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News from the Feather River Rail Society and the Portola Railroad Museum

# **2001 WPRRHS Convention Successful**

By Thom Anderson

The WPRRHS 2001 Convention is now history. Over 75 people were in attendance at the Modesto Holiday in on April 27 and 28. A big "Thank You" goes out to Steve and Norma Hayes for all of their work to make the event a big success. I would also like to thank Bob and Lois Mersereau for all of their help on the registration desk. Vic Neves again handled audio/visual duties. Norman and Barbara Holmes brought a selection of items from the PRM gift shop and handled sales to the attendees. Dave and Bob Pires were in charge of contest duties this year. My thanks go out to all of them, as well as those who made presentations, including Dave Stanley, Virgil Staff, Vic Neves, Tom Taylor, Dave Connery, John Zach, Ken Rattenne, Evan Werkema, Dan Mosier, Steve Hayes, Henry Bender, Norman Holmes and Eugene Vicknair. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

This year's theme was the Tidewater Southern. I believe all of those who were in attendance came away from the presentations having learned something new. All of the presentations were informative and thought provoking. I found the most unexpected presentation was the one by Dan Mosier on the Tesla branch, the town of Tesla, the Alameda & San Joaquin Railroad and it associated enterprises. For instance,

did you know that in addition to coal mining at Tesla, there was a brick factory, gravel pit, window glass factory, and a briquette factory associated with the A&SJ? There were also plans for a rail line to the bay and commercial production of

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electric power, and that practically everything had disappeared by 1920! Many of the people involved in these enterprises were also involved in the formation and early days of the WP.

Mr. Mosier has written a 380 page soft cover book with many rare photographs of the people and the industries they created. He had the book available for purchase at the convention. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, he can be contacted at Mines Road Books, P.O. Box 3185, Fremont CA 94539 for ordering information. History of Tesla - A California Coal Mining Town By Dan L. Mosier and Earle E. Williams

Tom Lawler, 2002 Convention Chairman reports he will have a date and site selected soon. The convention theme is Sacramento Northern. Vic Neves and Barbara Holmes (no, not Norman's wife – this is another person with the same name) have

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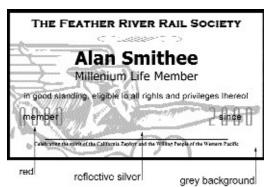
# **Zephyr Project Millenium Life Cards Sent**

"The Millenium Life Membership cards have now been sent to those Zephyr Project donors who gave \$1000 or more. So far four members have chosen to enroll as CZ Life members and receive their new cards. The cards are a new style for the FRRS, featuring a special reflective silver Zephyrus image on a grey background. Red accents and numbers highlight these

a grey background. Red accents and numbers highlight these very distinctive and unique badges of membership.

Also, the backlog with the model suppliers has finally been broken and the commemorative models are being created. These should be in the hands of donors shortly."

Eugene John Vicknair



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#### - The Train Sheet -

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Entrance to the museum is free, although a suggested donation of \$2.00 is greatly appreciated.

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# **2001 WPRRHS Convention**

stepped up to handle the 2003 convention, located as Barbara states "somewhere in the Oakland area". More details will be forthcoming in the coming months.

Other sites being considered for future conventions are Sacramento, Chico CA, Reno, Winnemucca, Elko, Gerlach NV, Salt Lake City and Knolls, UT. One thing that we have found when preparing conventions is it is a necessity to have someone in the area to handle the smaller details as they come up between the Society and the hotel or site where the convention is being held. It is near impossible to do this from a distance.

By the time you have read this, you should already have received your copy of Issue #17 of the Headlight magazine. The Headlight staff hopes you are pleased with the content. Frank Brehm is putting together the layout for Issue #18 containing the second half of the CZ coverage, due out this summer. The staff is confident that we are past the trouble that has plagued production of the magazine and that you will see it on a regular schedule.

Two other publications are now available or due soon. Four Ways West has released "WP Color Pictorial, Volume 1" by Adam Clegg. Jim Eager reports he has completed the work on an all-color book for Morning Sun on WP rolling stock. It is anticipated to be available sometime this fall. Several members of the Society have contributed photos and information on this project.

