

## Operating Department 2005

- Kerry Cochran, Superintendent of Operations

First off I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Operating Department for your help with the 2005 Season.

The operating season is not quite over yet; we still have our Santa Trains to run on December 3rd and 10th at 5 PM on each Saturday. This is always a great way to enjoy the museum in the wintertime.

As always, we need help in getting the train ready for the event, so if you have time give a call to the museum and check with Museum Manager John Walker to see who's in charge of the Santa Train and I am sure John will have work for you.

I appreciate all the support from all the members of the museum and the Operating Department this year and hope that all department members will consider returning and volunteering for next year's season.

There are so many volunteers who help the Operating Department get through the season each year, and this year was no exception. From Linda and Brittany Knudson with lunches, Hank Stiles, Rick Edwards and Ed Powell and the mechanical department keeping the engines running, John Walker the Museum Manager who answers a ton of questions and Rod McClure with track maintenance, Don Nelson, Paul Finnegan, Pat Brimmer, Steve Habeck and Norm Holmes filling in when I am not present.

Without the help of all the Museum volunteers, we would not be able to keep the caboose train running each weekend.

And what about the RAL Engineers. Without them we would not have a successful rental program to keep us working at the museum all year.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you,

There are many other volunteers who help the Operating Department out during the year and without their help we just would not be able to handle all that need to be done. THANKS to everyone.

It's a never-ending challenge to get crew members lined up for each weekend during the operating season. There were a few weekends that all we had was a Push-Pull operation.

I would ask at you check the FRRS WEB site, [www.wplives.org](http://www.wplives.org), and use the link to crew pages. Check to see what weekend that we are short on members and try to sign-up on that weekend.

Should you have any questions about the Operating Department please contact me. Email: [KC6KNT@Covad.net](mailto:KC6KNT@Covad.net). Home telephone: (650) 952-7127, Fax (650) 588-5490.

### WELCOME TO THE OPERATING DEPARTMENT:

Seth Adams - Student Brakeman  
 Roger Burdick - Student Brakeman  
 Kevin Caldwell - Student Brakeman  
 Tim Carter - Student Brakeman  
 John Manter - Student Brakeman  
 Jacob Schulthies - Student Brakeman

### Promotions during 2005:

Frank Brehm - Qualified Brakeman  
 Craig Simmons - Qualified Brakeman  
 Bill Parker - Qualified Conductor  
 Dave Epling - Qualified Conductor  
 Matt Parker - Qualified Passenger Engineer  
 Greg Elems - Qualified Passenger Engineer  
 Mark Schulthies - Qualified Passenger Engineer

### Student Positions during 2005:

Dave Epling - Student Yard Engineer  
 Terry Decottignis - Student Passenger Engineer  
 Loren Ross - Student Passenger Engineer

Sure hope I did not miss anyone. If I did, Sorry.

All the Operating Department Crew members work very hard through the year in volunteering there time to the museum. The time they spend working on the crew in their student positions or qualified positions helps us run the trains during the weekends.