

2002 WPRRHS Convention

By Tom Lawler

The 2002 Western Pacific Railroad Historical Society convention will be held on April 12 and 13, 2002 at the Best Western Bonanza Inn in Yuba City, CA. The convention will begin at 1:00 PM on April 12. This convention will follow the same pattern as the last five conventions with presentations focusing on the Western Pacific and subsidiary roads. At this time the estimated cost to attend both days will be \$25.00. The optional banquet to be held April 13th is also estimated to be an additional \$25.00.

A block of rooms has already been reserved at the convention site and reservations can be made by contacting the hotel directly at 530-674-8824. Room rates start at \$58.00 double occupancy. Please mention the convention when contacting the hotel.

Please monitor the WP & SN Yahoo discussions groups for more specific details on the convention. Sign-up information will be posted to these groups and the WPRRHS web site around the beginning of 2002.

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Special Run 'N' Scale Box Cars

Fellow FRRS member Vic Chudoba and his wife have commissioned InterMountain Railways to produce an N-scale WP 40ft Merchandise Dispatch car. The car is green with a yellow stripe across the bottom, and is completely assembled. It is available in four different road numbers and only 100 of each were produced.

These cars may be purchased as a four car set or individually. Currently they are available from Challenger N-Scale Hobbies in Oklahoma (<http://challenger-n-scale.com>) go to "Arrivals", then "LBC/IMRC", and Brooklyn Locomotive Works in New Jersey (<http://blwnscale.com>) go to "Freight Cars", then "LBC". Check out their web sites for pricing and photos. I believe this is the first time this car has been made available in N-Scale and it should make a nice addition to any WP layout.

Although there had been a previous arrangement with LBC, they chose to drop the Special Run line. After existing inventory is exhausted, all future cars will be listed under Vic's own company name of IPIC.

2002 Calender of Events

January

5 Board Meeting 1 p.m.

February

2 Board Meeting 1 p.m. Sacramento

March

2 Museum Open to Public, Board Meeting 1 p.m.
9 Winterail

April

6 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting 1 p.m.
12, 13 WPRRHS Convention, Marysville
27, 28 Crew Training, Rules Exam

May

4 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting 1 p.m.
25 Operating Season Begins

June

1 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting 1 p.m., Bar-B-Que 5:30 p.m., Annual Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.

July

13 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting 6 p.m.

August

3 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting 6 p.m.

September

2 Operating Season Ends
7 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting 1 p.m.
21 Railfan Photographer Day

October

5 Locomotive Maintenance Clinic, Board Meeting 1 p.m.

November

2 Museum Closes to Public, Board Meeting 1 p.m. Sacramento

December

7 Board Meeting 1 p.m., Santa Train 5 p.m.
14 Santa Train 5 p.m.