P.S. – We're not really considering Gerlach or Knolls as convention sites. I just wanted to keep all of you on your toes!

# **CMO Report**

By Hank Stiles

Hello to all, spring is on the way and I can't wait! Time to start the summer season at the museum. We are already doing locomotive rentals, Maintenance Clinics started in April and we have begun the new season.

Some of the locomotives have been serviced and more will be as time permits. We will be painting the WP 707 this year for use in upcoming events. Along with other projects this will be a busy year in Portola.

I am proud to tell you that the WP 2001 has had all the bugs worked out and by the time you read this should be performing service on the Yolo Shortline. This locomotive had one problem after another, small problems but problems just the same. After many trips to Woodland I along with the help of others was able to repair everything and put the locomotive in service. We owe the Yolo Shortline a big pat on the back for all that they have done to help us. If you can come to Woodland and ride their passenger train do it as it is a nice ride along the Sacramento River, well worth the time spent.

We have a lot of work to do this year, I hope that some of you can come to Portola and help out with the exciting projects that we are planning this year. Not only is this one of the best ways that you can personally make our museum a success, but coming to the museum and working with people that want to see projects get done just as much as you do is a lot of fun. The satisfaction of seeing a job well done is a reward in itself.

I hope to see many of you in Portola this year, the facilities are ready, all we need is you!

# From the President

By Hank Stiles

As I set here at my desk, piled with tasks, I think about the long list of things to do at the museum. Who will do them? We have a small bunch of people who pour their heart and soul into the museum. As of April 30 we have no one to run the Beanery. Sue Cooper can't do it because she will be traveling this summer; Edna Ede has spent hundreds hours working in the Beanery and does not have the time that it needs. We have a hospital building that was donated to us and where will the volunteers come from to restore this piece of Western Pacific history? We need volunteers to do things from restore locomotives to mop floors. ? Skip Englert, Ellen Minor, Bruce Cooper and Hap Manit have all died in the last year or so, where will we get the replacements for these hard workers. Who will step in and do these jobs that need to be done? Can we go on with the progress that we have seen in the past at the museum with the amount support we receive? We may be forced to reduce the services we now provide to the public. We may also be forced to reduce the amount we can do to reverse the effects of time on our collection and the museum it self.

If we cannot attract enough volunteers to do the jobs that have to be done, then the museum suffers. Our income is not sufficient so that we may hire people to do the jobs that just have to be done. We can get a volunteer work force and a smaller pile of dollar bills or we can take a much larger pile of dollars and hire a work force.

How do we solve this problem?

I see only two ways we can go. One way is to somehow find a supply of cash. However the cash is not available now so this does not to solve our problem. We have applied for a transportation grant and other grants are being looked into. There are long lines of deserving organizations for these grants and dwindling resources available. Grant money will be a part of the long-range solution to this problem.

The best way to go, in the short and long term I think, is to have our volunteer force grow. What we need is for everyone to think of how you can help your society prosper. Your help with the work of the society would be one of the easiest and most needed ways you can help. Please consider coming to the museum to help. We need people for one day or one week or one month; you will have fun and the knowledge that you made a difference.

We have in the last few years improved our volunteer facilities with a shower car with both men's and women's restroom and shower facilities. Also provided is an air-conditioned sleeping car for your comfort and a kitchen to cut down on your food costs. Tom Graham and many others have built a very nice deck between the shower car and the sleeper car where we can BBQ and socialize in the evenings after a satisfying day at the museum. We plan to fix up a car as a lounge area with TV, VCR and down the road Internet access when our networking budget catches up with our ideas.

If you have any thoughts or comments please email me at flatiron@mindspring.com write to me at 2443 El Burlon Cir. Rancho Cordova Ca. 95670 or call at 1-916-363-8572.

Thanks for your time

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# **Minutes of Past Meetings**

# March 3,2001

Call To Order 1:00 PM.

