



General Superintendent's Report

Kerry Cochran

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Frist off, I would like to thank all the members who helped set up the display train for the Norm and Barbara Holmes Celebration of Life and helping with setting up all the tables and chairs.

With the Holmes family, we held a Celebration of Life for Norm and Barbara Holmes. Norm the founder of our museum and Barbara long time member and both were a fixture at the museum since its creation.

Several members that we have not seen in several years traveled to the museum for this event.

The celebration took place after the opening days Caboose Train operation on Saturday May 25th.

The Feather River Rail Society opened its doors for the 2024 operating season on Memorial Day weekend May 25th, 26th and 27th.

While the museum opened on May 2nd for the public, the caboose trains started on Memorial Day weekend and will run until Labor Day weekend.

Saturday and Sunday operations were a Push-Pull train operation. The operation was arranged this way as a display train was occupying the lead track in front of the museum near the pedestrian entrance with a three car train (WP 653, Gondola and WP 645 Caboose) setup for the Norm and Barbara Holmes celebration of life on Saturday May 25th after the museum closed to the public. Operations continued on Monday the 27th with full operation around the balloon track and back to the loading platform.

For a three-day weekend, the public turnout was somewhat better than in the past few years. Weather was good for all three days and we had good ridership on the caboose train.

We have posted several photos of the opening weekend on the FRRS website.

I would like to take the time to thank all of the FRRS friends and members for helping make this another great opening weekend.

As we move forward, we need to reach out to all our volunteers and welcome them back to a new season at the museum and support each and every one of them.

There will be some new events this year, keep your eyes open and on the news section of the website for announcements. Some of the events have not been fully announced yet. Please keep in mind that we cannot announce everything until we are fully prepared to be able to get all the information out to the members and public.

One of the events this year is a new event. "Open Cab" days, June 8th and 9th. This was suggested by member Nick Manos to give the members and public a chance to be able to get into several of the locomotives that are normally locked.

We will need several volunteers to help with this event and a couple have already volunteered to give us a hand. We will need one volunteer to be in each of the open locomotives to greet and answer questions from visitors. We expect to have at least 4 locomotive cabs open plus the caboose train.

This event should give the public more of a chance to be able to get up and into the cabs and see the inside of the locomotives.

All of our time is valuable and I for one certainly appreciate all the help all the volunteers give to the museum.

Please support all our volunteers and say "Thank You" to them as they perform work around the museum. We need to show that each and every one of the volunteers mean a lot to the work we do and that each of us in management positions appreciates the time and work they do.

At any time should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, I may not have an answer right away, however I will get one for you.

Thank you to all,

**Kerry Cochran
Director/General Superintendent**