

# THE TRAIN SHEET

News from the Feather River Rail Society



WP 165 Progress  
Portola Railroad Days 2013  
2014 Event Calendar



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WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD  
MUSEUM at PORTOLA**

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The museum grounds are open to the public from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily from the first Saturday in April through the first Monday in November. The Diesel Shop is open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily during these dates.

Train operations begin the last Saturday in May and continue each weekend through the first Monday in September.

The museum grounds are closed to the public from the first Tuesday in November through the first Friday in March except for special events in which advance arrangements have been made. If you wish to visit during the closure period, it is advisable to call in advance and find out if the museum will be open.

Entrance to the museum for members is free. Non-members are required to pay an admission fee, details are in this issue.

The Feather River Rail Society, a tax-exempt public benefit California corporation, is the historical society for the Western Pacific Railroad and operator of the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola, California.

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*Cover Photo - Western Pacific FP7 805-A rests outside the Portola Diesel Shop during the 2013 Santa Train event. The last existing WP passenger diesel, 805-A has been restored to limited operation by FRRS volunteers.*

*- Eugene John Vicknair photo*

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**Preserving "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"**



**- WEB PAGES of INTEREST -**

FRRS Official Site	www.WPLives.org
WPRR Historical Society	www.wprrhs.org
CZ Virtual Museum	calzephyr.railfan.net
California Zephyr	californiazephyr.org
Western Pacific Pages	www.WPLives.com
WP Virtual Museum	wpmuseum.railfan.net
Sac Northern On-Line	www.WPLives.org/SN
Tidewater Southern Pages	www.TidewaterSouthern.com
Tidewater Southern	www5.pair.com/rattenne/WP/TidelIndex.htm
Central Calif Traction	www.trainweb.org/tractionco/

**Feather River Rail Society****2014 Calendar of Events****January**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1-31 Nominations open for 2009 elections
- 11 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**February**

- 8 Board Meeting - 1 PM San Jose, CA
- 17 President's Day
- 28 Train Sheet Deadline

**March**

- 1 Election Withdrawal Deadline
- 8 Winterail Stockton
- 9 Daylight Savings Time Starts
- 15 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola

**April** Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

- 4-6 Facilities and Track Work Session
- 12 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 12-13 Crew Training/Rules Exam - RAL Meeting
- 15 Election Ballots mailed to membership
- 20 Easter
- 26 Museum opens to public  
Volunteer Day - dinner 6 PM
- 26-27 Crew Training/Rules Exam - RAL Meeting
- 30 Train Sheet Deadline

**May** Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

- 3-10 Steam Department Work Session
- 10 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 11 Mother's Day
- 16 Media Day
- 24 Ballot Return Deadline – 5 PM  
Operating Season Opens  
RAL Engineers Meeting
- 26 Memorial Day

**June** Operating Season  
Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

- 7 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola  
Members Bar-B-Que - 5:30 PM  
Annual Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 13-15 Dunsmuir Railroad Days Dunsmuir
- 15 Father's Day
- 30 Train Sheet Deadline

**July**

Operating Season  
Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

- 4 Independence Day
- 12 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 17-19 Steam Department Work Session

**August**

Operating Season  
Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

- 5-10 Hot August Nights
- 8-10 Portola Railroad Days
- 9 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 31 Train Sheet Deadline

**September**

Operating Season  
Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

- 1 Labor Day  
Operating Season Ends
- 13 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 25-27 Steam Department Work Session

**October**

Museum Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM

- 11 Board Meeting - 4 PM Portola
- 17-19 Facilities and Track Work Session
- 26 Museum Closes to the Public
- 31 Train Sheet Deadline

**November**

- 2 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 8 Board Meeting - 1 PM Roseville, CA
- 11 Veterans Day
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 29-30 Work Session  
Santa Train decorations  
Winterization of facility

**December** Santa Trains

- 6 & 13 Santa Train - 5 PM
- 13 Board Meeting - 1 PM Portola
- 14 Santa Train clean-up Work Party  
Facility Closedown
- 25 Christmas
- 31 Train Sheet Deadline

## WP 165 PROGRESS

- Chris Allan, Steam CMO

To start off, the Superheater Fundraiser is COMPLETE!! Thanks to donations from Steve Lee of Cheyenne, WY., Henry Stiles of Rancho Cordova, CA., John and Lynne Haman of Harbert, MI., The Manos Family of Colfax, CA., and Michael Andrews of Yuba City, CA., we have reached our goal! Thanks to everyone for your support and generosity.

### SPRING WORK SESSION

A great deal of preparation went into getting ready for the Spring 2013 work session. Lots of folks, including Roger Stabler, Rod McClure, Steve Habeck, Charlie Spikes, James Mason, Susan Scarlett, Rick Gruninger, and Severn Edmonds went above and beyond to make sure things went smoothly. I am very appreciative for their efforts.

I made good my escape from the Greater Los Angeles area early on the morning of Tuesday April 16th. A fierce headwind driving up the valley gave me some idea of what lie ahead. A midday stop in Sacramento at our spring re-builder to load six rejuvenated leaf springs left my truck somewhat lower to the ground. I handed off his payment, which was substantial, and it was off to lunch with Steam Team member Dick Coudin and Paul Zaborsky, Railway Manager at WRM. Temperature at sea level was in the low 80's, but the clouds hanging over Donner remained ominous.

With around 1000+ pounds of spring steel in the bed of the truck, my power steering seemed to be a lot more powerful. A few snow flurries up ahead, but thankfully no chain controls were being enforced. Winter was in full force by the time I made Beckworth, not being able to see more than twenty feet in front of my hood. I was able to make out the crossing gates on Road A23 ahead, and aimed straight for them. Being raised in Southern California, I don't get into violent snow storms too often, and the remainder of the trip into Portola was dicey to say the least. I pulled through the gate, the sun immediately came out, and I was greeted by the familiar sound of a Fairbanks-Morse prime mover thumping off in the distance.

Wednesday morning, the first order of business was to wash the sandblast media out of the mudring. Joined by boilermaker Norman Comer, Charlie

