

# Western Pacific Railroad 484

This caboose was built in **1980**. Other events from that year...

- US President Jimmy Carter proclaims a grain embargo against the USSR with the support of the European Commission.
- Andrei Sakharov, Soviet scientist and human rights activist, arrested in Moscow.
- The Robert Redford-directed film "Ordinary People", based on the novel by Judith Guest, premieres. Redford's directorial debut wins four Academy Awards and five Golden Globes.
- The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad is ordered liquidated due to bankruptcy and debt owed to creditors.
- The *Miracle on Ice*: The US Olympic Hockey Team defeats the Soviet Union in the semifinals of the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York.
- Famous film director Alfred Hitchcock dies.
- The Voyager 1 probe explores the area around Saturn.
- The United States boycotts the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow in protest of the Soviet war in Afghanistan.
- Terry Fox begins his Marathon of Hope from St. Johns, Canada.
- Iron Maiden's debut self titled album is released.
- William O. Douglas, the longest serving Supreme Court Justice (April 15, 1939 - November 12, 1975), dies
- Mount St. Helens erupts, killing 57 and causing US\$3 billion in damage.
- Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back is released.
- The Iran Hostage Crisis, the detainment of 52 Americans in the US Embassy in Tehran, enters its second year.
- A record number of viewers tune into the TV soap opera "Dallas" to learn who shot lead character J.R. Ewing.
- Pac-Man, the best-selling arcade game of all time, is released.
- The Cable News Network (CNN) begins broadcasting.
- Lech Walesa leads several strikes at the Gdansk, Poland Shipyard, leading to the formation of the trade union Solidarity.
- The St. Gotthard Tunnel opens in Switzerland as the world's longest highway tunnel at 10.14 miles, stretching from Goschenen to Airolo.
- Digital Equipment Corporation, Intel and Xerox introduce the DIX standard for Ethernet, the foundation of modern computer networking.
- The Staggers Rail Act is enacted, deregulating American railroads.
- Former California Governor Ronald Reagan defeats President Jimmy Carter in the US Presidential election.
- A Texaco oil rig breaks through to a salt mine under Lake Peigneur, Louisiana, causing the lake and nearby rivers to drain into the mine.
- John Lennon is assassinated by Mark David Chapman in New York City.
- The world population reaches 4,434,682,000.
- Actress Christina Ricci is born.
- Tony Romo, quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, is born.
- Jake Gyllenhaal, actor best known for starring in "Donnie Darko" and "Brokeback Mountain", is born.
- Jesse Owens, American athlete most famous for his four Gold Medals at the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics, dies.
- The Western Pacific Railroad announces that it will be acquired by the Union Pacific Railroad.