

DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DAYS 2006

- Matthew S. Shuman, President - SCRPS

Dunsmuir Railroad Days 2006 was a great success. Many thanks go to the Union Pacific Railroad, Feather River Rail Society, Southwest Railcars Ltd., Live Steamers from Rancho Cordova (yes, we had live steam engines there this last year, just in G-Scale!), the City of Dunsmuir, Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, Amtrak, Go-Rail and others for their participation and assistance in such a wonderful community and North State event.

Union Pacific was very generous in sending their massive, operating Centennial 6936 locomotive to Dunsmuir for display. To see her running in the Sacramento River Canyon was a spectacular site. Without the generosity of the UPRR in contributions and hosting the trains from the FRRS, this event would not be possible. I cannot express enough gratitude to them and the individuals within their organizations that I work with personally on this annual event.

I would especially like to thank all that worked with us in the yard for event security this last year. We had on beautiful lime green vests generously donated by Paul Ogden of SECO Manufacturing with SECURITY and SCRPS silk-screened on the backs. Daily 'Job Briefs' with UPRR, radios to keep in touch with each other and law enforcement from UPRR and Siskiyou County was present as well as many other security and safety items in place that were lacking last year as we grow and learn how to handle such a large event.



FRRS member Ed Dickens mans the rear of WP 484 as the FRRS train heads for Dunsmuir.

- photo by Matt Shuman

The crowds were slightly down from last year, we guess from the extremely high, record gas prices and warm... ok, hot temperatures, but it was another wonderful event for Rail Buffs and "Foamer's" alike. FRRS, SCRPS and the Dunsmuir Depot Historical Society all did well on sales despite the lower turnout. The other street vendors also did well, I hear.

This year's event will be held July 6, 7 and 8, 2007 and promises to be even bigger and better. We are already planning many more children's events and activities, more vendors and just so much more in general. The community of Dunsmuir and all the sponsors of RR Days are striving hard to make this a family event, full of activities for all to taste and enjoy, of course with the center piece being the TRAINS.



Young Briana enjoys the chance to sit in UP 6936, the most powerful operating diesel locomotive in the world.

- photo by Matt Shuman

As the yard coordinator with UPRR, my task is to make sure all is well in the yard at all times. First to arrive and last to leave, but with this job comes the joy and wonder that I see on the children's faces as they experience the true railroading experience that they can never feel otherwise. The smiles and amazement that they

OPERATING DEPARTMENT 2006

- Kerry Cochran, Superintendent of Operations

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Operating Department and the rest of the FRRS volunteers for your help with the 2006 Operating Season.

The operating season completed with our Santa Trains in December. What a great way to enjoy the museum in the wintertime and end the year.

As always we need help around the museum in getting everything ready for any of our events, 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 various projects and I am sure John can direct you to the right person or he may just have work for you.

I appreciate all the support from all the members of the museum and the Operating Department this last year and hope that all operating department members will consider returning and volunteering for this years 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.

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. The support of the RAL program helps us continue our operation each year and keep the museum open for all.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

There are many volunteers who help the Ops 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.

I would ask that you check the FRRS website, www.wplives.org, and use the link to crew pages. Check to see weekends we are short on members and try to sign-up for that weekend.

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display as they touch these massive machines that they only see from a distance, to be able to walk on and in them, the feel of the power rumbling under their feet, the riding in a spinning turntable. These are just a few of the wonders that I observe during my tasks in the yard, but worth every moment of those wondrous smiles and awed looks of amazement.

A letter and photos by "Grandma" can and will explain more than I can about this wondrous family event from a spectators view. This says it all. We do it for the children, young and old in order to "Preserve Our Railroad Heritage".

In closing, the pictures from last year's event are just a small taste of the overall event. For more

pictures, please visit Doc's website below. As you can tell, we had a hard time getting out of the yard to see the other street events and activities.

So, plan on coming and joining the festivities of Dunsmuir RR Days 2007 this July 6, 7 & 8th. Saturday will be the biggest day along with Sunday morning and early afternoon.

Happy Railroading!

Visit Doc's website for more beautiful photos of last year's event, trains and the surrounding countryside at: <http://www.dochemp.com/traindays.html>
(Thank You, Doc!)

Keep an eye on the Dunsmuir RR Days Website for updates at: <http://www.dunsmuirrailroaddays.com>