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**The Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society
Receives Its Second Railway Heritage Grant
From the National Railway Historical Society**

Cash Award to Assist in Restoration of Historical Passenger Car

SANTA ROSA — September 29, 2011 — The Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society has been designated as one of fourteen Railway Heritage Grant Awardees by the National Railway Historical Society. The award of \$3,300 is for rebuilding a pair of wood beam passenger trucks for Central Pacific Railroad Coach 29. This award is the second from the National Railway Historical Society to the NWPRRHS for assistance with acquisition and restoration of Coach 29. The previous Grant Award of \$4,500 was received in 2009.

Historical Railroad Car

CP Coach 29 was built in 1869 by the Wason Manufacturing Company of Springfield, MA. It was shipped via the newly completed Transcontinental Railroad to Sacramento, California in July 1869. The Central Pacific Railroad used the car for more than 40 years. In 1912 the car was sold to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad for use on the northern portion of the railroad near Eureka. Renumbered to NWP 123, the car was in service on the NWP until the late 1950's. About 1959 it was sold to a railroad employee, who converted it to housing. His family donated the car to the NWPRRHS in 2010. The Society has been working on restoring the car to operating condition.

Matching Funds Grant

Because the Award is a “matching funds grant”, members of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society raised a total of \$5,000 before submitting the application. The matching funds will be used to cast 8 new pedestals. These are large U-shaped castings that hold the axles in position. The NRHS Heritage Grant Award of \$3,300 will be used to purchase the oak beams and new metal components needed for rebuilding a pair of trucks for use beneath CP 29 and sandblasting the used metal pieces. Any surplus grant funds will be used to acquire other components needed for restoration of the trucks, such as air brake components.

The previous Heritage Grant Award of \$4,500 was used to move CP 29 from its location in Redwood Valley, CA to the NWPRRHS work facility in Petaluma, CA. The Award was made in 2009 and the car was successfully moved in May of 2010.

Founded in 1982, the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the rich and colorful heritage of Redwood Empire railroading. We accomplish this through acquisition, preservation and display efforts as well as through gathering oral histories of people who have contributed to our railroad history.

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