacific will be used to offset purchase and restoration costs.

Costs of moving the unit from Livingston to Portola will be the responsibility of FRRS. We hope to have it in Portola ASAP.

Registered

We have now registered as "service marks" our FRRS logo and the WP logo as used for the WPRRHS. This gives us exclusive right to use these logos.

Mailing

Train Sheet No. 81 was mailed on November 12, 1996. Lolli Bryan, Missy and Ken Iverson and Barbara and Norman Holmes collated, stuffed, glued and labeled 1140 issues. Peggy Garner, the membership secretary, supplied the mailing labels.

Train Shows Coming Up

The FRRS operates sales and information tables at many train shows in California. Drop by and see us.

GATS = Great American Train Show.

GATS Bakersfield, January 18-19, 1997.

GATS Long Beach, February 1-2, 1997.

GATS San Francisco, March 1-2, 1997.

Winterail in Stockton, March 8, 1997.



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