

2021 Crew Training a Success!

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On Saturday June 5th, 2021, the Operating Department held its first annual Crew Training session in two years. The training was conducted by General Superintendent Kerry Cochran and was attended by the following members:

- David Elems,
- Matthew Elems,
- Fred Elenbaas,
- Don Nelson,
- Bill Parker,
- Jackson Parker,
- Ed Powell,
- Loren Ross,
- Craig Simmons,
- Charlie Spikes
- and Janet Steeper.

We also had two NEW members attend, Jay Jacobs from Truckee and Jeff Pierce from Heber Valley Utah.

After a morning of classroom training, everyone was invited to head out into the yard to conduct a little “knock the rust off” hands-on training. Especially with two new members, and no training or operation in the last year, this was a chance for everyone to dust off their gloves and remember what it’s like to handle our equipment. With Don Nelson at the controls, we used the Quincy 1100 to grab a couple of loaded gondolas and we shuttled them around the newly constructed balloon track where we worked on hand brakes, air hoses, coupling and uncoupling the cars, dynamiting the cars, and how to examine the cars looking for defects. We also worked on throwing switches and how to examine those mechanisms for defects.

Operations begin on July 3 and July 4, and we are expecting a lot of visitors. May we all have a safe and enjoyable operating season!!!



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- Photo by Kerry Cochran



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