

You Can Operate A Steam Locomotive!

Reservations for 1 hour Run-A-Locomotive sessions with Western Pacific 0-6-0 165 are now available. As with our diesel RAL sessions, you will get lessons in operation then get your chance at running the locomotive yourself under the guidance from our crew. Times are limited and slots will go fast.

For rental information please see the web page at WPLives.org/wp165

For Further Rental Information and Appointments...

call 530-832-4532 - Run-A-Locomotive Rental Information. If no answer, please call the Museum Store at 530-832-4131.

Shown below is the plan for the operation of the WP 165 steam locomotive at the Western Pacific Railroad museum for 2023.



Photo by Kerry Cochran, 5/15/22

WP 165 Operation Plan for 2023

May 19 (Friday) RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 3:30 PM

May 20 (Saturday) - WP Celebration - Train rides operate 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, then 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

May 27 Caboose Train 165 Operations: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 3:30 PM

May 28 Caboose Train 165 Operations: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 3:30 PM

August 5 Caboose Train 165 Operations: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 3:30 PM

August 6 Caboose Train 165 Operations: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM

October 28 Pumpkin Train 165 Ops: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 11:30 AM

October 29 Pumpkin Train 165 Ops: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. RAL slots: 10:15 AM, 11:30 AM



From 2005: 0-6-0 switcher 165, has been loaded and is nearly ready to return to Portola! A Western Pacific steam engine has not been in Portola in over 50 years. WP 165 often worked the Portola Yard during its career. The stocky switcher was built in 1919 by the American Locomotive Company. It was owned by the United Verdi Copper Company. One of 4 ex-Verdi switchers purchased by the WP in September 1927 (WP 163-166), the 165 worked for the WP until 1953. A restoration to complete operation is planned.

Photo by Eugene John Vicknair, Nov. 14, 2005