

be announced. It is hoped to have the first one in late June or early July. Also, based on a suggestion from a member, we will likely add an informational and fellowship meeting to these work sessions to inform local FRRS members of things going on with the Society and Museum, similar to the old First Sub Club from years ago. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page and website for information, or email [info@wplives.org](mailto:info@wplives.org) if you want to be part of the 55069 work team.

This restoration will be an interesting experiment for the FRRS. In years past we have tried similar ventures, including having WP GP20 2001 get worked on in Woodland prior to an appearance at one of the Sacramento Railfairs, but doing a restoration of this scope away from Portola is a new step. Our hope is to generate interest and opportunities to participate for members in the Bay Area.

Please join us in helping restore this historic reefer to operation. Even if you cannot help with the work, your donations are vital to making this happen. Please donate to the WP PFE 55069 Fund through the Go Fund Me page (accessed through [WPLives.org](http://WPLives.org)), through our online donation page (<http://donate.wplives.org>) or by mail to FRRS-WP 55069 Fund, P O Box 608, Portola, CA 96122.

And again we must offer our thanks to Lisa DaFonte and her family, whose generosity and patience allowed all this to happen. A plaque will be placed with the car acknowledging their role in its history and preservation.

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*The visitors had LOTS of questions, the crew made sure they were all answered!*

*- photo by Regine Rogers*

### **Tahoe Expedition Academy Visit**

*- Paul Finnegan*

WPRM has a long-standing tradition of supporting our local schools in the spring by hosting railroad field trips. As an example, on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, we were visited by seventeen students and adults from Tahoe Expedition Academy in Truckee. WPRM volunteers Kerry Cochran, Greg Elems, Paul Finnegan, Bil Jackson, Loren Ross and Charlie Spikes ran a charter caboose train for them. The children were delightful and clearly had a wonderful time.



*Loren Ross gives a safety briefing.*

*- photo by Kerry Cochran*