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## General Superintendent's Report

Kerry Cochran

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Welcome to the opening of the 2024 season. Our museum opened on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and started with several events.

Our Crew Training was held on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> with one of the largest number of attendees in a number of years. We had three new members join the Operating Department and become members of the society. Along with them, 17 other members returned and joined us for the day of training.

It turned out to be a bad weather day at the museum and with rain and snow, some of the new crew members got a taste of switching in the rain and snow. Most of them got wet and had to dry out a bit.

The weather was not easy on some of us. One member got stuck in Reno overnight, one took 11 hours to return home and I stayed at the museum until Sunday morning and it took me 7 ½ hours to get back home. (Highway 80 was closed off and on Saturday and Sunday causing the members who use that travel path to find alternate routes, with Highway 70 still closed from the winter slides).

Sunday morning as I was leaving I met with Eugene Vicknair, Gail McClure and Matt Parker in the parking lot. They were getting ready for the Sunday speeder event which I heard was a great successes with multiple motor cars and over 50 people visiting the event.

As we move forward, we need to reach out to all our volunteers and welcome them back to a new season at the museum and support each and every one of them.

There will be some new events this year, keep your eyes open and on the news section of the website for announcements. Some of the events have not been fully announced yet. Please keep in mind that we cannot announce everything until we are fully prepared to be able to get all the information out to the members and public.

One of the events this year is a new event. "Open Cab" days, June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This was suggested by member Nick Manos to give the members and public a chance to be able to get into several of the locomotives that are normally locked.

We will need several volunteers to help out with this event and a couple have already volunteered to give us a hand. We will need one volunteer to be in each of the open locomotives to greet and answer questions to visitors. We expect to have at least 4 locomotives cabs open plus the caboose train.

This event should give the public more of a chance to be able to get up and into the cabs and see the inside of the locomotives.

All of our time is valuable and I for one certainly appreciate all the help all the volunteers give to the museum.

Please support all our volunteers and say "Thank You" to them as they perform work around the museum. We need to show that each and every one of the volunteers mean a lot to the work we do and that each of us in management positions appreciates the time and work they do.

At any time should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, I may not have an answer right away, however I will get one for you.

Thank you to all,

Kerry Cochran  
Director/General Superintendent