

Central California Traction Company 24

Steel Cupola Caboose

CCT 24 was originally built for the famous Santa Fe Railway as part of its first order of all steel cabooses. Built in St. Charles, Missouri by American Car and Foundry, the 24 was part of the same class of cars as ATSF 999197, another caboose that can be seen around the WPRM facility.

The Central California Traction Company was an electric interurban railroad built between Stockton and Sacramento, California in the early 20th century. In 1924 the railroad was purchased equally by the Western Pacific, Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads, giving them access to the agricultural region between the two endpoint cities. Eventually, the CCT retired all electric power and went to diesels. The company still operates today between Stockton and Lodi, California, and in the Port of Stockton.

As ATSF 1547, this caboose served for 40 years before being sold to the CCT in 1967 along with 2 other cabooses. Originally, all 3 were painted in a silver scheme with a black stripe along the window line. Later, they received an all red scheme with small lettering. In 1978, the 24 was rebuilt with plexiglass windows and other improvements while receiving a new version of the CCT red colors, including large logos on the sides.

CCT 24 was the last caboose in regular service on the railroad. It operated on the last train from Sacramento to Lodi when that line was embargoed in August 1998. Retired after 72 years of continuous service, this classic caboose sat in the railroad's Stockton Shops until a trade was arranged that brought the 24 to the museum. Future plans call for restoring the caboose to her 1978 external appearance and presenting the interior as a fully functional shortline caboose.

builder

American Car & Foundry

built

1927

type

Radial Roof Steel Cupola

length

37' 0" overall

original cost

\$4,500.00

operating weight

49,500 lbs

acquisition

donated from CCT