

Pumpkin Patch Express Report Nov 2018

By Ali and Ethan Doty

The Event

Other than the test run train requested by MOW getting out late with the decorations for the Patch on the first Saturday, logistically the event started off fairly smooth. Multiple attempts were made to get outside help, that all turned up nothing in the end. However, our own museum volunteers pulled together and have the event down to a science enough that we still managed to pull it off. 2001 was power, performing flawlessly aside from the water it was dumping on the ground.

Last year, Steve was able to spook the night riders by just killing the lights to the whole train. Thanks to most smartphones now having flashlights, most people this year just pulled out their phones and turned on the flashlight. Suffice to say, no screams of terror were heard this year from the train back at the Patch.

On the last Saturday night runs it was reported that there was a rattling sound coming from the J Switch at Malfunction. The cause was the bolts on one end of the frog were loose, and Greg Elems, Ethan Doty, Loren Ross and Kevin Ross fixed the problem the next morning. Normal operations of the event were not affected by the loose bolts.

Haunted Railcar

With the disbanding of the Portola Fire Department, a new group had to be found for the Haunted Car. The SWEET group from Quincy (forget what the acronym stands for right now), stepped up to decorate and run the haunted railcar. Due to their availability it was just open to walk through during the day, but manned as spooky Haunted House during the two night runs.

Excess Pumpkins

We sold almost all of Box #7 of 10 boxes of pumpkins. Two boxes of small pumpkins were donated to CRC for art class, and from what a teller told Ethan when making deposits, was very popular with the kids. David & Bart Hansen took one box of large pumpkins and about half of the leftover mini pumpkins.

Duane found a taker for the hay bales from this year, not sure if they have been picked up yet, since Ethan hasn't been out there for a few days.

The Numbers

The overview is that we made \$3933 at the Gate and Patch, \$1025 in the Store for a Grand total of \$4958 for the event.

We had a total of 262 Cars for the entire event.

For the full break down of the income & car counts, see the second file "Pumpkin Train Numbers".

For Expenses please see the financials when provided by Susan.

Volunteer Recognition

Setup

Ethan Doty (Plus Patch Operation, decoration construction, pumpkin hauling to patch from shop)

Ali Doty (Plus Patch Operation)

Debbie Reynolds

Shaun Rowden

Steve Habeck

KC Dunn (As staff)

Greg Elems

Duane Vanderveen

Fred Elenbaas

Loren Ross & Charlie Spikes (Light Plants)

Patty Clawson (Patch Decorations first Saturday)

Pumpkin & Hay Bale Delivery

David Hansen

Bart Hansen

Train Crew

Loren Ross

Greg Elems

Steve Habeck

David Elems

Bil Jackson

Fred Elenbaas

Kevin Ross

Duane Vanderveen

Charlie Spikes

Cleanup

Duane Vanderveen

Ethan Doty

Ali Doty

KC Dunn (As staff)

Loren Ross and Kevin Ross (Light Plants)

Photography

Greg Elems

Ali Doty

Ethan Doty

Michael Clawson

Vendor Booth Operation

Eugene Vicknair

Patty Clawson

Pumpkin Patch Express 2018 Numbers					
Date	Car Count	Gate	Patch	Store	Daily Total
10/20 - Sat	72 Day / 24 Night / 96 Total	\$709	\$631	\$371.43	\$1,711
10/21 - Sun	31	\$278	\$329	\$157.95	\$765
10/27 - Sat	57 Day / 35 Night / 92 Total	\$665	\$627	\$389	\$1,681
10/28 - Sun	43	\$345	\$349	\$106.20	\$800
	Total Cars Day	203		Total Patch & Gate	\$3,933
	Total Cars Night	59		Grand Total	\$4,958
	Grand Total	262			