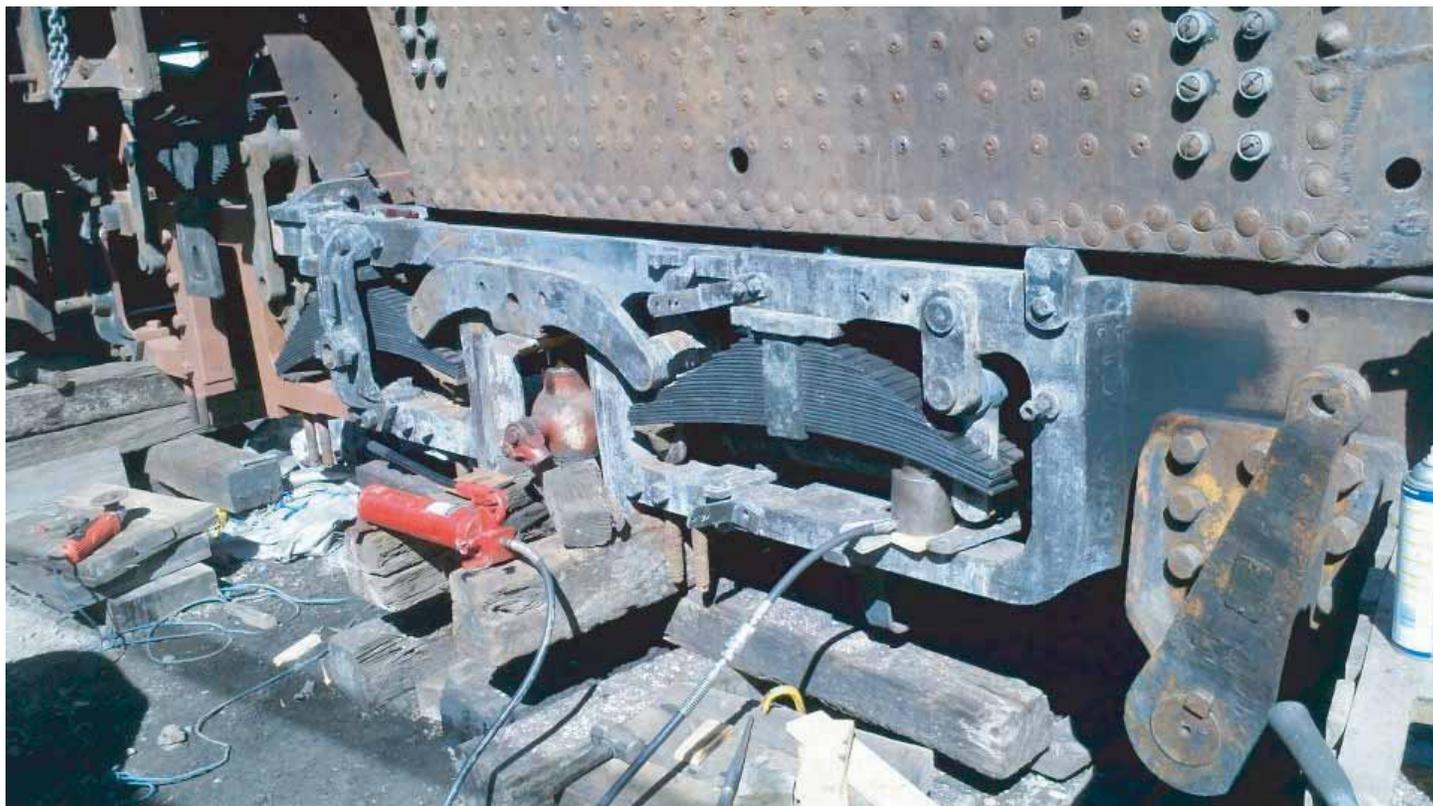
Spikes, Dave Anderson and Kirk Baer, we used a variety of means to clean out the black sand. Temperatures were still in the high 30s, it took a while for Charlie to thaw out the pump on the water trailer, and I managed to thoroughly soak myself to the bone, but by lunch the mudring was cleared out.

Kudos goes to Kirk Baer and Dave Anderson who got the locomotive frame needlescaled and primed prior to our work session. The locomotive looks great, as do the drivers that were painstakingly cleaned up by Dick Coudin and others, who stuck with it until the end. Great job guys!

Two full weeks at Portola was my longest stay to date, and the days tended to flow into one another. I can say that a great deal of extra work on the boiler was accomplished by Norman, and later in the session by Roger. The rear tube sheet that the late Dana Greeley started cleaning up six years ago was finally finished by Norman after three arduous days of grinding and pounding. Just about everyone on the crew had a hand in this unsavory job and ate more than a little grit in the firebox, but now we are onto other things. Another tube sheet patch is indicated, this time in the upper knuckle of the rear sheet, an area that was badly cracked, and badly repaired by the previous owner. Dave Varley, who is generously generating our FRA Form 4, a document which calculates the stresses on various parts of the boiler, identified a few more spots to take a closer look at this summer. Thanks go to Nathan Osborn, who spent a few days taking more ultrasound readings to relay to Dave Varley for use in the Form 4. This is another task that is seemingly unending, but Nathan has stuck with it.

Norman and I spent two full days getting the spring rigging set up, no small feat given that our white forklift was down. The "new" springs had a good deal more arch to them which made getting them back into their old positions a bit of a challenge. The porta-power was up to this Herculean task, and everything went back where it belonged. We were joined by Severn Edmonds from GGRM and our own Hank Stiles, and we were off to the races.

Severn spent time cleaning up the shoes and wedges for the pedestal jaws, and Hank started to polish up the journals on the driver axles. These jobs can prove to be somewhat repetitive, but at times like this we are glad the engine is an 0-6-0, and not a



*The rebuild leaf springs back in place in the frame.*

*- Chris Allan photo*

2-10-4. Severn drilled each shoe for a set-bolt, a clever way to keep it in place on the frame while being set on the drivers. I suppose this SP trick would have been used by the WP as well if they had thought of it. All the while Steve Habeck, helped by Greg, Matt and Dave Elems, had been switching things around so that the tender could be positioned for removal of the oil and water cisterns at the lift site. They also cleared up the shop track so we could position the driver sets outside and put up the side rods prior to the pick. A lot of thought goes into these switch moves, especially given how crowded our yard is, and we really appreciate it.

An evening in the lounge car "Silver Debris" and a viewing of Blazing Saddles helped to clear our heads as well as provide a bit of perspective on things. A nice little treat for all...

Fast forward to lift day, suffice to say a great deal took place on all fronts prior, but the focus of our work was to get the 165 rolling again, and that day was now at hand.

On Friday the 26th, two 75 ton capacity hydraulic rigs from Bragg Crane in Reno arrived right on time. Given the current state of our 200 ton WP derrick, I made the decision that we would go with the sure

thing. That decision proved to work out, as the lift went quite smoothly. Steve Lee was assigned the job of lift-master, the only person allowed to give signals to the cranes, just to keep confusion to a minimum. Four of us also donned the hardhats and went around with bars to move driving boxes this way and that to get everything in alignment. After about 40 minutes the frame and boiler were reunited with the driver sets, and it was onto the tender. The oil tank had been previously removed the day before using the big rental forklift, so all that remained was to remove the water cistern and place it on blocks for sandblasting this summer. The foot valves in the front were a bit of a problem, but Roger cut the holes in the steel decking a bit larger, and we prevailed.

Engine and tender (frame) were reunited for the first time in many years, and the switch crew pushed us into the shop, a good feeling after weeks of work, done safely and professionally by all involved.

Erin Swain, life member from Flagstaff, Arizona, was all the while patching holes in the roof of the locomotive's cab, and they were numerous. He managed to get his project just about done, including driving rivets in concert with Kirk who also helped to grind welds. Erin will start milling the

wood for the cab interior soon, which will look great no doubt. Thanks to him for seeing this portion of the project through!

The GGRM boys along with Hank and Roger started the arduous task of placing wedges and pedestal binders back up into place, which took all day, and was finished up on Sunday by Severn. A great deal of effort was expended by all, but the goal was in sight. We reached it just in time for a delicious meal prepared by Gail McClure that included Tri-tip, chicken and all the sides, and two tasty cakes for dessert. Thanks Gail for such a great meal!

This was our biggest and most complicated work session to date, and I expect there will be more like it as we get closer to steam-up. Thanks to everyone who pitched in, gave up their time to help the project along. I appreciate it greatly as does everyone in the Feather River Rail Society. Those in attendance included: Hank Stiles, Charlie Spikes, Steve Lee, Roger Stabler, Kirk Baer, Dave Anderson, Matt Parker, Dick Coudin, Erin Swain, Severn Edmonds, Garrett Brisbie, Jim Prettyleaf, Nathan Osborn, Dave Roth, Dave Hensarling, Dave Varley, Jeff Boone, Deanna Knowles, Nancy Harding, Ken Asmus, new volunteer Mike (sorry didn't catch your last name!), Bob Sims, and a few others which I am omitting to be sure, for which I apologize. I missed a few of you thanks to the "Fog of War" atmosphere that hangs over the chaos and general confusion these events generate.

