

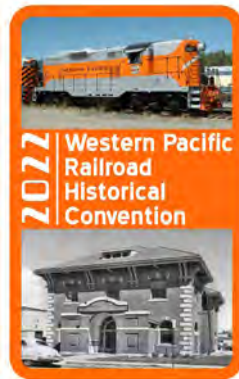
General Superintendent's Message

- Kerry Cochran



As we close out 2022, I would like to THANK all the volunteers and members who took the time out of their busy schedules to travel to and work at the museum in 2022.

Our season started off with a great WP annual convention in Reno. Along with this the WP 165 operated under its own power and pulled the first train of 2022 for the convention attendees. A big THANK YOU goes out to all the members and volunteers who worked on this project and made it such a great experience for all.



During the operating season, the WP 165 pulled the caboose train several times and it became a hit with the general public.

Should you have time, the Operating Department needs more help and volunteers to run the caboose train during the operating season.

Several accomplishments took place over the 2022 season and I point out them in this issue of the *Train Sheet*. This work would not have been possible without all the time, effort and donations the volunteers and members have made over this last year.

With the pandemic somewhat behind us, we saw an increase in the number of visitors to the museum.

With all the work on the Museum Store, there has been an increase in sales, as the Museum Store managers and staff continue to bring in new merchandise and keep the store stocked and ready for every open event.

Mechanical and restoration work continues to take place and with this work we need to have more help with these projects.

Donations to the society are up again thanks to all the donors and members.

From all the reports that I have received, the *Pumpkin Patch Express* and events were well received by the public and the turnout exceeded our expectations.



Also along the same lines, I heard that the *Santa Trains* went well and all had a good time. Thank yous go out to Steve Habeck and his crew for getting everything cleaned up and the *Santa Train* setup for the event.



As most of us know, we have several challenges before us for the next year in keeping the museum open, running and providing a travel destination for visitors.

I am hopeful that we all remain healthy and well for the next year and we can operate the museum as we expect. With our dwindling number of volunteers, I would like to remind all of us that we all have families and other obligations and to please understand that when we come to work at the museum. All of our time is valuable and I for one certainly appreciate all your help.

At any time should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.