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President's Pin

- Greg Elems

By now the word is out that we had a rotary run on March 4th. We had a lot of snow and cold temperatures to deal with. With a lot of work from David Elems in the Mechanical Department and the other regulars in Portola we were able to pull it off. Logan Beers, Ethan Doty, Steve Habeck and myself moved snow, chipped ice and tried to dry the shop out. It was decided to do the rotary run to clear the tracks to switch the shop and get the passenger cars out and engines in for inspection and work. We also decided to make it a training and familiarizing run for future operators. Charlie Spikes and Steve Habeck, our regular crew led the training event. The work on the engine and rotary paid off, a successful run was made with Ethan Doty learning the nuances of the 100 year old beast. The next run of the rotary may be next winter now, since we have to start prepping for the April opening of the museum.



Since it was last minute and parking space was very limited, we decided to not make it a fund raising event. We did get some video and pictures from Big Fish Creations that we shared with Channel 2 in Reno NV. So, we did get a quick segment on KTVN Channel 2 news in Reno for some positive exposure.

The Western Pacific Railroad Museum is one of the very few railroad museums in the country with an operating rotary snowplow. With your support and the work of our volunteers, we intend to keep this distinction for a long time to come.

The weather pattern has turned to a series of warm storms that is in the process of melting the snow and it will cause some flooding around the museum. As expected we had some flooding issues ourselves with the snow pack at the museum. With a lot of snow-covered ice still to melt at the museum, we will be cleaning up for a while and the long-range forecast is calling for more storms to come through. The governor has already declared a state of emergency. The state is coordinating with FEMA to give help in the form of grants for flooding mitigation and associated damage. It has been a wet winter at the museum for sure.

I'm asking for help with our train crews again. We need help with all aspects of crewing our caboose trains. So join us for crew training and come out and be part of the Operating Department and help us keep our caboose trains running for the public.

Thank you.

Upcoming Special Events at the Museum

Museum Opens for 2023 Season - April 13

Motorcar Visit - May 14

WP Celebration - May 20

2023 Members Meeting & Dinner - June 10

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