# CALL TO ORDER:

Members present: Brehm, Brimmer, Morgan, Murphy, Stiles, Vicknair, Wagner. Absent: Andersen, Neves.

Others present: Jack Palmer, Ken Iverson, Tom Graham, Judy McGrath Gary Hall, Norm Holmes, Kerry Cochran., Larry Jones.

Larry Jones, Portola building inspector, addressed the Board with input on the concerns of safety issues concerning the W.P. Hospital clean up and restoration work. He suggests a structural engineer to inspect the property before any work begins. At the suggestion of Pat Brimmer, Norm Holmes and Frank Brehm to head up the clean up project and develop a plan.

Hank Stiles proposed a package of sorts be prepared for all future incoming Board members. Kerry Cochran said he had already given a similar package to the newest members last July.

Doug Morgan to continue as liaison with the people in Truckee for possible participation in their RailRoad Days in 2001.

No financial report was ready for this meeting.

# **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Received letters from attornies addressed to Gary Hall and Pat Brimmer concerning questions of if Board approval was needed for changes in by-laws before submitted to membership for vote. The opinion of both was "NO".

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ORGANIZATIONAL:Gary Hall asked for a motion to accept the organizational flow chart. Pat Brimmer made the motion, Eugene Vicknair seconded. Vote: "YES" 6, "NO" 1, "Abstain" 0

CMO REPORT: Hank Stiles reported that the coil he ordered for the WP 2001 had been received and would be installed soon.

MEMBERSHIP: Kerry Cochran reported that the new membership cards were ready and were in the process of being mailed.

MASTER PLAN: Eugene Vicknair proposed a motion to accept the site committee's recommendation on the master plan. Jim Murphy made motion. Frank Brehm second. "YES" 7, "NO" 0, "Abstain" 0.

A&D REPORT: Committee chair, Tom Mueller wishes to step down, but remain on the committee. Board agreed the A&D Committee to name new chairman. The committee also voted to approve the F7B unit, Washington Central 101, for possible pur-

chase by the PRM, FRRS.

HEADLIGHT: Frank Brehm reported that the proofs were going to the staff the week of March 5, for re-write. Hopefully it will be ready for mailing the end of March.

BYLAWS: Kerry Cochran, on behalf of the ByLaws committee submitted the new ByLaws for submission to the membership for acceptance. Motion made by Jim Murphy. Pat Brimmer second. "YES" 7, "NO" 0, "Abstain" 0

DISCUSSIONS OF THE 2001 SEASON AND OPERATIONS: Norman will run the gift shop.

RAL: efforts continue to find more RAL engineers. Kerry Cochran, as head of the operating dept. addressed training of RAL engineers from operating crew members. RAL reservations are being taken by the folks at the Sleepy Pines Motel.

BEANERY: Sue Cooper has agreed to supervise operations.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

BUDGET: Department budget re-evaluation to be held over to April meeting.

CAMP CAR: Doug Morgan reported that the Camp Car had not been moved due to mechanical problems with the crane. i.e. it was broken.

TAMPER: Doug Morgan reported that we had received a check from the Yreka R.R. for the tamper we sold them. The tamper we got from them should be on the way to us.

MAGNOLIA TOWER: Eugene Vicknair reported that confusion between UP & Amtrack was being resolved and things were moving forward.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES: Kerry Cochran reported that the binders for the Board members were being worked on. The discussion of the past papers was put off to April.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

LOYALTON BRANCH: The lumber mill at Loyalton was closing, and the possibility of the PRM/FRRS using the Loyalton branch will be explored.

GRANTS: Eugene Vicknair talked about TEA 21 grants and the grant dollars available. We will apply for a grant to help with work on the W.P. Hospital property.

# GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Tom Graham's neighbor has many pieces of professional wood

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shop tools, table saws, sanders, etc. for sale. He will bring further to next meeting.

Ed Wagner announced that due to family and job issues, his status to the Board and operating department was in question until a least June.

Eugene Vicknair proposed a "Summit Meeting" for all Board members in hopes of "clearing the air" and starting to work as a team.