#### SUMMER WORK SESSION

I really do try to plan these work sessions out well in advance. I purchase tooling and materials weeks or even months ahead, line up contractors and volunteers in advance, all this just to make sure everything goes smoothly and efficiently. Rarely do things go "as planned" despite my best efforts, and last week is proof of that. However, it can work out for the best in other, less tangible ways.

Wednesday, July 17th, together with my dad, we set out from my parent's home in Concord, CA. Since we had the time, and he had never seen the Feather River Canyon, we drove up Hwy. 70, a nice change from going over Donner. Dad was impressed with the scenery, and I have to say, so was I having not seen the Canyon from the driver's perspective for several decades. Arriving at the museum we moved into our accommodations, air conditioning in

perfect working order I might add, and settled in. An invitation to Kirk and Debbie's house for dinner was the perfect way to wind down. Thanks guys for the nice break!

Upon inspection of the engine on Thursday morning, I was pleased at the amount of work that the "Wednesday Warriors" (Kirk, Dave, Eddie and Larry) have accomplished by way of needle scaling and primer painting. The 165 is finally looking more like a restoration project than a park locomotive. The care and attention to detail these fellows are taking has really paid off, so keep up the momentum and thanks! Charlie Spikes and David Elems have been working on the tender frame, removing deck rivets so that the wasted sheets under the decking can be renewed. Thanks to Charlie, Mike, David and some coaching from Norman our boilermaker as well as earplugs, they were all out by the end of the weekend. The new plate is on hand and can now be marked out and drilled.

Severn Edmonds was in by Thursday afternoon much to our delight. He has made it his mission to get the Lodge & Shipley 16" lathe running for the last year, and I can report that we were finally able to make real actual parts on it this time! Thanks to Severn for sticking with it!

My hope was to start drilling the remainder of the 2" holes in the front tube sheet this time. I purchased a special hole cutter bit and adaptor so it could be used in a conventional drill chuck, and arranged to have Severn borrow the magnetic base drill press from our generous friends at GGRM. Sadly the adaptor did not fit the drill chuck, so Severn is making up a new bit of tooling so this can be done in the fall. A person can only plan for so much, we continue to fight on.

On a happier note, Bob Sims has been quietly converting our ancient D&RGW box car into the steam department tool car. I was pleased that some of our tooling was moved out of my overloaded tool "dumpster" and into the car. Hank and Dave got a long steel table from out in the bone yard, straightened the legs and fork lifted it into the car using Bob's angular calculations. The resulting space is a real boon to the steam guys, and will help productivity greatly given that everything will be at hand, rather than in a messy pile. Thanks to Bob for sticking with the project and to everyone who helped get us moved in.



Roger Colton removes rivets from the rear tube sheet.

-Chris Allan photo

Our boilermaker, Norman Comer was in from Tuolumne, CA. His efforts were concentrated on fitting the rear tube sheet knuckle patch that Roger cut out in the spring. This project requires a great amount of fussy cutting and measuring, and he will hopefully be back after Railroad Days to finish it up before Cody the Welder is back out in the fall from Cheyenne, Wyoming to finish all the sheet renewal work.

Throughout the course of the weekend my dad was content to hang out in the climate controlled zone of the Pullman sleeper and catch up on his reading, and take the occasional nap. This was a nice change from the day to day of his regular home life. He did wander over to the shop periodically to check on our progress, but given that a heat wave was on, and the interior of the building was hotter than the hinges of hell, we only saw him briefly. To be honest I wouldn't have minded joining him in the car from time to time myself.

Traditionally, the summer sessions are our least patronized as far as volunteers go, but I am happy to say that things are looking up. Kirk, Dave, Larry, Charlie, Burr, Mike, David, Hank, Duane, Bob, Norman and Severn did accomplish a great deal, and they have my gratitude, and the gratitude of the Board.

Saturday night everyone was invited once more to Kirk and Debbie's for the evening meal. It was a nice gesture, and a great way to get everyone in one place at the same time for conversation and storytelling. This social aspect is what I enjoy most about coming up to Portola, so kudos to you guys for facilitating this "team building" event, we hope we can do it again soon!

A big thank you goes to Gail McClure for designing and printing the new 165 "Heavy Metal" t-shirt for sale in the gift shop. Please pick one up next time you are at the museum! And thanks also to the switch crew lead by Steve Habeck who had the engine and tender spotted right where we wanted it. I know it's not always easy to move stuff around in that yard, kinda like one of those sliding tile puzzles given the amount of equipment we own.

Sunday morning finally arrived, so dad and I moved out of the Pullman, and we headed out the gate. We returned by way of Pine Grove so I could drop a chunk of railroad iron off at my property. Taking Carson Pass over into California, I managed to avoid Highway 80 entirely, which was great. Dad was likely happy to get back home. I took a pause for the cause and headed back out on the road to LA. I arrived late that evening and decompressed a bit before collapsing. Unbeknownst to me, a week of sanding and painting ceilings lay ahead; something I really didn't plan for.

WP 165 needs your help. Steam engines run on 4 things: fuel, water, rails and money. We've got 3 of those in abundance, but your help is needed for the last one. To donate to the 165, you can post mail a check to Steam Department - FRRS, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122. Or go on-line to the WP Store: [giftshop.wplives.org](http://giftshop.wplives.org). Click on Monetary Donations and select 165 Donation to support the return of steam to Portola.

## PORTOLA RAILROAD DAYS

- Gail McClure, Gift Shop Manager

Railroad Days was a success this year, due in no small part to the very hard work done by a group of dedicated volunteers. While crowds were down, revenues were up and our guests, with a few exceptions, seemed very pleased with their visits. Train rides were the popular event of the day and we were so busy that instead of running on a schedule as is the norm, we would load up the train and go from 12 noon to 4 pm. Guests were entertained with live music by Reno (and member Rick Gruninger's) band, Rock Shop, who brought down the house during the day and kicked it for our volunteers at night while they enjoyed a dinner catered by local Mexican restaurant, Ricos (outstanding food, by the way – check them out next time you are in town). They also enjoyed two model railroad layouts provided by our friends Mel Jones and Bob Sandin (N-scale), and Paul and Chris Martinovich (HO-scale). Many took home souvenirs purchased in the gift shop and bought tickets to a raffle where the grand prize was a one hour Run-A-Locomotive session.

All in all, the revenue and PR provided by the event was a huge benefit to the Feather River Rail Society!

I can't thank enough the hard working volunteers who made this event possible. Eugene Vicknair created a spectacular poster and advertisement published in all the local papers to draw visitors to the property. Steve Habeck was in charge of getting the property looking good and making the equipment accessible to our visitors. David Elems, Matt Elems, Greg Elems, Charlie Spikes, Sam Herschbein (all the way from Seattle!), Tim Carter, Ethan Doty, Deanna Fecko, Cody Wilson, Matt

Parker, Fred Elenbaas and I provided the labor to make Steve's plan come to reality. Our always professional train crew included Matt E., Greg, Charlie, Tim, Ethan, Rick and Fred, as well as newcomer Steve Cope and Superintendent of Operations, Bill Parker. Steve and David provided troubleshooting expertise. Deanna and I worked the Gift Shop, and Sam did not let anyone by him without suggesting purchase of our raffle tickets or a donation to the organization.

If you have an opportunity to meet any of these hard working people, please be sure to thank them for their dedication to the organization and for giving of their time and sweat to make your Feather River Rail Society, and Western Pacific Railroad Museum, prosper.



