

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Museum Store Report  
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A lot of work has been occurring in the Museum Store. Thanks to assistance from David Elems, Ann Cary, Tim Steeper, Greg Elems and others, Janet and I were able to get the store completely cleared of product and furnishings. Special thanks to Bob Sims and Ethan Doty for removing and then reinstalling the Z Scale layout.

With the room cleared, Janet brought in a flooring contractor who stripped the floor and placed a new epoxy floor coating. This will seal much better than the previous paint coats and should hold up better against wear and the weather.

New counters were ordered and a used office cubicle was donated by Driven Innovation to form the new sales counter area at the east end of the Store. Janet and Tim Steeper had to pick up new counters at the supplier warehouse in Reno as the first two were delivered damaged and unusable. The sales furniture and stock have slowly been getting back into the store. Due to the issues with the counters, we did not have the Point of Sale Computer running until Friday, July 2 and were in full operation Saturday, July 3. Thank you to Ann and Jean for taking admission using cash boxes and selling drinks and snacks donated by Eric McKay and Greg Elems on the first Thursday and Friday we were open.

In the week before opening, Janet, Tim and Ann, with some additional help, got the shirt cubes back up which Ann, Jean and myself then stocked. Greg Elems got one shelving gondola together. During the opening weekend, Greg and David Elems moved the fire safe back in after I assembled the frame of the cubicle, with Greg, David, myself and Eric McKay moving the drink cooler back into the store. Duane van der Veen and Eric McKay fixed and extended electrical systems to support the new layout. Huge thanks to Kerry Cochran with help from Paul and Kenneth Finnegan for getting the phone and internet connections repaired and moved to the new desk area on Tuesday, July 6. Bob Sims has been putting tinting on the windows to reduce glare and UV damaged.

Saturday evening, part of Sunday and Monday until mid afternoon (July 3-5), I reworked the cold water line into the store to accommodate the new locations for the soda machine, ice machine and a smaller sink. I also finished assembly and modification of the new beverage counter and prepared it for the installation of the new soda machine. This allowed Charlie Spikes to oversee the Coke vendor installing the new soda machine on Tuesday, July 6. Charlie also rounded up some folks (I need names) to move the ice machine back into the storage room and prep it for reconnection. The ice machine and the soda gas equipment will now reside in the storage room to protect them from visitor contamination.

Also, Janet and I are looking at adding new vendors and products. I have set us up as a wholesale buyer from Rocky Mountain Soda Company and we are applying to be retailers for Lantern Press and several other vendors.