

**Northwestern Pacific Railroad  
Historical Society  
and  
Southern Pacific  
Historical & Technical Society  
2017 Joint Convention  
Santa Rosa, California  
November 8-11, 2017**

**R**ohnert Park, near Santa Rosa, is the host city for the 37th Annual Convention of the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society, held jointly with the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society. The focus will be on the NWP and the railroads which interchanged with it. Located in the heart of wine country, nearby are historic railroad sites, the Napa Valley Wine train, and many local wineries. Convention activities begin Wednesday November 8th with an all-day extra fare event at the hotel where former SP managers will participate in a panel discussion about Southern Pacific in the 1980-1990s. The convention officially begins on Thursday November 9th at 8:15 a.m. with an opening ceremony. The *vendor room* will open at 8:30 a.m. The *model and photo contest room* will also open where the traditional “wall of trains” will be on display. The first of a number of interesting *presentations* will begin at 9:00 a.m. Note all presentations will be given only once due to due restrictions at the hotel. Thursday night, Bob Zenk will do a special presentation on *RDC car SP 10*, followed by the General Membership meeting. Events continue in the same format on Friday November 10th, with the vendor and contest room opening at 8:30 am. Presentations will begin at 9:00 am. Friday night Don Shortt will present a photo journal on the *Last Years of the NWP*, after which former railroaders will tell tales about life on the NWP. On Saturday November 11th, the vendor room will open at 8:30 am. Presentations will begin at 9:00 am.

The vendor and contest rooms will close at 1:00 p.m. and presentations will end at 3:00 p.m.

The cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the banquet. Our guest will be Michael Bording, a retired official. So plan on joining with fellow Southern Pacific and Northwestern Pacific enthusiasts in Marin County this coming November and register today!



## **Presentations :**

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### **THURSDAY**

The San Francisco & North Pacific Railroad 1870-1906: *Charlie Siebenthal*

The Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad: *John Schmale*

Rebuilding the NWP for Freight and Passenger Service:  
*Roger Greaber & Mike Pechner*

NWP Passenger Trains:  
*Jeff Cauthen & Don Munger*

The Sonoma Valley and Santa Rosa & Carquinez Railroads 1876-1906:  
*Charlie Siebenthal*

*Evening Presentation*

Budd Car SP 10: *Bob Zenk*

### **FRIDAY**

The North Pacific Coast and North Shore Railroads 1873-1906: *Charlie Siebenthal*

Views from the North End: *Ron Plies*

Logging along the North Pacific Coast Railway: *Charlie Siebenthal*

NWP Steam and Diesel Locomotives: *Joe Strapac*

Consolidation into the Northwestern Pacific Railroad: *Charlie Siebenthal*

*Evening Presentation*

Last Years of NWP Photo Journal:  
*Don Shortt*

### **SATURDAY**

The Magnesite Railroad: *John Shubert*

The Mount Tamalpais Scenic Railway: *Fred Runner*

NWPRR's Marin County Interurban Service: *Hunter Lohse*

Humorous Anecdotes of Life on the NWP and SP: *Fred Codoni*

California Western Railroad:  
*Gus Campagna*

Boom and Bust Years of the NWP:  
*Angelo Figone*

## **Extra Fare Event:**

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*Wednesday, November 8th. 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Panel Discussions by former SP managers – SP in the 1980s and 1990s - A few years ago, we had a presentation on the SP and how it finally reached Chicago in the 1990s. The same gentleman offered to arrange panel discussions by former railroad managers to discuss the SP during its last two decades. We accepted. Panels will run from 9 am to 11:30 am, break for lunch, and continue from 1 pm to 4 pm. If you have an interest in SP during the last two decades, we highly recommend that you plan on attending. Panel members may include R.D. Bredenberg, D.M. Mohan, M.D. Ongarth, G.A.Greblo, Carl Bradley, A.M. Henson, and possibly R.D. Krebs. *\$30 per person*

## **Self Directed Tours:**

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*Model Layout Tours:* A list of nearby model railroads will be provided in your registration packet.

*NWPRRHS Library and Restoration Yard:* If you have an interest in the NWP, we recommend a visit to the library and the equipment restoration yard. These will be self-driving tours. There will be a sign-up sheet for both the model layouts and NWPRRHS Library near the registration table for those interested in carpooling.

## **Convention Hotel & Transportation Information:**

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We will be staying at the Doubletree Hotel located at One Doubletree Drive in Rohnert Park, just off Highway 101 about six miles south of Santa Rosa. We have secured a room rate of \$149 per night. To reserve a room, call the hotel at 707-584-5466 and use the special code Southern Pacific. You may also visit the SPH&TS website ([sphts.org/convention](http://sphts.org/convention)) and click on the link which will connect you to the hotel's reservation page including the special rate. Reserve early as last year we sold out. Sonoma County Airport Express provides transportation to and from Oakland and San Francisco Airports. Both routes provide door-to-door service to the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park. Please visit their website ([airportexpressinc.com](http://airportexpressinc.com)) for more information.

## **Special Registration Options:**

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Do you live nearby but you are unable to attend all three days? SPH&TS has two ways to attend at a low-cost *One-day registration:* For \$50, you may access the vendor room and may attend all the presentations. Good on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday only.

*Vendor room:* For \$5, you may visit the vendor room to purchase models, books, and other items. Good only from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Please purchase your ticket that morning at the registration table. Sorry – no children under age 12.