

THE FEATHER WP F7-A 921-D

The 921's journey to the Feather River Rail Society at Portola started in January 1950. Built as WP 921-D s/n 8979 it was part of a 4 unit F7 set of 1500 HP ea made up by 2 cab A units and 2 cabless B units. The other cab unit 921-A s/n 8978 was retired Oct 1971 and sold back to EMD. The two B units 921-B & C s/n8996 and 8997 both were sold to GE, 921-B in May 1972 and the C in July of 1968. The 921-D after 27 years of freight service, and as one of the last 5 F's on WP property, she was badly damaged on June 17, 1977 in a collision with a sand truck. This damage mostly on the left rear car body is not the only damage scars the unit carries, there is damage marks that have been repaired to the nose and roof sections. (does anyone know of any wrecks that 921 was in?) At that time it seemed the old covered wagon would never run again. But after a time on the stockton garden tracks it was off to Boise, and re-building with the 913 at Morrison-Knudsen. In service on the San Jose turn until Jan, 83, then put into storage, then repainted in North Platt. The 921 was presented to the City of Portola at Railroad Days Aug 26, 1983. Now fully operational, with a few bugs, she is going to be one of the attractions along with other restored equipment. The 921's newest paint scheme is some what incorrect and plans are to repaint it into the correct Western Pacific freight unit scheme.

BUILT		ORIGINAL COST	
MONTH	YEAR		
February	1950	\$653,382.29	
ADDITIONS & BETTERMENTS, CHANGES, ETC.			
From Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corporation, La Grange, Illinois		AFE 50-50	
Additional grab irons & hand holds. A&D		AFE 27-51	
***	(All units)		
Fuel tank capacity increased by 300 gals.		AFE 197-51	(June '52 A&B Dec. '52 C&D)
Jump seat for swing brakeman applied.		AFE 98-52	11-18-52
Cab Awnings Applied		AFE 177-52	A- Jan '53 D- Nov. '52

700 gal. boiler water storage tank - A unit		AFE 134-51	Jan. 1952
VHF Radio apparatus applied - A&D Units		AFE 82-52	
Back-up headlites applied - B&C units & dimming and control switches appl. A&D units		AFE 11-55	
	A Unit		Mar. 1956
Brake pipe flow indicator applied - B Unit		AFE 9-55	Jan. 1956
Prime windshield wing & rear view mirror applied		921-A&D AFE 26-57	Aug 1957

