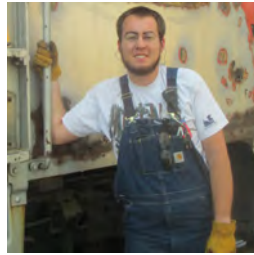


**LED Lights, Flags. Halyards and the West Webcam**

- Ethan Doty

David Elems (aka Fritz) and I used our LOED telehandler (featured in the last issue of the *Train Sheet*) to accomplish three different projects on Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We wanted to install some new LED bulbs in the shop to evaluate what size we want to use for the main shop lights, remove the damaged flags & halyards and reorient the west webcam which was displaced during a winter storm.

Using the Loed is safer than a ladder when getting up to the high places around the museum. David put the man basket on the forks, strapped it down and I loaded the necessary tools/supplies for our jobs: the box of LED bulbs for doing the light job, my pocketknife that I



always have for cutting the flags down, and a pair of adjustable wrenches as backup for the webcam adjustment.

David would position the machine, I would get in the basket, and he would lift me into place, stopping him when I thought it was a good spot if he was still moving me. I would do the work, then signal Fritz I was done and he'd bring me down. Rinse, and repeat until the job was done.

We'll be putting in some more 24 W LED bulbs soon all along the north wall, as it is typically the darkest part of the shop and usually has equipment parked on 1-rail it which will give us a better test of the bulbs. We are converting all the regular lights at the museum to LEDs for long-term cost and maintenance savings.

Just another day around the museum of Steve Habeck, Greg Elems, Fritz and me taking care of projects around the museum.

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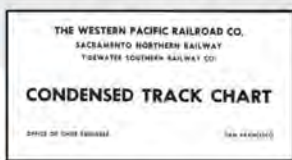
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Within COVID guidelines, our volunteers are working diligently to continue restorations, repairs, and improvements to ensure that when the museum reopens, we are ready to share our unique collection with returning visitors.

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