



Would You Like to Work for the Railroad?

The museum operates trains EVERY weekend between Memorial Day and Labor Day. If you have always wanted to have a taste of "working on the railroad," such as connecting air hoses, giving hand signals to the engineer, and pulling pins on couplers, then this is your opportunity.

Members who would like to participate in the museum's train operating crews are required first to take a rules examination and then to be instructed in safe operating procedures.

The rules examination is an open book test on the FRRS General Code of Operating Rules with no time limit. If you do not have a copy of the rules book, one will be provided for you. You must have a rules book in your possession to take the examination. A passing grade is 75% or above.

Upon your successful completion of the rules exam, you

will be instructed in hand signals, getting on and off of moving equipment, coupling of air brake hoses and other safe and correct operating procedures.

Members who wish to participate in train operations or any other work at the museum are required to sign a Release of Liability. This can be done at the time of taking the Rules Examination.

For safety reasons, we also require you to have heavy work boots that lace up over your ankles to prevent ankle injuries; and we require work gloves.

The crew training for 1993 will be held:

Saturday, April 17, 1993

Sunday, May 2, 1993

The sessions will run from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM on each day. You may attend the session on EITHER of these days.

Members who are unable to attend the classes on either of these two days may make arrangements to take the examination and receive instruction at any other time by calling the museum at (916) 832-4131 or stopping by the museum and speaking with any officer.

If you wish to attend the Saturday session, consider staying over and working at the museum on Sunday.

If you wish to attend the Sunday session, consider arriving a day early and working at the museum on Saturday.

It is recommended that all previously qualified people attend one of these sessions as a refresher.

Work Projects

It's never too early to start thinking about working on some of our restoration projects at the museum. We have set aside the second weekend of each month as a "project" work weekend, although work can and does go on everyday. Some ideas are as follows:

- Complete painting and lettering of WP 608 & return it to service.
- Complete body work, restore parts and paint 2001. We would like to have this completed before Sacramento Rail Festival in June.
- Continue mechanical and body work on 805A.
- Install electric wiring to the roll up doors, shop tools, etc.
- Extend track seven for additional storage.
- Construct transfer table to remove a truck from locomotives.
- Complete interior restoration of the UP baggage car to prepare it for installation of the CTC board.
- Redo the Silver Shower car interior.
- Redo men's room entrance.
- Install drinking fountain.

We have many smaller projects that can be done over one or two weekends. We have people at the museum every day and you are always welcome to join in the "fun."