

General Superintendent's Report

—Kerry Cochran, Director/General Superintendent

By the time you read this, the Pumpkin Patch Trains for this year are over and were a great success. I cannot thank everyone enough for all the work; from our volunteers, the community, the Portola Volunteer Fire Department, several community groups and the work done on our new portable light plants.

Our summer caboose trains are over for this year. With low visitor turn-out, we are examining several ideas on how to continue to run the caboose trains and work more RAL time into the weekends. In some cases we annulled several trains on Sundays due to the lack of train riders.

I am sad to report that Mr. Rick Gruninger has resigned from the position of Superintendent of Operations, Director and all other positions that he held in FRRS. Rick played a big part in the Operating Department and the FRRS. I will not go into the reasons on why he has left the positions, however I have wished him well in his future endeavors.

Steve Habeck, Greg Elems and I have discussed filling the open position and now I have the following announcement to make:

It is with great pleasure that Loren Ross has accepted my invitation to fill the position of Superintendent of Operations. Loren will make a great addition to the management team at the FRRS. I expect all members to give Loren their full support in filling his new role.

On another sad note, Leisa Wesch has resigned from the Board of Directors and as WPRM Museum Store manager. Leisa was a very big help in getting the museum store back on track after Gail McClure left the museum. She and Gail will be missed very much.

There are so many volunteers that help around the museum all the time and I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to all of them. Their help is needed to keep the place running and help our visitors.

Keep Alert, Be Safe.

Mechanical Department

The mechanical department has been working very hard all season to keep our equipment running to meet the demands of the RAL Program and the Caboose Trains.

Steam Department

The steam crew has been very busy working on the WP165. Please, visit the WPRR steam blog. Go to the museum web pages and select the Steam Department to see the latest news.

The Steam Department has been working very hard this year in getting the WP165 back into shape. When you see any of the Steam Crew, please make sure you tell them thank you for all the help.

Historical/Archive Department Report

Please refer to my monthly report to the Board of Directors for information on the Historical/Archive Department. It is available on the WPLives.org web site's Minutes & Reports page on the Members pull-down menu.

As always, there are so many volunteers that help around the museum all the time and I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to all of them. I may have missed some specifically by name, however all of their help is greatly appreciated.

WP 707 Takes the first Pumpkin Patch Express around the balloon on 14 Oct 2017.

—Greg Elems Photo.