*Rubber ducks fill the Feather River during the Portola Railroad Days "Lucky Duck Race"*

### HOW TO MAKE ADDRESS and MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

In our efforts to inform and keep in touch with our members, one of the difficulties we often face are members who have moved or changed their contact information without sharing the changes with us. If you move, get a new email or phone number, or need to make other changes to your contact information, there are several easy ways to let us know.

By postal mail: FRRS - Membership, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122

By email: [memberships@wplives.org](mailto:memberships@wplives.org) or [info@wplives.org](mailto:info@wplives.org)

Or you can call the museum directly at 530.832.4131

When sending new contact info, please include your full name, member number, former contact information (and mark it as your old information) and your new contact information. Also, if you have an email address, please consider adding it to your membership information so we have multiple ways to contact you. This will help us keep in touch with you in case other methods do not work.

## September 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

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### Financial Reports

- Financials and Financial Report provided.
- Current net profit in over \$38,000 for the year. We have kept expenses way down this year, almost \$85,000 lower than last year. Except for donations, all income areas are down from 2011 except for special events, asset sales and rental income, but much lower expenses are offsetting.
- Short term credit carried is coming down due to new income and payment plan approved by Board.
- James Mason congratulated the Board for their recent financial actions.
- Discussion about fundraising. Noted that several members have made some big donations.
- Revenue on Museum Store is down about \$15,000, but profit on store is way up and expenses down about \$28,000.
- Thanks from the Board to the Museum Store volunteers for their hard work.
- Talked to tax person about reimbursement for Museum Store volunteer driving miles. Volunteers need to submit form with actual miles. Reimburse rate is \$0.50 / mile.
- Question about quantifying the dollar value of volunteer work. Hours volunteered should be reported to Gail McClure so that it can be quantified and reported. Dollar value of volunteer hours can be counted as matching against grant funding.

### Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – presented preliminary 2013 Calendar and asked for revisions and approval for October.
- *Elms* – reported on trackwork performed this weekend on soft spot near Milward Switch

### Event Reports

- Wedding at museum next Saturday, using Silver Plate and baggage car. We are receiving donation for use of cars and facility.

### Department Reports

- *Archives* – written report provided. WP Chief Dispatcher's desk was moved from Sacramento last weekend.

### Committee Reports

- *Membership* – Concerns about loss of several members and regular volunteers. Suggestion to send

out a survey to determine reasons and ways to increase / retain volunteers and members. Another suggestion to have member / volunteer table at events and hold a "job fair" at the beginning of the season to encourage and educate on volunteer positions.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

- *USNavy MRS-1 544* – Alco Museum in Schenectady, NY is considering the offer authorized last meeting.
- *SP SD9 4404* – Contract has been signed by FRRS President McClure with two minor adjustments requested by Western Rail. Waiting for Western Rail to sign and send check.
- *MILW U25B 5057* – Reports are that Cascade Rail Foundation is making good progress on fundraising and is on track to complete purchase of the locomotive.

### Safety Report

- Be careful of wasps. Still very bad this year.

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## October 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Appointment of Depts, Committees and Chairs

- Kyle Wyatt is head of Historical Society / Department
- Ron Huey is head of the Election Committee with Matt Shuman as assistant
- All other positions remain the same

### Motion 12-10-01

Consent Calendar

Accept September 2012 Minutes.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 2.  
Motion carries.

Gail McClure commented that she was unaware that volunteer hours were supposed to be reported to her. She reminded Board that a volunteer tracking system had been approved on a funds available basis several years ago. Volunteer tracking item placed on November Agenda. Gail McClure will get revised numbers.

### Director Oath of Office

– tabled from August

- Written report provided.
- Suggestion on killing item until more research is done on item.
- Consensus direction to drop item from agenda until more research / information acquired on the item.

Request Frank Brehm to review the item further.

### Member and Volunteer Outreach

- Written report provided concerning ideas on how to improve membership and volunteer numbers.
- Suggestion to hold a Volunteer Orientation Day.
- Gail McClure offered to coordinate Volunteer Day and asked that it be done as a volunteer orientation day complete with dinner.
- Opinion that having a volunteer to focus on memberships and volunteer recruitment at off-site events is a great idea.

#### Motion 12-10-02

Accept report and recommendations concerning Volunteer Outreach as presented.

G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.  
Motion carries.

### 2013 Event Calendar

- Preliminary calendar provided.
- Discussion about Portola RR Days dates.
- Need to add trackwork days.

#### Motion 12-10-03

Accept 2013 Calendar.

Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.  
Motion carries.

### Radio System License and Museum Radios

- Written report provided on need to switch to narrowband by end of year..
- Need to modify FCC license to new narrowband requirements. Kerry Cochran will oversee this.
- We need to retire old radios and acquire new ones that meet new narrowband requirements.
- We have 6 radios that meet requirement but must be reprogrammed.
- We need to acquire new radios, recommendation to look at fundraising campaign for acquisition and / or request donation of appropriate radios.
- Brand new compliant radios that would handle our use cost about \$400 - \$500 each.
- Question about how many volunteers own personal radios. Suggestion to let members know about any good deals in case they want to buy their own.
- Elms brothers report examples of the 6 donated radios that meet requirement are performing well.
- Questions about how many radios we need. About 10 portable radios, plus speakers mics, holsters and other accessories. We also need some base stations and loco radios. Need budget of about \$10,000 for replacement program.

- Any donation request we make for radios need to be very specific so that we get hardware that will work and be compliant with the narrowband rules.
- Suggestion to put article in the Train Sheet about these needs.
- Question about phasing in purchases of new radios. Prefer to get in batch to maintain common models of equipment.
- James Mason pointed out that operations expenses are way down this year. We do have some funding available for this. Line item 51060.
- Question is old radios have any value. Only to amateur, non-licensed usage. All licensed usage needs to meet new narrowband specifications.
- Question about how we determine radio use, concerns about treatment of radios by volunteers.
- Pointed out that from a practical view we need to switch over by March 2013 due to season needs.
- Kerry Cochran will be bringing more info on radio acquisitions to November meeting.
- Consensus direction to have Kerry make the license changes.
- Tabled to November meeting.

### Media Day

- Written report provided on setting up a Media Day around opening of operations season.

#### Motion 12-10-04

Accept the report and request formation of ad-hoc committee.

G. McClure / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.  
Motion carries.

- President McClure selected Matt Parker, Eugene Vicknair, Tom Carter for ad-hoc committee.

### President's Report

- Written report provided.
- Equipment has been moved from Norm Holmes' house in Portola. Moved was WP wood boxcar, WP wood caboose and FR&W Whitcomb locomotive.
- Concerns about ability to get permissions for Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2013.
- Visitor numbers have dropped off in recent weeks.
- Frank Brehm and David Dodds crewed our table at the UP 844 event in Sacramento. Handed out brochures and other information at the event.

### Financial Reports

- Financials and financial reports provided.
- James Mason went over report of Endowment status.
- Three of the five Endowment trustees attended Endowment meeting last week. Gail McClure also

attended.

- Reviewed how the Endowment is structured and how it benefits the General Fund.
- Reviewed how RAL is now managed and supported by the Endowment. RAL profits have remained stable from last year.
- Endowment is doing very well. Are looking at ideas for Estate Planning and Endowment fundraising.
- Trustees have asked to add Lynn Gordon as a trustee. Lynn is a former management professional with the Union Pacific. Has degrees in Public Relations and Political Science.
- They have also asked for Gail McClure to be appointed as Board Liaison for the Trustees.

#### Motion 12-10-05

Appoint Lynn Gordon to the Trustees and appoint Gail McClure as liaison.

