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Volunteer Area Nears Completion

By Tom Graham

Upon assuming the position of Facilities Manager Ken Iverson called the Shower Car Construction Crew to action for work on the deck. Those responding were Don Borden, Pat Brimmer, Kerry Cochran, Stewart Dorsey, Jim Gidley, Tom Graham, Gary Hall, Ken Iverson, Judy Mcgrath, John Reese, Jeff Palmer, Ed Wagner, Art Young and Mark whose last name I did not get.



Now complete the new deck between the sleeper and shower car provides a walkway between the two cars as well as a place to bar-b-que lunch or dinner for our volunteers.
- Norman Holmes

On the weekend of August 12 & 13 the partially constructed framework for the deck was removed and a new set of posts and stringers was erected, leveled, and braced on the previously constructed concrete. The following weekend, August 18, 19, 20, the joists, deck, and railings were installed. The deck was then sealed. The posts are pressured treated, the joists and related material are hand treated Douglas Fur and the deck is Redwood.

Special thanks to Steve Habeck who provided the Redwood for the deck, Sierra Pacific Industries who provided the joist and bracing lumber and Judy McGrath who applied the treatment to the non treated lumber and sealed the Redwood. The deck is now ready for a gas only BBQ, a table, and some chairs. We will accept donations of the above.

This is another part in the complex that when finished will provide working members a

place to wash, eat, sleep, and relax. The washing, sleeping, and eating parts are almost finished. Next will be the finishing touches of the Shower Car with the installation of an air conditioner, sink, the roof over the entry stairs, outside lights and window repair.

In year 2001 we want to see the VIA Lounge car brought on line with minor interior work, some electrical retrofitting, air conditioning, a television and a donated computer. The VIA Lounge was purchased in 1995 for member use and we feel that it is time to get it into service.

The final phase will be the installation of heating systems for both the lounge and sleeper cars and a shade or cover for the deck. This has been one of the longest running projects and needs to be brought to a close.

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