Mechanical Report
October 2024

Painting on SP2873 is proceeding. David Elems has completed the black top and the yellow and red on the long hood (both sides and rear). All metal work on the front of the locomotive and cab is complete, along with some body filler to smooth the patches. Sanding is nearly complete on the short hood and cab, which David will paint next, weather and time permitting. SP2873 will be winterized this month.

SPRR1100 will be winterized by October 19th.

WP1503 is currently scheduled to pull the pumpkin trains. It will be winterized following the switching session after the last pumpkin train.

Preliminary planning for total shop reorganization is complete, awaiting review with the facilities manager. A small amount of cleanup has begun, with more to follow on October 19th.

Tool donations were received from Director Cochran - some excellent old (meaning top quality US made) stock of wrenches, pliers and screwdrivers is being cleaned and oiled for mechanic use. Two roll away cabinets with work surfaces have also been donated, along with several other tools and shop supplies. Heavy duty shelving and some additional LED shop lighting has been acquired to augment the shop reorganization (also donated).

We have contact information for two members who would like to work as additional mechanics. I will be in touch with them once time allows. I have also voluntold my son he will be a mechanic. It appears both Brian Waller and Logan Beers are interested in helping next year, so I am confident we can field a reasonable team effort to meet the needs of returning the locomotives to service for 2025.

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