Carter / Elems. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.  
Motion carries.

- Income for 2012 is profit of over \$49,000, not including \$45,000 just received for sale of SP SD9 4404. This is opposed to deficit of \$34,500 this time last year.
- Financial direction is very positive.
- Income from SP 4404 is being held back from budget availability until locomotive leaves the property.
- Suggestions for fundraising efforts. Discussion about appreciated stock transfers. Year End Fundraiser needs to go out soon.
- Request for info to put in Train Sheet on stock transfers and estate planning.

#### **Director's Reports**

- *G. McClure* – Contacted by Toy Train Operators Society and Lionel Train Operators Society. They are doing annual convention in Reno at Grand Sierra. We are going to be one of their visit sites. July 13, 2013 is the tentative date. Eugene Vicknair to provide equipment histories for tours. Volunteers needed to assist with visitors.
- *Monger* – Milwaukee Road Historical Society is sending \$3,000 to the MILW 5057 purchase effort. Cascade Rail at about \$9,000 on fundraising.

#### **Department Reports**

- *Museum Store* – written report provided at meeting. Covered Railroad Days and Labor Day weekend. Currently using only about 40% of available space. To increase revenue, we need to spend money to improve store further and add more stock. Estimate is that we are down about 25% on visitorship, but income down only slightly. Profit margins on products are increased and costs are down. Have received requests for new

products and explored other new product options. Suggestion to generate new shirts that are WP specific. Point of Sale system computer needs to be upgraded. Webstore needs to be rebuilt as it was not originally set-up properly. Webstore will go down over winter while it is being rebuilt.

- *Trackwork* – Greg Elems led another 3 Saturdays of trackwork. Assisting were Matt and Dave Elems, Rick Gruninger and Charlie Spikes, as well as Deanna and another volunteer. Done a lot of tamping and track is much more level and secure. Current slow order will be pulled from balloon. Suggestion to add permanent slow order through the yard.

#### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

- *SP SD9 4404* – couplers and AEI tags received and work to start soon on conversion. Check for \$45,000 received and cleared.
- *US Navy MRS-1 544* – Alco Museum is still considering purchase.
- *Fourth Street House* – appraisal has happened and we are waiting on final report.

#### **Safety Report**

- Dead trees and slash in parking lot will be removed soon. Other tree removal needs to happen soon.
- UP crew has removed old WP code line from property. Poles were removed by UP crew. Line was only de-energized last week.

#### **Public Comments**

- ALL volunteers need to record their hours.

#### **Closed Session**

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM, returned at 7:02 PM.

- The Board heard a report on a legal item – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.
- The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.
- The Board heard a report on a business issue – Security. Consensus direction given.

#### Motion 12-10-06

Add item of urgency: authorization for access to BofA security box.  
Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0.  
Motion carries.

#### Motion 12-10-07

Authorization for Gail McClure to act on behalf of FRRS for all issues pertaining safety deposit box 00J8964-9 at the Portola Bank of America branch.  
Vicknair / Carter. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1.  
Motion carries.

## November 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

Consent Calendar tabled to December meeting.

### Radio System License and Museum Radios

- As of Dec 31, all railroad radios must conform to narrowband format. Fines for non-compliance.
- All locomotive radios are not compliant.
- Director Cochran working on upgrades for hand radios.
- Training this year will emphasis hand signals.
- Suggestion to set up radio review and upgrade during Crew Training this year.
- Personal radios that are not compliant must be banned due to potential fines.
- Tabled to December meeting.

### Volunteer Hours Tracking System

- Review acquisition of hours tracking system previously discussed.
- System would be separate from the Point of Sale system. Reviewed how it would operate.
- Tabled to December

### Museum Auto Show

- Written report provided on concept for auto / truck show at museum.
- Director Carter has compiled information on how to set up such an event.
- Idea is that people who are interested in cars / mechanicals would also be interested in locomotives and our collection.
- Would need volunteers and would need to spread rock / gravel in the parking lot to create better surface.
- Would need port-o-potties, other support items.
- Auburn has weekly car show that brings in as many as 900 cars.
- Request to see a budget covering expenses, parking lot improvements. Need to see space allocation in parking lot.
- Concerns about getting enough volunteers to staff.
- Usually car shows charge \$25-\$40 per entry.
- Suggestion to add surface sealant if we put down gravel.
- Suggestion to use hospital space for as alternative location. Could plant grass up there.
- Consensus direction to pursue more research and report back.

### Off-Site Board Meetings

- Written report provided.
- Discussion about history and purpose of off-site meetings.
- Costs vs. benefit were debated.

- Pointed out that conference call system allows for remote access to meetings.
- Member Scott McAllister offered local member perspective. Suggested that awareness of off-site meetings may be an issue. Could there be more of a push to attend the off-site meetings.
- Suggestion to promote the meeting locations better and make them more inviting.
- Need article in *Train Sheet* about Board Meetings.
- Suggestion to hold off-site meetings still in 2013 and promote meetings better. Report back December 2013 on status. Suggestion to send postcard inviting to off-site meetings and other events.
- Look at ways to lower cost of meetings.
- Set up February 2013 for Orchid Suites and November 2013 for location of International Railfair.
- Suggestion to include off-site meetings into in Year End Fundraising letter.
- Consensus direction to promote meetings in 2013 and report back in December 2013.

### Napa Valley Baldwin Locomotive

- Written report provided on proposal to place NVR DS-6-6-750 on long term loan to West Coast Railway Association.
- Discussion about West Coast Railway Association and their progress.
- Noted that original owner of the 51 was affiliated with the Great Northern.
- Outer end traction motors are damaged. NVR 51 needs 14 batteries. Used to run in Portola. Reportedly could run again with little work. Has cast frame.
- Discussion of price and merits of trade vs. sale.

### Motion 12-11-01

Accept report and terms as presented and make loan offer to WCRA. Do not mention specific equipment, but word as equipment suitable to our collection.

Carter / Elems. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

### Calendar Fundraiser

- Written report provided proposal photo poster and calendar fundraising products.
- Several months ago a photographer and some models were doing a shoot at the museum.
- Photographer and models have offered to do calendar and posters as a fundraiser / income source.
- Suggestion to do for 2014 and use a small run press.
- Idea is to do photos inspired by and creating an homage to Virgil Staff's photography and include Virgil's photos in this. Work with Frank as archivist.
- Concerns to verify liability, model releases. Make sure we coordinate shooting times / actions on equipment.

- Example given of shoots done in a similar way at Reno Air Races.
- Photographer and models have offered to do this for no fee. Asked for credit.
- Concensus to explore issue further and review budgets and legal / responsibility issues.

### President's Report

- *Safe Deposit Box* – Safe Deposit box was opened on October 19, 1999. Was signed by Norm Holmes, Andy Anderson and Skip Englert. Bill for box has been paid. Need to get Norm and / or Andy to the bank to access the box. Rod McClure has tried contacting Norm and we have heard no response. Kirk Baer spoke to Norm about the box. Norm is looking for the box key.

### Financial Reports

- Financials and financial reports provided.
- Questions about some charges asked by members. Answers provided along with background.
- Our budget position over last year is \$102,000 in the black. Currently have over \$108,000 in bank. SP 4404 money being held "in escrow" until locomotive moves.

### Director's Reports

- *Monger* – Is assisting in the creation of an Arcadia Press book on the Edward Hines Lumber Company. Also working on a book with Signature Press.
- *Elms* – crew worked 3 Saturdays working on ballasting new ties installed last year. Next spring expect to do more ballasting, tamping and tie replacement. Balloon slow order has been lifted.
- *Habeck* – "Gems" of collection have been moved into Diesel Shop or close proximity as security measure.

