

THE FEATHER WP F7-A 921-D

The 921's journey to the Feather River Rail Society at Portola started in January 1950. Built as WP 921-D s/n 8979 it was part of a 4 unit F7 set of 1500 HP ea made up by 2 cab A units and 2 cabless B units. The other cab unit 921-A s/n 8978 was retired Oct 1971 and sold back to EMD. The two B units 921-B & C s/n8996 and 8997 both were sold to GE, 921-B in May 1972 and the C in July of 1968. The 921-D after 27 years of freight service, and as one of the last 5 F's on WP property, she was badly damaged on June 17, 1977 in a collision with a sand truck. This damage mostly on the left rear car body is not the only damage scars the unit carries, there is damage marks that have been repaired to the nose and roof sections. (does anyone know of any wrecks that 921 was in?) At that time it seemed the old covered wagon would never run again. But after a time on the stockton garden tracks it was off to Boise, and re-building with the 913 at Morrison-Knudsen. In service on the San Jose turn until Jan, 83, then put into storage, then repainted in North Platt. The 921 was presented to the City of Portola at Railroad Days Aug 26, 1983. Now fully operational, with a few bugs, she is going to be one of the attractions along with other restored equipment. The 921's newest paint scheme is some what incorrect and plans are to repaint it into the correct Western Pacific freight unit scheme.

BUILT		ORIGINAL COST		NO. 921	
MONTH	YEAR				
February	1950		\$653,382.29		
ADDITIONS & BETTERMENTS, CHANGES, ETC.			AUTHORITY	DATE	COST
From Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corporation, La Grange, Illinois			AFE 50-50		
Additional grab irons & hand holds. A&D			AFE 27-51		
*** (All units)					
Fuel tank capacity increased by 300 gals.			AFE 197-51	(June '52 Dec. '52)	A&B C&D
Jump seat for swing brakeman applied.			AFE 98-52	11-18-52	
Cab Awnings Applied			AFE 177-52	A- Jan '53 D- Nov. '52	
*** 700 gal. boiler water storage tank - A unit			AFE 134-51	Jan. 1952	
VHF Radio apparatus applied - A&D Units			AFE 82-52		
Back-up headlites applied - B&C units & dimming and control switches appl. A&D units			AFE 11-55		
A Unit				Mar. 1956	
Brake pipe flow indicator applied - B Unit			AFE 9-55	Jan. 1956	
Prime windshield wing & rear view mirror applied			921-A&D AFE 26-57	Aug 1957	

