

THE SILVER PLATE LEAVES JAMESTOWN

Below are photos taken by George Sapp of CSRM capturing the "Silver Plate" as it left Jamestown on September 11, 2008 via the Sierra Railroad bound for Portola and restoration. Thank you to Mr. Sapp for sharing these great photos.

right - The "Silver Plate" waits on the Jamestown depot tracks, having moved from its long-time resting place near the restoration shop.



above - Sierra RR GP20 50 couples up to the "Plate" in the Jamestown yard and prepares to leave town.

right - Sierra 50 and the "Plate" present an interesting take on the mixed train as they pass the mill at Chinese.



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parents wished to take pictures of their kids sitting in this unique vehicle, which gave us the opportunity to tell them, "Now you see what our museum is all about - hands on." The booth also included photos and documents from the museum collection, as well as great banners and promo pieces done by Mike Mucklin. The most important thing, once again, was our group of enthusiastic FRRS members greeting the visitors, telling them who we are and sharing their enthusiasm for the WP. We had a special unexpected visit from the Union Pacific Mini-Train, which was on its way to an event. It also drew a lot of the visitors at this venue and was well received by the Hot August Nights management.

Although we worked hard under demanding conditions, we also had FUN enjoying the special happenings around us as well as each other's company. Many have expressed interest in doing this again next year and I appreciate that.

Just how significant was this event in the northwestern Nevada region? According to Bruce Walter, Executive Director of the event, "...5,500 cars were registered for the event... and more than 800,000 people participated in the area's largest tourism event that generates \$350 million in business."

Suffice it to say, we were playing in the Big Leagues by signing on as an official sponsor of this event, which is why I think calling the volunteers who showed up to make this work "All-Stars" is appropriate. Again, congratulations to the team who made this PR opportunity a huge success for the FRRS and the WPRM. YOU GUYS ROCK