

OPERATING DEPARTMENT 2006

- Kerry Cochran, Superintendent of Operations

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Operating Department and the rest of the FRRS volunteers for your help with the 2006 Operating Season.

The operating season completed with our Santa Trains in December. What a great way to enjoy the museum in the wintertime and end the year.

As always we need help around the museum in getting everything ready for any of our events, so if you have time give a call to the museum and check with Museum Manager John Walker to see who's in charge of the various projects and I am sure John can direct you to the right person or he may just have work for you.

I appreciate all the support from all the members of the museum and the Operating Department this last year and hope that all operating department members will consider returning and volunteering for this years season.

There are so many volunteers who help the Operating Department get through the season each year, and this year was no exception. From Linda and Brittany Knudson with lunches, Hank Stiles, Rick Edwards and Ed Powell and the mechanical department keeping the engines

running, John Walker, the Museum Manager who answers a ton of questions and Rod McClure with track maintenance.

Without the help of all the Museum volunteers, we would not be able to keep the caboose train running each weekend.

And what about the RAL Engineers. Without them we would not have a successful rental program to keep us working at the museum all year. The support of the RAL program helps us continue our operation each year and keep the museum open for all.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

There are many volunteers who help the Ops Department out during the year and without their help we just would not be able to handle all that need to be done. THANKS to everyone.

I would ask that you check the FRRS website, www.wplives.org, and use the link to crew pages. Check to see weekends we are short on members and try to sign-up for that weekend.

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display as they touch these massive machines that they only see from a distance, to be able to walk on and in them, the feel of the power rumbling under their feet, the riding in a spinning turntable. These are just a few of the wonders that I observe during my tasks in the yard, but worth every moment of those wondrous smiles and awed looks of amazement.

A letter and photos by "Grandma" can and will explain more than I can about this wondrous family event from a spectators view. This says it all. We do it for the children, young and old in order to "Preserve Our Railroad Heritage".

In closing, the pictures from last year's event are just a small taste of the overall event. For more

pictures, please visit Doc's website below. As you can tell, we had a hard time getting out of the yard to see the other street events and activities.

So, plan on coming and joining the festivities of Dunsmuir RR Days 2007 this July 6, 7 & 8th. Saturday will be the biggest day along with Sunday morning and early afternoon.

Happy Railroading!

Visit Doc's website for more beautiful photos of last year's event, trains and the surrounding countryside at: <http://www.dochemp.com/traindays.html>
(Thank You, Doc!)

Keep an eye on the Dunsmuir RR Days Website for updates at: <http://www.dunsmuirrailroaddays.com>