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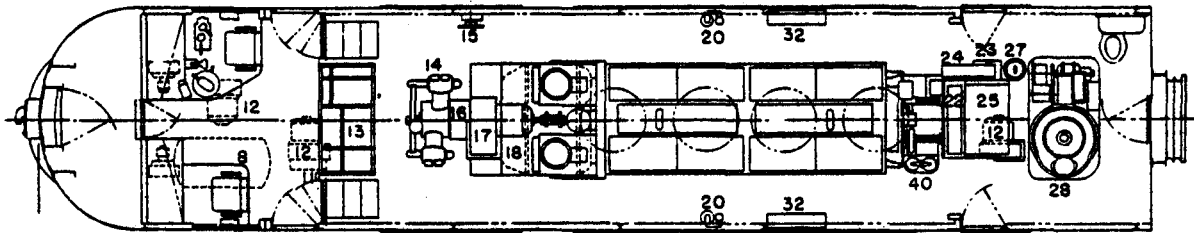
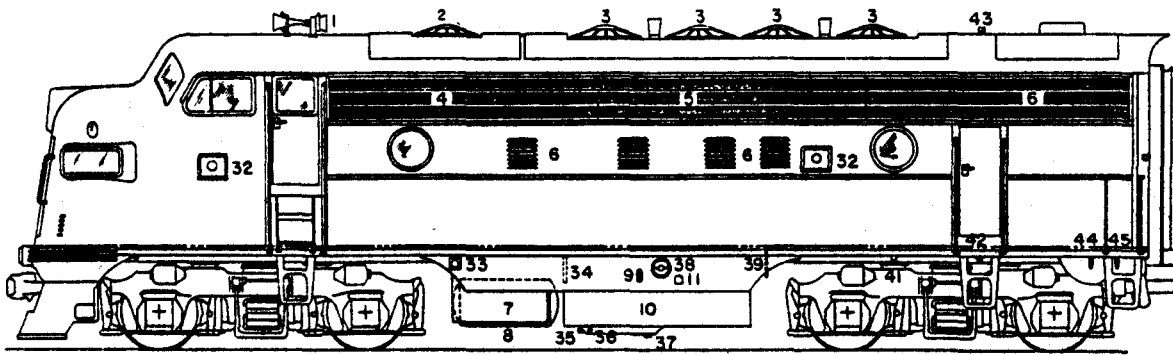
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BUILT		ORIGINAL COST		NO. 921	
MONTH	YEAR				
ADDITIONS & BETTERMENTS, CHANGES, ETC.			AUTHORITY	DATE	COST
Modified Dynamic Brake Interlock 921-D			AFE 4-61	Mar 1961 Feb 1961	
Inst. Nose Recept & Jumper for Contr. Circuits 921-D			AFE 52-62	Dec 1962	
Apply Ladders, H. Holds etc (MM 184) & EB Valves MM 190 to cab units - required by ICC			AFE 35-59	Jun 1960	
Apply Emerg. Fuel Cutoff			AFE 31-60	Jun 1961	
Install Cyclonic Spark Arresters 921 BD MM 295			AFE 47-66	Jan 1967	
Apply Rearview Mirrors MM 277			AFE 85-65	Apr 1967	
Install Cyclonic Spark Arresters 921 AC MM 314			AFE 11-67	Jun 1967	
Apply Dsh. Brake Recept. & Jumpers 921-D MM 273			AFE 49-64	9-65	
(RE. 921C RETIRED)			AFE 115-68	Oct. 1968	
Apply Locking Device to Nose Door AD MM 327			AFE 178-67	June 1968	

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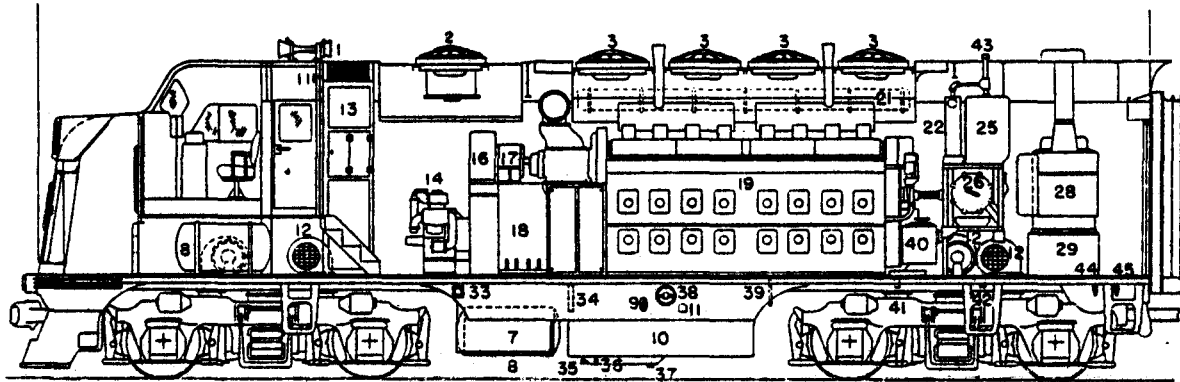
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BUILT		ORIGINAL COST		NO. 921	
MONTH	YEAR				
ADDITIONS & BETTERMENTS, CHANGES, ETC.			AUTHORITY	DATE	COST
921-A RETIRED			AFE 11-71		
921-A Sold to EMD			S/O 186-71	Oct 71	
921B RETIRED			AFE 25-72	May 72	
921 D Renumbered to 921				9-75	



General Arrangement,

"A" Unit



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