

Archive Work & News - Jul-Sep 2021

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Over the last couple of months, work in the archives has continued since we opened the museum back on July. 1st. With the help of Greg Elems, Kenneth and Paul Finnegan, along with remote help from Eugene Vicknair and Frank Brehm, we have been working on several projects for the archives.

WP Equipment Books

Back in late July, I started working on a project to get some of the old WP Equipment Drawings books out of the archives and get them reprinted. Between the end of July and the August Board of Directors meeting, with the help of Paul Finnegan, we had 7 equipment books reprinted and samples were taken to the FRRS Board for approval to reprint 10 equipment drawing books from the Western Pacific, Sacramento Northern and Tidewater Southern. The equipment books include freight cars, work equipment (MOW), passenger cars and locomotives (steam and diesel). Originally, these books were going to be release at the 2021 WP Convention, however with the continuing virus issues, the convention was postponed (yes, again). The weekend of the September Board of Directors meeting, I had all 10 books in hand and with the help of Kenneth Finnegan and Ann Cary, we set up new shelves in the museum store to display the books and entered them into the Museum Store's Point of Sale system.

These books are now for sale in the museum store and online at shop.wpilives.org.



One of the new Equipment Book Reprints
- Photo by Paul Finnegan



Equipment Books in Museum Store
- Photo by Kerry Cochran

Archive Materials

On-going work on archive storage boxcars, to sort and move some archive materials for inventory and to get a better idea of what collections are in each of the boxcars. (We do have a listing of the boxcars and most of the collections in each car.) The Delozier slide collection that was in one of the other archive boxcars (PFE FRRS 100468) has been moved into the Archive Car. This takes them out of the boxcar that was not suited for the slides to be in. This is a rather large collection and will need to be looked at as there is an unknown number of boxes that contain several other boxes of slides within the boxes that were moved. Kenneth Finnegan helped me in moving these slides the weekend of September 11th, as well as trying to sort through some of the other materials that need to get inventoried. Thank you Kenneth.

The Delozier slide collection will be about second or third in line, as we are working on Norm Holmes collection and Garth Groff's collection right now.

Frank Brehm has completed scanning Garth Groff's collection and Paul Finnegan has processed them and they are now on the website for viewing. Thank you Frank and Paul.

We worked in the JRSX boxcar (Simplot) to organize some archive materials for inventory and to get space to move RR magazines in from other locations into this car. It is an on-going projects to get all magazines into one place.