

—1998 OPERATING DEPARTMENT REPORT—

—JIM GIDLEY Sr.—

The 1998 operating season has closed down with it being another big year. This year, for the first time, the Rent-A-Locomotive program was operated at the same time as the Caboose train. The response was very good as more people found out about the RAL program. The participants in the RAL program got a better feel for railroading as they had to get into a siding to make way for the passenger train, enhancing their experience at our museum.

—New Operating Department Members—

I want to welcome to the Operating Department six new people. Andy Anderson, Lew Barnard, Mike Barlow, Tom Miller, Chris Simpson, and John Sandford.

—1998 Operating Department Participating Members—

A real BIG THANK YOU to all the members of the Operating Department who volunteered their time this year: Andy Anderson, Dave Anderson, Thomas Andrewes, Lew Barnard, Mike Barlow, Dave Bergman, Don Borden, Leigh Bradbury, Pat Brimmer, Bob Carr, Eddie Chase, Kerry Cochran, Terry Decottignies, Skip Englert, King Felton, Paul Finngan, Jim Gidley, Sr., Tom Graham, Steve Habeck, John Hittner, Norman Holmes, Ken Iverson, Jim Ley, Tom Miller, Judy McGrath, Mellissa McGrath, William McGrath, Don Nelson, Vic Neves, Jack Palmer, John Sandford, Chris Simpson, Hank Stiles, Ed Wagner, Gordon Wollesen, and Eugene Vicknair.

—New Qualifications for 1998—

Jim Ley — Re-certification as Passenger Engineer.
Dave Anderson — Re-certification as a Yard Engineer.
Pat Brimmer — Passenger Engineer.
Terry Decottignies — Yard Engineer.
Paul Finngan — Conductor.
Ed Wagner — Conductor.
Andy Anderson — Brakeman.
John Sandford — Brakeman.
Chris Simpson — Brakeman.

Built as Alameda & San Joaquin RR #A-1, this Richmond built 4-6-0 awaits scrapping at Stockton, California sometime between December 1947 and her scrap date of April, 1950. She served as the second locomotive of the WP, being numbered 122 around November of 1909. She served on WP's subsidiary Deep Creek RR, Tidewater Southern and on countless locals, putting in 44 years for Western Pacific.

—Courtesy Greg Munster

