



... Workin' on The Railroad

The museum operates trains EVERY week-end between Memorial Day and Labor Day. If you have always wanted to have a taste of "working on the railroad," such as connecting air hoses, giving hand signals to the engineer, and pulling pins on couplers, then this is your opportunity.

Members who would like to participate in the museum's train operating crews are required first to take a rules examination and then to be instructed in safe operating procedures. The training class and rules examination will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 1991 at 10 AM at the museum. You may attend either day.

The rules examination consists of 100 questions on the FRRS General Code of Operating Rules and is an open book test, with no time limit. A passing grade is 75% or above. If you do not have a copy of the rules book, one will be provided for you at that time. You must have a rules book in your possession to take the examination.

Upon your successful completion of the rules exam, you will be instructed in hand signals,

getting on and off of moving equipment, coupling of air brake hoses and other safe and correct operating procedures.

Members who are unable to attend the classes on the two above dates may make arrangements to take the examination and receive instruction at any other time by calling the museum at (916) 832-4131 or stopping by the museum and speaking with any officer.

Members who wish to participate in train operations or any other work at the museum are required to sign a Release of Liability. This can be done at the time of taking the Rules Examination. If you are interested only in work other than operating, then the Release of Liability can be signed at any time before you begin. For convenience, a Release of Liability form will be attached to the Rules Examination answer sheets.

For safety reasons, we also require you to have heavy work boots that lace up over your ankles to prevent ankle injuries; and we require work gloves.

4th Annual Free Trip Raffle

by Chris Skow

Trains Unlimited, Tours will again offer a free trip for two persons on their private rail car tours in the United States. The winner of this year's raffle can use the two tickets on any private rail car trip in the United States except for any overnight rides that require sleeping space on board the rail cars.

The winning ticket will be pulled on the evening of September 14, 1991 at Railfan Day in Portola at the Portola Railroad Museum. Trains Unlimited, Tours will honor the two free tickets for one year. These tickets can be used on such two day roundtrips as : Oakland/Reno, Oakland/Los Angeles, Los Angeles/San Diego, etc.

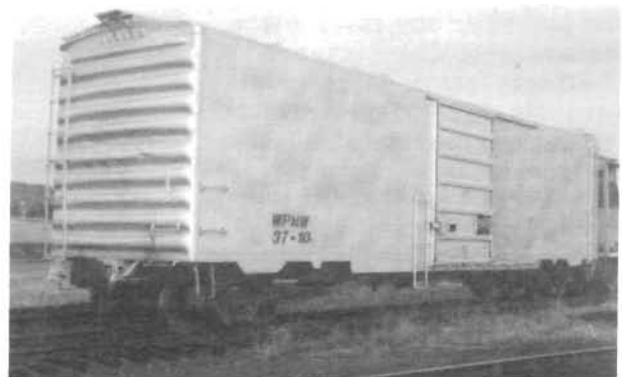
The open observation car "Virginia City" and ex-Santa Fe dome car "Plaza Santa Fe" will be used on these excursions and include two meals and free drinks in each direction.

Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 5 for \$10. All proceeds go to the Feather River Rail Society and the Portola Railroad Museum.

We want to congratulate Louise Reith of Tahoe City, who won the two free tickets last September 15. Support your railroad museum, buy these raffle tickets.



Boom car 37-1, which came with derrick No. 37, was converted from a WP 6550 series gondola car.



Cable storage car 37-10 was former Tidewater Southern No. 521.