### Department Reports

- *Museum Store / RAL* – Basically done for the season except for one scheduled for the 21st. One RAL was missed while Gail was on vacation and gentleman received an RAL certificate for replacement and appreciated our customer service on this. Intuit has sold Homestead web store operation and has discontinued interface between their POS and webstores. We need to upgrade our POS system, our version is no longer supported. Cost is \$899 plus tax. Gail is looking at lowering credit card / merchant service costs with Intuit. Looking also at adding debit card capability. Cost of 3rd Party software to link POS and webstore runs from \$23 / month to \$899 one time. Has been talking about web operations with Tom Carter as webmaster. Discussing how to proceed as webstore was not set up properly in beginning. Recommending to upgrade to Intuit Store version 11 and upgrade our credit card / debit card systems, purchase a third party interface to the web store and

update our webstore and continue with it when properly operating, then later evaluate its performance after having them properly them linked and operating for several. Total estimated expenses to update as outlined are about \$1500 to \$2000. Concensus direction for Gail McClure to proceed as outlined.

### Legal / Insurance Report

- Insurance is in place for Fourth Street house.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

- *SP SD9 4404* – Coupler replacement is proceeding.
- *MILW U25B 5057* – Cascade Rail is over \$10,000 and they have \$1,500 in challenge donations out. Looking good for \$15,000 by March. Cascade is still looking for shop in Washington to do cosmetic restoration work.

### Safety Report

- Getting cold and snowy around museum.
- Due to incidents this year, suggestion we emphasize during crew training that we have 5 MPH speed limit. We have a lot of kids running around and people moving around terminal when caboose trains operate. Plan to completely revamp Operations Bulletins Book.

### Public Comments

- *Scott McAllister* – Commented that there is a lot more going on than average member sees. Offered to write item for web and Train Sheet to help encourage members and volunteers. Asked what is going on with the archives. Gave background on recent changes. Asked that more info be placed in the Train Sheet on the archives.
- *Kirk Baer* – Has a set of rail tongs he will donate to museum. Expressed concerns over loss of members due to lack of conventions and fewer Headlights. Stated that the gift shop has been disappointing in years past and is impressed with this year's improvements. Thanked Gail McClure and her volunteers for their hard work this year in the gift shop.
- *Debra Baer* – Portola RR Days is at crossroads, no one showed up at last planning meeting. They are looking for people to chair / work on committees.

### Notices

- Santa Trains December 1 and 8

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## December 2012 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motion 12-12-01

Consent Calendar

Correction to November minutes: All locomotive radios are NOT compliant with new regulations.

Accept the minutes for the October and November 2012 Meetings as corrected.

Vicknair / Cochran. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

### **Radio System License and Museum Radios**

*tabled from October*

- Written report and information provided.
- Review of issues concerning museum radio system.
- On November 24, the radio license was processed for modification. Currently still pending with FCC.
- Did research into replacement radios. Found a vendor that can provide radios for \$260 each.
- Suggestion we look at offering this price to members who want personal radios and do a mass buy. Would be cash up front purchase. Quote is for portable radios only, not locomotive or station radios.
- Verified that currently we only have 6 portable radios compliant with new requirements.
- Two compliant station radios will be donated after January 1, 2013.
- We will need five new station / locomotive radios. Need to look into replacing those.
- Questions about what bandwidths are covered and other radios to be converted.

#### Motion 12-12-03

Accept the report and move forward as suggested with purchase of 12 new compliant portable radios. Total cost is \$3,982.00 on line item 51060 – Tools.

Carter / G. McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.  
Motion carries.

- The 6 radios currently in hand can be converted by Kerry quickly. Discussion about getting those converted as soon as possible. They will be shipped to Kerry for quick conversion.
- Recommendation that we put word out on radio offer for volunteers who want personal radios.
- Question about liability if general public brings non-compliant radios. If they are not working for museum, then we are not responsible. We are only responsible for our volunteers doing FRRS business.

Question about status of Treasurer position. James Mason is functioning as Acting Treasurer currently and will handle year end report.

### **Volunteer Hours Tracking System**

- Issue is whether to approve acquisition of hour tracking system previously discussed.
- Issues are still being investigated. Will bring report to next meeting.

- Tabled to January.

### **WP 2013 Convention**

- Written report provided.
- Issue is to approve proposal for 2013 WP Convention.
- Convention dates suggested are May 17-19, 2013. Projected location is CSRM in Sacramento.
- Current fund for conventions is 11003 – Convention. Has \$1,824.00. Thom Anderson is current signator on the account. Will review account status in January.
- Discussion about structure of the account and how to handle it.
- Question about work weekend before season open on Memorial Day weekend. Schedule new work weekend.

Concensus direction to proceed with planning and report back. Dates are approved.

### **Santa Maria Beet Gon Donation**

- Written report provided.
- Proposal to donate SP Sugar Beet Gon for display in Santa Maria, CA.
- President McClure has been talking to Santa Maria Valley Historical Museum. They have reformed their organization in the last few years.
- Suggestion to give them a beet gon and have SMVHM cover costs.

#### Motion 12-12-04

Motion to donate to SMVHM one of the SP / Holly Sugar beet gondolas (SP 358262) acquired by the FRRS in 1989. SMVHM to cover all related loading, tie-down and shipping costs. Beet Gon must be moved within 6 months of contract acceptance.

Monger / Vicknair. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

### **Short-term Debt Repayment**

- Proposal to review financial status for repayment of short term debt.
- Suggested that this be tabled to March 2013 and continue current payment plan.
- Concensus direction to continue with current payment plan and revisit in March 2013.

### **Santa Train Planning**

- Written report provided.
- Issues are to find ways to improve Santa Train attendance, finances and planning, appoint Event Coordinator and discuss adding 3rd weekend of trains.
- Vice-President Habeck has requested a third Santa Train weekend this year.

- Opinions expressed that we need to complete SP 4404 and Santa Train is interfering with that work.
- We are losing money on Santa Train currently.
- Suggested in report to appoint a coordinator for Santa Train and improve fundraising and publicity.
- Reported that SP 4404 welder cannot return until after first of the year. We need to find another welder.
- Concern that we have no time to get a crew together. Also there has been no advertising.
- Last Saturday we had only 29 cars at \$5 a car. Cost for materials and set-up was over \$660.
- Suggestion to look at possible 3rd weekend next year or move it farther down in the month for 2013.
- Noted that this year no one advertised, requested cookies or other advertising items.
- Thanks to Steve Habeck and his family for their great job decorating the train.
- Concensus is for no 3rd Santa Train this year.

#### Motion 12-12-05

Accept the report recommendations to appoint a Coordinator for 2013 to handle planning, fundraising, publicity and logistics. Planning activities to begin no later than October 1, 2013.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

- Gail McClure has volunteered to be Coordinator for 2013 and Debra Baer and Bruce Veilleux have volunteered to assist.

#### **Year End Fundraising Budget**

- Fundraising letter and written report provided.
- Suggestion in report to do two mailings. Recommendation to do spring mailing through mailing house and do fall mailing as more elaborate mailing. Suggestion to up the budget to \$3,000.

#### Motion 12-12-06

Accept the report recommendation of two annual mailings. Budget to be \$3,000 annual from line item 56600 - Fundraising.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

#### **President's Report**

- Bill for damage to car on Railroad Days as been paid.
- Building has been drained.
- Rod McClure saw a black bear heading into the museum this morning.

#### **Financial Report**

- Financial information was not sent due to

unavoidable circumstances.

