

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Facilities Report
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WINTERIZATION

As one of the psychiatrists at the hospital used to say, Greetings and Hallucinations to all.

The building has been drained and winterized. The small water heater that services the shop sink has been drained and stored. Water to the restrooms is still on as usual. If you wash grimy hands in the restrooms, please clean up after yourselves.

The soda machine was winterized last Tuesday by Coca-Cola and left over syrup will be dumped Saturday when water to the beanery is turned back on for Santa Trains.

Drains for the sink in the baggage car have been installed. My thanks to Zeke for running the RV water lines from the storage room to the sink. That system will be brought back on line Saturday morning and shut down and drained after train rides that evening. This will be repeated 4 more times in the next two weeks.

Snow blowers have been serviced and staged at each end of the building.

The light plants have been serviced and staged in their usual places in the parking lot. They have been chained and locked to the fence. I found two good locks in a box that was in the Morgan (now our) boxcar. Keys for these locks are on the same rings as the ignition keys for the plants. The plants were started and ran for a brief period to make sure the batteries would turn them over. The battery on the green light plant was low but should be charged now. Fuel tanks on the plants are less than half full. I bought 25 plus gallons of diesel fuel that will be transferred to the tanks Saturday. This should get us through all Santa Trains.

Also bought 20 gallons of regular gas for the fork lift and generators. Propane bottles for the heaters are full. One heater out of the three is missing. If you see it, please let me know.

Van and I put up fence lighting the week after Thanksgiving. One string was dead and Van took it home and found a broken wire.

Van shoveled the platform today and no more snow is predicted for the short term. May be more next week.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Stay warm. Stay safe.