
General Superintendents Report
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The 2017 Operating Season is now over and we are in the process of running Pumpkin trains and then going right into the Santa train mode.

I would like to take the time to THANK each member of the operating crews for keeping the Caboose Trains running this summer under some trying times when we did not have a full crew.

On a sad note, Mr. Rick Gruninger has tendered his resignation as the Superintendent of Operations, RAL Coordinator and the Sleeper Coordinator.

I would like to thank Rick very much for his time and effort in handling all these duties over the years and wish him the best in his endeavors. It will be hard to replace him in all the positions that he held.

In discussions with the President, the president, vice-president and myself will be discussing how to replace the Superintendent of Operations, While the Museum Store staff and Ethan Doty fill in for scheduling the RAL Engineers. As for the Sleeper Coordinator, I will be looking for a replacement person to handle that duty.

WORKING GROUP

The working group has started meeting again. There are several items that if I listed here it would take up too much space, so the important items are:

- 2018 FRRS Calendar
 1. Crew Training Dates – May 5th and May 27th (May 27th is an operating weekend)
 2. Opening Weekend May 26th
 3. 165 Fund Raiser Dinner May 12th
 4. Mother's Day May 13th
 5. July 4th 2018 is on a Wednesday (middle of the week) Question: Are we running a Caboose Train that day? A Yes or No answer is needed.(need to think about a crew)
 6. Railroad Days What Dates (need to plan, Thurs. for Switching, Friday, Sat, & Sun Operations)

The board to really decide how many Train Sheet deadlines (and thus implied issues) per year we are going to have. Paul and I have had an email blast sent out prior to every deadline trying to get material for each issue. (We tell our members that we publish 6 a year)

The board to really decide how many Headlight deadlines (and thus implied issues) per year we are going to have. I have been pushing the current Publisher to get another issue out, he continues to indicate that he is receiving no material from the membership to publish. (We tell our members that we publish 4 a year) The last issue has been over a year ago.

The board to carefully review the Board Meeting dates and times. It seems there is a large amount of confusion about these every year. We need to set Dates and Times and NOT change them unless there is a valid emergency.

Other Items that Need Attention:

- There are no Docents and/or Greeters to meet visitors and guide or give them information
- No one is telling train ride customers that the tickets are good all day on all train rides
- Conductors do not interact with visitors (This will be addressed in crew training in 2018)
- Railroad Days (event placed on calendar) and notes about Thursday (Switching to get ready) Friday (Train Rides) Saturday (Train Rides) (Free Admission) Sunday (Train Rides) (Free Admission)
- Filming at museum – Safety Tailboard – Release of Liability Forms – Safety Officer present
- The topic if we have an outside group in the property (e.g. a TV film Crew) there is an identified FRRS member who acts as Safety Officer.

As always, there as so many volunteers that help around the museum all the time and I would be remised if I did not say thank you to all of you. I may have missed some specifically by name, however all of your help is greatly appreciated.

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