- James Mason brought financial report.
- Current finances are looking good. Chart presented showing 2011 vs. 2012. Net income for 2012 is currently over \$50,000 for the year. We will be higher, close to \$100,000, when we book 4404 sale money.
- Income has improved due to hard work by many people to bring in income, donations, improve the Gift Shop and find cost savings.
- Thanks to Gail McClure and her team, we have saved over \$35,000 in Gift Shop direct costs.
- Cash on hand is over \$100,000.
- Memberships are up \$166 over last year this time.
- We are running \$123,624 ahead of this time last year in net income, not including SP 4404 income.
- Recommended delaying full payment of short term debt until after the SP 4404 money is released.
- Discussed recent stock donation. James Mason donated 60 shares of stock to Steam Program. Board needs to direct that stock be sold and funds transferred to income item 40422 – Steam Fund. Recommended that a policy / procedure be enacted to handle future stock donations.
- Direct donation of appreciated stock to non-profit avoids taxes on appreciation, donor gets full write-off.
- Recommendation to start drafting long-term business plan to present to the Board. Review prior business plans and proposals. Recommended that Business Practices Committee start looking at this.
- Questions about stock donation. A portion of stock can be donated. Value set on day stock is transferred.
- James Mason will work with Kerry Cochran to draft stock policy.

#### Motion 12-12-07

Direct that stock donated by James Mason be sold and transferred through BofA account to line item 40422 – Steam Fund.

Carter / Vicknair. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.  
Motion carries.

- Concensus direction to have Business Practices Committee prepare a draft Business Plan looking forward 10 years. Include information from March 2012 special meeting.

#### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – donated a set of outdoor information signs for equipment.
- *Monger* – Vic Neves' dog Zephyr who often came to the museum passed away recently.

#### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- Fourth Street house insurance is paid and in effect.

- Rick Gruninger needs values for Meeker collection. Eugene Vicknair to resend.
- President McClure renewing museum liability policy.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

- *SP SD9 4404, MILW U25B 5057, NVR DS-4-4-750 51* – written reports provided. No real change in status on any. Wayne Monger is putting up a \$3,000 challenge for Cascade Rail 5057 fundraiser.

### Public Comments

- *Rick Gruninger* – Asked that crew training dates be decided soon. Kerry, Rick and Tom Carter to discuss. Asked about plans to install cameras and suggested that camera not show parking area next to Edenwold. Will discuss with Bruce Veilleux.

### Notices

- Santa Train December 8
- Board Nominations open January 1, 2013

### Closed Session

Adjourned to closed at 3:09 PM, returned at 3:23 PM.

- The Board heard a report on a legal item – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.
- The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.

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## January 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Motion 13-01-01

Consent Calendar

Accept the minutes for the December 2012 Meetings.

G. McClure / Cochran. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.

Motion carries.

### Volunteer Hours Tracking System

- Issue is whether to approve acquisition of hour tracking system previously discussed.
- Gail McClure had copy of report from March 2007 on system then approved for \$5000.
- Now believe that we can do that for about ½ of cost.
- Bruce Veilleux investigating software. There are now many options available beyond original vendor.
- Gail and Bruce are still investigating.
- We may have computer that will work, needs upgrades.
- Concensus direction is to continue.

### President's Report

- President has been sick for past month.

- Museum is cold and snowed in.
- Bank of America safety deposit box was drilled open and had nothing in it. Box is closed and we are no longer being billed for it. Thanks to Norm and Gail for handling the issue.

### Financial Reports

- Reports provided.
- Review of financial report. Cashflow for December 2012 looked normal for this time of year. We are in our down time and expenses are exceeding income as is typical.
- Have over \$89,700 cash on hand. Income for this year is positive over \$35,500. We are ahead \$117,500 over this time last year. This is a huge improvement.
- There have been many cost reductions this year that are working well and our income has improved as well.
- Current year-end reports are preliminary and will be adjusted before final report is published in April or May.
- Comment that we should consider going back to a lower cost for a Life Memberships. Since new life membership costs were put in, we have had only 1 person sign up as Life Member. Request to review this for a future meeting.
- Steve Habeck has received a number of fundraiser responses with member renewals.

### Preliminary Budget for 2013

- We need about \$140,000 to support annual operations.
- Reviewed budget numbers and assumptions.

### Motion 13-01-02

Accept the draft budget as presented.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 8, Nay - 0, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

- Board extends a formal thank you to Susan Scarlett and Cheryl Cole for all their hard work on our finances.
- Suggestion to have a formal letter drafted and include a gift card.

### Motion 13-01-03

Direct the President to draft a formal letter of thanks to Susan Scarlett and Cheryl Cole and include a \$100 gift certificate funded from line item 69500 – Administrative Expense.

G. McClure / Elems. Aye - 7, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0.

Motion carries.

### Event Reports

- *2013 Convention* – Report on status of convention, planning going well, show list being finalized and we have most of special events finalized and ready to announce. Suggestion to do on-line registration using PayPal store instead of on-line store. Decision to use PayPal for registration. Thank you to CSRM, Kyle Wyatt and Paul

Hammond for all their work helping us. Thanks to Scott McAllister for his leadership.

### Legal / Insurance Report

- Insurance has gone up due to RAL incident.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

- *SP SD9 4404, MILW U25B 5057, NVR DS-4-4-750 51* – written report provided. Trying to find new welder for SP 4404. Cascade Rail on track to make final payment on March 1. Kyle Wyatt offered to help find a home for the NVR 51.

### Public Comments

- *James Mason* – there will not be a financial summary next month as James will be out of country.
- *Duane Vanderveen* – concerned about roof of lean-to on Diesel Shop. Worked out cost for roof repair / replacement. Estimate running \$15,000 to \$25,000. Has drawings and info. Gail McClure will send to Board.

### Notices

- Board Nominations open January 1, 2013

### Closed Session

Adjourned to closed at 1:56 PM, returned at 2:02 PM.

- The Board heard a report on a legal item – *FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC*. No action taken.
- The Board heard a report on a legal item – *Worthen v. FRRS*. No action taken

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## February 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Correspondence

- Union Pacific Foundation denied our grant application for repainting and creating exhibit for UP Centennial 6946.
- Person from Carson City found 150 blueprints from Western Pacific. Asked if we would be interest. Consensus is yes.
- Thank you to Matt and David Elems for all their help around the museum this winter.

### Motion 13-02-01

Consent Calendar

Accept the minutes for the January 2013 Meeting.

Vicknair / Monger. Aye - 5, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.  
Motion carries.

### Financial Reports

- Reports and financials provided

- Matt Shuman expressed idea that holding SP 4404 money aside from a frugal and prudent move.

### Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided. Property survey and fencing, Diesel shop roof repair, Volunteer deck extension. Discussion about deck extension. Duane Vanderveen made presentation last meeting about replacing roof on Diesel Shop north side. Hope to have more info soon.

### Event Reports

- *2013 Convention* – written report provided. Discussion about items for the convention and events still to be nailed down. Need to get Scott McAllister's name on WPRRHS account. Request that everyone get the word out. Sacramento Valley Live Steamers is having their 40th Anniversary same weekend as convention.

### Committee Reports

- *2013 Elections* – written report submitted. We are currently in nomination withdrawal period. Clarification that Election Chair will receive press fee checks and account before sending to bookkeeper.

