



- Santa Trains 2018 -

- Eugene Vicknair

The Museum's Santa Trains wrapped up just 4 days before Christmas this year. Except for one day with high winds and a little rain, we had cold but clear weather for the event and very enthusiastic attendees.

Ethan Doty did the lion's share of decoration, with a few other volunteers helping out to place over 11,500 lights on our caboos train and decorations around the museum. Southern Pacific GP9 2873 pulled the train that consisted of cabooses Denver and Rio Grande Western 01414, Union Pacific 25283, Sacramento Northern 1642, Missouri Pacific 13878, Rock Island 17174 (former UP 24592), UP 25732 and SP 4706 "Christine".

Car counts for each day were:

Saturday, 12/8 - 113	
Friday, 12/14 - 33	Saturday, 12/15 - 190
Friday, 12/21 - 71	Saturday, 12/22 - 180
Total - 587 cars	

Our volunteers and staff kept things moving. In addition to running the trains, we also had members working the gate, handling the Museum Store, handing out cookies and hot drinks and just making sure everything was kept in motion. A huge thank you to EVERYONE who pitched in and made the 2018 Santa Trains another success. Almost all of these people were at all five events and the others made at least one night each weekend.

Major kudos go to Operations Superintendent Loren Ross for his top-notch management of

train crews, car attendants, and crossing guards; and to Vice-President Greg Elems for roving supervision as he documented the event with photography. Loren, Greg, Ethan and Erik McKay also made trips to replenish supplies several times, sometimes on short notice. Special thanks to Eric McKay who donated \$100 toward the Santa Trains.

Those who worked the event include:

Steve Habeck, Mary Habeck, Kathy Errecart, Zayden Errecart, Kevin Errecart, Jennifer Harley, KC Dunn, Jean Danielson, Tajanae Yager, Ali Doty, Ethan Doty, Loren Ross, Charlie Spikes, Greg Elems, David Elems, Vickie Krois, Eddie Powell, Janet Steeper, Bil Jackson, Bart Hansen, David Hansen, Fred Elenbaas, Eugene Vicknair, Craig Simmons, Kevin Ross, Barbara Jackson and Duane Vander Veen.

As they have done at Santa Trains for the last 20 years, Santa was played by Dave Rudolph while

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2019 FRRS Election

Three seats, presently being held by Bob Sims, Roger Stabler and Janet Steeper, are available for the June 2019 FRRS election. Nominees must be FRRS members in good standing at the time of nomination. Nominations are open until January 31st, 2019

Please see the Membership web page for more information on nominating yourself or someone else.