

**FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY  
AGENDA REPORT**

DATE: 1/7/2023  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kerry Cochran  
MEETING: 1/14/2023  
ITEM: Old Business  
SUBJECT: Caboose Train Operations 2023

With the 2023 operating season upon us, I brought this issue up in the December 2022 FRRS Board of Directors meeting.

Complicating planning for 2023 is the loss of our Superintendent of Operations and a dwindling number of volunteers.

I had mentioned in pervious board meetings on how the lack of volunteers had prevented us from running caboose trains for several weekends in 2022.

I also have mentioned about a very much reduced 2023 operation of the caboose trains.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> 2022, and again on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I sent an email to all the directors with several options of running the caboose trains in 2023. However, I have only heard back from two of the directors and our president with comments.

I have made several suggested options to operate the caboose train for the 2023 season in addition to the Pumpkin Patch Express and Santa Trains. I would like to get input from all concerned.

Option # 1

Operate a full caboose train schedule as we did in 2022 (not recommended due to lack of volunteers).

Option # 1a

Greg Elems' suggestion:

Continue with current Caboose Train schedule.

Wording to the effect of caboose train rides on Sunday dependent on crew availability might be the way to go. We seem to have crew people on Saturday. If we have an engineer and an RAL we can offer the cab rides on an as needed basis on Sundays also. (Also based upon volunteer availability both crew and RAL engineers.)

I am not sure this is something we want to do, it brings to mind a couple of things; I don't think the public would notice a disclaimer like this, of if they did they would just not come to the museum on a Sunday (we lose revenue) and some of our crews have indicated that just coming on a Saturday is a waste of time to travel to the museum for one day (yes, some members only come on one day.)

Option # 2

Operate caboose trains on Saturdays only (May 27<sup>th</sup> thru September 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Option # 3

Operate caboose trains on the first weekend of the month:

June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Near July 4<sup>th</sup>)

September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Labor Day weekend)

Option # 4

Operate caboose trains on the following days:

May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day weekend)

July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (near July 4<sup>th</sup>)

September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Labor Day weekend)

This would then only require limited volunteers for the caboose train.

**ACTION:** Review and Discuss