### Status of Surplus Property Report

- *SP SD9 4404, MILW U25B 5057, NVR DS-4-4-750 51* – written report submitted. Discussion about cancelled sale of SP SD9 4404. Sale fell through due to alignment coupler issue and difficulty in making coupler change. Discussion about replacing brake components on MILW U25B 5057. Looks like Cascade Rail has reached their fundraising goal. Museum consultant in Canada is checking for new homes for NVR Baldwin 51. Discussion about scrap plans. Review of condition of SP 4450 and 4404. Question about status of Beet Gon to Santa Maria RR Museum. They are trying to raise money for transport.

### Public Comments

- *Dunsmuir Railroad Days* – Dunsmuir Committee is not planning on trains this year due to no response from Union Pacific. Some members of the city are planning a letter writing campaign to UP. Discussion about Dunsmuir event and UP participation.

### Notices

- *Monger* – AAPRCO Convention October 1-3, 2013 on Napa Valley Wine Train. Suggestion to see about getting tickets that we can use for fundraising on one or two of the trips on private cars on the NVWT. Eugene Vicknair to talk to private car owners about this possibility.

### Closed Session

Adjourned to closed at 2:50 PM, returned at 3:15 PM.

- The Board heard a report on a legal item – *FRRS v.*

Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.

- The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.
- The Board heard a report on a business item – Capital Fundraiser Donation. Consensus direction given, no action taken.

## March 2013 Board Meeting Motions and Actions Summary

### Correspondence

- Received final check for MILW 5057 sale from Cascade Rail Foundation and some WP related negatives and photos from Milwaukee Road Historical Society.
- Received ARM Magazine with some interesting articles about encouraging visitorship.

### Motion 13-03-01

Consent Calendar

Accept the minutes for the February 2013 Meeting.

Vicknair / G. McClure. Aye - 7, Nay - 0, Abstain - 1.

Motion carries.

### Changes to Life Memberships

- Written report provided.
- Review of cost to service memberships presented within context of Life Membership donation and costs.
- Ideas presented to recraft Life Memberships more toward recognition of contributors.
- Discussion about what thresholds for Life Memberships.
- Discussion about what contributions (money, materials, volunteer, etc.) would count toward a Life Membership.
- Discussion about volunteer retention and benefit.
- Recommendation to accept report and request Membership Chair to come up with recommendations and forward to Trustees for review and discussion.
- Consensus direction given.

### President's Report

- Pacific Locomotive Association / Niles Canyon Railway had a cement truck with failed brakes run off road and destroy their truck crane and woodshop container.

### Financial Reports

- Reports and financials provided
- Question if Board wants to proceed with funding the volunteer tracking expense. Cost would be \$3500 to \$5000 in the next two months. We also need to stock Gift Shop and prep RAL engines. Consensus direction to proceed.

### Director's Reports

- Vicknair – property survey and fencing. Suggestion to

highlight the fencing and security improvements in the new fundraising letter. Ron Huey donated \$100 toward fencing fund. Discussion about refocusing the fundraising letter specifically toward security and the fencing.

- Habeck – provided report on status of museum. Warm weather caused a lot of flooding.

### Event Reports

- 2013 Convention – written report provided. Wayne's presentation is called "Alameda and San Joaquin", need to change.
- Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2013 – Still have not heard anything about trains for Dunsmuir. No responses from UP. Still trying to get info, but RR Days committee has decided to move ahead planning for no trains.

### Department Reports

- Funding – Spring fundraising letter. Example presented. Consensus to refocus toward security.

### Committee Reports

- 2013 Elections – report on status of elections. Some issues were uncovered in memberships with regard to election nominations. Three candidates for three seats: Kirk Baer, Wayne Monger (incumbent), Tom Carter (incumbent). Due to requirements to allow write-in candidates, mail out ballot is still required. Candidates statements are being received. Ballot preparation is beginning.
- Membership – researching changes to membership management. Discussion about issues and some errors that have occurred in membership processing. Concerns

*Any member in good standing may request a complete copy of the transcript of board meetings from the Society. There is a nominal charge for each copy which covers postage and administrative costs.*

*The Train Sheet needs your photos and articles.*

*If you are working on projects for the Society, volunteering on restorations, performing archives work, helping out at off-site events, etc., or if you get some nice photos of FRRS happenings that you want to share, please contact us to have them printed in The Train Sheet.*

*Photos should be at least 5" high by 7" wide and 300 dots per inch. Articles should focus on FRRS related events, people or your own personal experiences with the Society.*

*To contribute, contact Editor Eugene Vicknair by email at [trainsheet@wplives.org](mailto:trainsheet@wplives.org).*

### - FRRS Membership -

**Yearly Dues**

- Associate \$25.00
- Active \$50.00
- Family \$80.00
- Sustaining \$150.00

**Single Life Membership** - \$1800.00

**Family Life Membership** - \$3000.00

**Institutional** - \$60.00 (annual membership for 501c(3) groups)

These are the dues for the duration of one year, with Life and Family Life being a one-time payment.  
Five year payment plans are available for life memberships.

**Associate** memberships do not have a vote, receive The Train Sheet but not the Headlight and are for one person only.  
**Active** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.  
**Family** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, have two votes and include two adults and all minor children residing at the same address.  
**Sustaining** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only.  
**Life** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and Headlight, have voting rights and are for one person only for life.  
**Family Life** memberships receive both The Train Sheet and the Headlight, include two adults and all minor children residing at the same address, and have two votes (one per member) for life.

Send all applications, renewals and address changes, including email changes, to:  
 Feather River Rail Society - Membership Dept. - P.O. Box 608 - Portola, CA 96122-0608  
 Address / email changes may also be sent to [membership@wplives.org](mailto:membership@wplives.org)

### Mission Statement

"The Feather River Rail Society is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and education of the public, as to the history and people of the Western Pacific Railroad."

### Mission Goals

To preserve and interpret the history of the WP, the "Willing People" as a vital link in the development of the rail industry on the West Coast, including the steam and diesel evolution, WP's influence in the passenger tourism industry, the impact of freight competition between neighboring railroads. WP's influence in the lumber, mining and agriculture industry from Plumas County throughout California, Nevada and Utah.

### WPRM Admission and Train Ride Fares for non-members (effective April 1, 2011)

**Admission**

- Adults 19 and over... \$8.00
- Youth 4 – 18... \$4.00
- Child under 3... free
- Family... \$20.00  
(2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

Admission and Train Ride tickets are good all day.

Admission and Train Rides for FRRS members are free. Cab ride is extra fare with member discount.

Admission charged April 2 to November 6, 2011, plus Santa Trains, December 4 and 11, 2011.

**Train Rides**

- Adults 19 and over... \$4.00
- Youth 4 – 18... \$2.00
- Child under 3... free
- Family... \$10.00  
(2 adults plus any related children 18 and under)

**Cab Rides**

- Adult 19 and over... \$20.00
- Youth 4 – 18... \$10.00

Cab rides are for one (1) ride only.

## **The Train Sheet**

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### **March 2013 Board Motions and Actions - continued...**

that volunteers with unpaid memberships could not be covered under insurance. Will be reviewed and recommendation made next meeting.

#### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

- *MILW U25B 5057* – sale completed. Final check received a few days ago.

#### **Public Comments**

- Volunteer Day / Dinner coming up end of April. Department Heads need to provide information on their departments for booklet to be put out as part of Volunteer Day.

#### **Notices**

- Results of Shasta Cascade Rail Preservation Society annual election – Matt Shuman is no longer president or Board Member of SCRPS. No president currently, but they do have a full Board.
- Winterail is next Saturday

#### **Closed Session**

Adjourned to closed at 2:50 PM, returned at 3:15 PM.

- The Board heard a report on a legal item – FRRS v. Kasten / ITAC. No action taken.
- The Board heard a report on a legal item – Worthen v. FRRS. No action taken.