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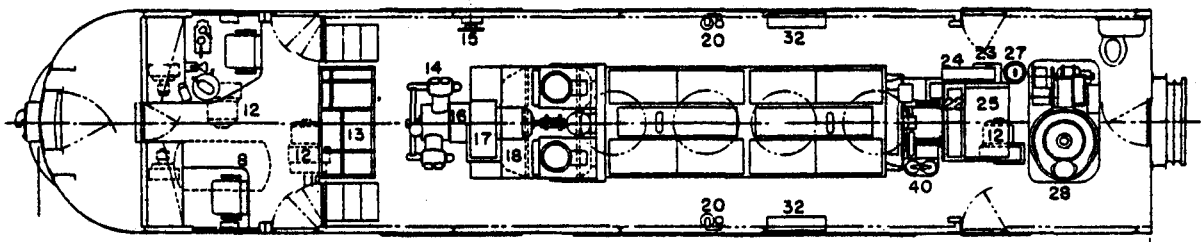
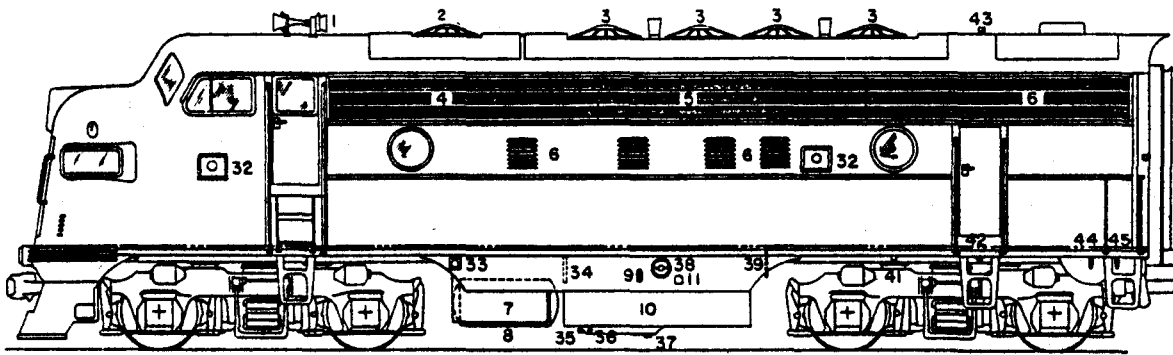
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BUILT		ORIGINAL COST	
MONTH	YEAR		
ADDITIONS & BETTERMENTS, CHANGES, ETC.			
Modified Dynamic Brake Interlock 921-D		AFE 4-61	Mar 1961 Feb 1961
Inst. Nose Recept & Jumper for Contr. Circuits 921-D		AFE 52-62	Dec 1962
Apply Ladders, H. Holds etc (MM 184) & EB Valves MM 190 to cab units - required by ICC		AFE 35-59	Jun 1960
Apply Emerg. Fuel Cutoff		AFE 31-60	Jun 1961
Install Cyclonic Spark Arresters 921 BD MM 295		AFE 47-66	Jan 1967
Apply Rearview Mirrors MM 277		AFE 85-65	Apr 1967
Install Cyclonic Spark Arresters 921 AC MM 314		AFE 11-67	Jun 1967
Apply Dsh. Brake Recept. & Jumpers 921-D MM 273		AFE 49-64	9-65
(RE. 921C RETIRED)		AFE 115-68	Oct. 1968
Apply Locking Device to Nose Door AD MM 327		AFE 178-67	June 1968

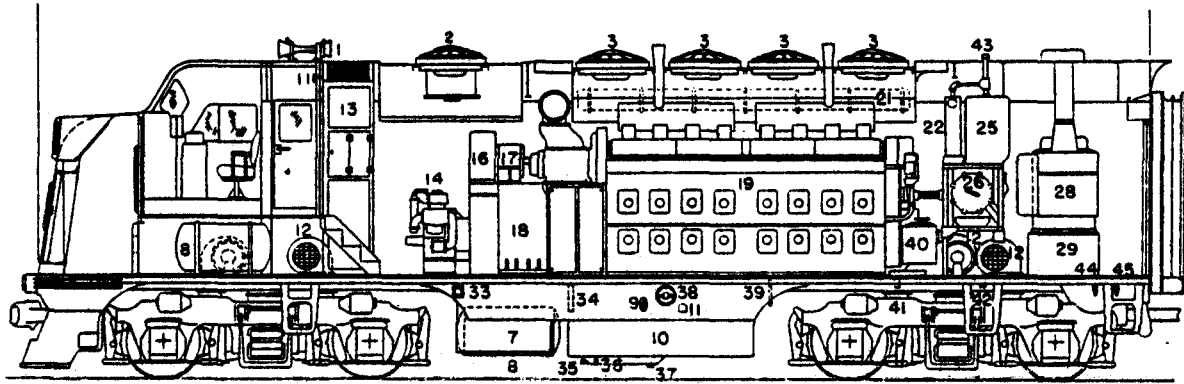
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BUILT		ORIGINAL COST	
MONTH	YEAR		
ADDITIONS & BETTERMENTS, CHANGES, ETC.			
921-A RETIRED		AFE 11-71	
921-A Sold to EMD		S/O 186-71	Oct 71
921B RETIRED		AFE 25-72	May 72
921 D Renumbered to 921			9-75



General Arrangement,
"A" Unit



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