



THE NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A California Non-Profit Corporation

"Preserving the Heritage of the Redwood Empire Route"

ANNOUNCES AN EXCITING APRIL PROGRAM

Salute to the Skunk Line

A Unique Membership Program hosted by Fred Codoni

The California Western Railroad, now affectionately known as "The Skunk Train," has a long history dating back to 1885 as both a forest products hauler and passenger railroad. For many years, its trains connected with the Northwestern Pacific at Willits, interchanging freight and passengers. Many of us will recall riding the railroad as tourists in more recent times on its popular excursions between Willits and Fort Bragg. Most famous of course were the line's odorous rail buses that earned it the "Skunk" name. Noted railroad historian and author Fred Codoni has assembled scores of photos from his collection for a program honoring this amazing short line. As a bonus, Fred will also present a short segment on the Caspar, South Fork & Eastern, a logging road just four miles south of Fort Bragg.

In addition, Scott Inman and Ed Mackinson, authors of the new book "NWP in Color", will present a brief slide show of photographs that have come in since the book was published. The book is dedicated to Fred Codoni, who will be presented with an autographed copy. This and other NWP books, as well as an assortment of treasures (DVDs, caps, shirts, mugs and maps) will be available for sale at the meeting.

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society's Quarterly Program is at the San Rafael Elks Club (1312 Mission Avenue, San Rafael), on Thursday, April 11. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the program begins at 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The program is FREE, and open to the public, although donations are welcomed. Length is approx. 2 hours overall with intermission. Plenty of FREE parking available up the hill behind the building.

NOTE: This program will be held in the Elk's Club CARRIAGE HOUSE, the building at the lower end of the parking lot, just up the hill from the main building.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2019, 8:00PM

AT THE SAN RAFAEL ELKS CLUB CARRIAGE HOUSE

***** DON'T MISS IT!! *****

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