

2019 Caboose Train and Weekend RAL Schedules

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The Operating Department collected detailed records during 2018 season (see 2018 Caboose Train Operations on page 13 of the Train Sheet issue 178.) Using this information a new Caboose Train Schedule has been developed for the 2019 season.

- 10:00 Crew call
- 11:30 Train Rides Start
- Noon
- 12:30 (Beans after 12:30 run finishes)
- 1:30
- 2:00
- 2:30 (Saturday only)
- 3:00 (Saturday only)

We will run the Saturday schedule on the Sundays of Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. The RAL schedules were also modified to work with the new caboose train schedule for 2019. There are now two RAL slots before operations and two RAL slots afterwards.



WPRM Tamper

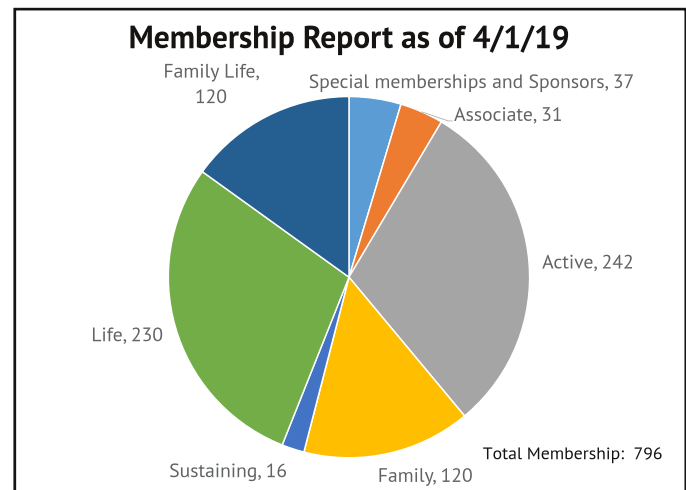
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Things Around the Museum - Tamper

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This machine is a Jackson model 100 tamper, this is an early model produced in the late 1950s and is quite small by today's standards. Tampers are used to vibrate the rock under the ties to raise and level the roadbed of the railroad. This is a vibratory electric tamper it has eight tamping heads to do both rails on both sides of the railroad tie. This machine required a crew of four to six people with rail jacks to proceed it raising and leveling the track. The tamper followed the crew tamping the raised roadbed and about a quarter mile could be done in a day.

Modern tampers use lights and lasers and have multiple rail clamps to raise and align track in a continuous motion with a single operator and can do a mile or more per day.



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