Meeting was adjourned at 16:42.

# April 7, 2001

Interim President Hank Stiles called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The following directors were present: Jim Murphy, Frank Brehm, Doug Morgan, Vic Neves, Eugene Vicknair, Ed Wagner, Hank Stiles. Director Pat Brimmer participated via telephone. Director Andy Anderson was absent.

Visitors Present: Gary Hall, Rod McClure, Kerry Cochran.

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Director Morgan reported on his rental of FRRS tools and his payment of \$100.

Director Murphy introduced Leslie Tigan who was present as Secretary to the board.

# **MINUTES:**

The following corrections to the minutes of the February meeting were requested:

Sale of generators was to Boise Locomotive

Spelling of John Ryzchowski

Attendance of Kerry Cochran

Motion #01-04-01: Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Eugene Vicknair to approve the minutes of the February meeting as corrected and the March meeting as presented. All directors present voted in favor. Director Anderson was absent. Motion carried.

# **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The profit and loss report from January to March 2001 was presented for consideration. Director Murphy suggested that a detailed report of checks written should be included at each meeting and approved by the Board. He presented an example of a report. It was explained that the negative figure on the P & L Statement was generated due to the lack of a budget being approved. It was also noted that all departments needed to reduce their operating costs if a balanced budget was to be adopted. At the next meeting the proposed operating budget drafted by Dan Brady would be available for consideration, but all capital projects would be considered on an individual basis.

Motion #01-04-02: Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Hank Stiles to accept the Profit & Loss Statement for January through March 2001. All directors present voted in favor. Director Anderson was absent. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Doug Morgan presented a letter of apology to the Board, it was the consensus of the board to review the letter, and respond to the complaining party.

Frank Brehm has corresponded with a gentlemen who has photos he thinks the museum may be interested in, Mr. Brehm will keep the board posted.

# **REPORTS:**

EQUIPMENT SIGNS: Director Vicknair reported – Has requested bids for the signs from three retailers, has only received one bid. This will be a capital project and should be placed on the May Board meeting agenda. Director Brimmer suggests additional signage for inside the RAL. Mr. Vicknair explained that signage for inside locations can be produced easier since there are no weather considerations for material.

TIDEWATER SOUTHERN CROSSBUCKS:Director Vicknair reported that he had received information that UP is willing to release some crossbucks in the Modesto area to the museum. He will be receiving further information and will keep the board informed.

CAMP CAR: Director Morgan reported that the camp car has been moved to a storage yard in Oroville. A request for volunteers to work on it should be published in the Trainsheet, total cost for improvements \$1800.

TEA-21 GRANT: Director Murphy reports that the grant application was submitted and a final decision will be made by the Transportation Commission in early July. He will continue to follow up and report to the board.

CMO: Chief Mechanical Officer Hank Stiles reported on the 921 load box and the 2001 speedometer.

HERLONG EQUIPMENT: Norm Holmes has been working on this and isn't available to report, Director Morgan explains that Herlong hasn't gotten back to Norm.

MAGNOLIA TOWER: Director Morgan reports as the owner of the property the tower is located on Amtrack is requiring a 5 million dollar liability insurance policy, and pollution insurance. He has found several abatement contractors who can provide the pollution insurance and will be meeting with them, the extra liability insurance will cost \$1,000. Flagmen from both Amtrack and UP will be required, UP will donate time but Amtrack charges \$500 per day. Amtrack also is working on the donation agreement that will need to be approved by the board. Director Murphy sug-

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gests letting the Gold Mountain foundation know the status of the move and requesting assistance from them if needed. Murphy and Morgan will continue to work on the logistics of the move and keep Gold Mountain in the loop.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

RENO BRANCH: Director Morgan presents a draft plan for a Reno Branch excursion drafted by Steve Habeck. Director Murphy explains that he feels the Board needs more time to review the proposal due to its complexity and cost. It was the consensus of the board to put the item on the May agenda and take action in at that meeting. Director Wagner noted that he will not be able to attend the May meeting and requests information by April 28 so that he can vote, either by phone or in writing.

