

2019 Run-A-Locomotive Report

- Ethan Doty

Apr. 2017	Apr. 2018	Apr. 2019
9	7	6
May 2017	May 2018	May 2019
12	20	11
Jun. 2017	Jun. 2018	Jun. 2019
37	30	29
Jul. 2017	Jul. 2018	Jul. 2019
36	36	31
Aug. 2017	Aug. 2018	Aug. 2019
26	27	17
Sept. 2017	Sept. 2018	Sept. 2019
33	14	16
Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019
12	10	13
	Nov. 2018	Nov. 2019
	2	1
2017 Total	2018 Total	2019 Total
166	146	124

As of 11/8/2019

Western Pacific Reefer PFE 55069

- Eugene Vicknair

After the intense flurry of work to get the side of WP PFE 55069 stabilized and painted before the Santa Clara County Fair, things slowed down a bit as we continued the evaluation of the car structure.

Unfortunately, it was found that the painted side had been subjected to beetles and termites over the years, which has damaged nearly every piece of sheathing on that side. However, the critters appear to have remained in the sheathing and not infiltrated the underlying structure of the car, meaning new siding is all that is required. A lumberyard in Newark carried the correct profile and wood type so a ready source of siding is available, however it is not cheap. Doing one side of the car will cost about \$2,500.

With help from non-member Christopher Kapreilian, I was able to remove the last intact outer ice hatch. Although in poor condition, it can serve as a pattern for new hatches. All inner hatches are present and look to be in reasonably



good condition, although one or two may need to be replaced. Overall, the roof looks in fine shape, although the wood is almost all gone. Only one small area of the sheet metal roof showed rust-through. The rest of the metal and most of the hatch hinges and latches look to be in good shape.

The ice hatches have now been tarped for the winter. In the spring, the plan is to start with repairs on the roof and replacing the missing walkway and outer hatches. In addition, we will stabilize the door that has been used as the only access. Forty years of use have finally caught up with it and it is sagging. Once the roof is done, we will likely move on to replacing the siding, one side at a time, and address the small amount of frame rot found on the side that was exposed to the weather and dirt.

If anyone would like to be notified about work sessions for the WP PFE 55069, please contact me at info@wplives.org. Work takes place at the California Trolley and Rail Corporation work site adjacent to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds in south San Jose, right off Monterey Highway.