RAL: Director Murphy shows a recent article that was published in the Portola Reporter with the hope that more local individuals would volunteer for the program. Discussion regarding how to keep all the responses received in one place and the need for an answering service due to phone problems at the museum.

OLD HOSPITAL: TEA grant was submitted. Need to correspond with the previous owner about clean-up and give a date that it must be completed by. Directors Brehm and Vicknair will draft a letter and get a legal review.

ELECTION: Gary Hall reports that material is being printed and schedules are being met. There has been a question regarding the "official notice" for nominations that was published in the Trainsheet and another notice that stated the "official notice" would be sent via first class mail, were these the same "official notice"? It was determined that candidates were still able to use the write-in process if they did not realize the Trainsheet notice was the official notice and that any complaints would be handled individually. Term expirations were also discussed and would be added to the May meeting as an agenda item.

SILVER HOSTEL LITIGATION: Attorney has submitted a motion of summary judgment. Director Brimmer suggests that each director should get copies of correspondence from the attorney.

WP 2001 UPDATE: Kerry Cochran reported on concerns of members that the 2001 hasn't been kept secure in its current location. The use agreement was discussed, the board should review the agreement to determine if all conditions are being followed. The board should then respond to concerns of members.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

ARMY TANKS: Director Morgan reviews a request from the Army for additional demilitarization of the tanks. The board will need to see the request, review the original agreement and determine if it is feasible to keep the tanks.

Director Morgan excuses himself from the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

YOLO SHORTLINE S-1: Woodland proposes a plan where the FRRS supplies labor for the engine and would then receive the engine in ten years. Consensus of the board to see a draft written agreement and then consider the project.

#### **REPORTS:**

BY-LAWS: Committee member Kerry Cochran explains that he did not request this item to be placed on the agenda. The schedule previously submitted by the Committee is being followed and they are still awaiting a legal opinion. Director Murphy presents a draft letter to be considered by the board, the letter would be sent to the entire membership and explain the process used to revise the by-laws and the delays associated with the project. A committee would then be set up to evaluate the draft by-law revision submitted to the board by the committee.

Motion #01-04-03: Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Frank Brehm to appoint a committee comprised of Jim Murphy, Hank Stiles, Pat Brimmer and Kerry Cochran to review the proposed by-law revision and send the letter drafted by Jim Murphy to the membership with the election package. All members present voted in favor. Directors Anderson and Morgan were absent. Motion carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE: Gary Hall presents a draft functional organizational chart. The chart is discussed and minor revisions are suggested.

Kerry Cochran excuses himself from the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Motion #01-04-04: Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Vic Neves to adopt the functional chart with changes. All members present voted in favor. Directors Anderson and Morgan were absent. Motion carried.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Next Meeting: May 5, 2001, 6:00 pm, Portola City Hall

Headlight will be available for the annual meeting.

# **ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm

#### PRESERVING "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"

# WP Lives, in Portola!

# **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Feather River Rail Society is to preserve the history of the Western Pacific Railroad. The secondary mission is to preserve the history of the subsidiary and interchange railroads within the territories it served.

# **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

# WANT TO HELP THE SOCIETY??

But it's too far to drive to the museum? There are actually many ways to help out without ever leaving home!

# **FRRS On-Line Store**

Currently, the FRRS is developing an on-line store for the Internet that will make available for purchase books, models, photos, art prints, memorabilia and other items relating to the FRRS and the Western Pacific family of railroads.

What is needed is a small team of people who can help phase in this venture, then help manage and operate it. Needs are for members who can handle the management of orders, inventory and shipping of products and for someone to assist the FRRS webmaster in keeping the store website up to date.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Frank Brehm or Eugene Vicknair.

#### **Publications**

Headlight, Train Sheet, Web sites, Write articles, Research historical items

# **Restoration Projects**

Many restoration projects have aspects which can be done away from the museum! The "Silver Hostel", for instance, has seats, lights and other fixtures requiring replication and/or repair and restoration. Contact the project managers, listed in the Train Sheet, for more information.

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