

2023 Crew Training

This year's Operating Department Crew Training was taught by our President and DSLE, Greg Elems, at the museum. It was held on Saturday, May 13th, 2023. Fifteen crewmembers attended the in-person training. Two new people joined the crew this year.

On Saturday, May 27th, 2023, our CMO, David Elems, held a special Mechanical Department Training session for our engineers (and other interested parties) for an in-depth explanation of required Mechanical Department forms and locomotive startup procedures.



David Elems held a class to explain the inspection of locomotives and filling out the paper work for the crew. He built a power point slide show to help explain what to look for and where on the locations are for the inspection.

Photo by Greg Elems

SP Convention Group Visits WPRM

- Eugene Vicknair

May 16 – 21, 2023, the Southern Pacific Railroad History Center, the Pacific Coast Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, and the National Railway Historical Society held a 2023 joint historical convention at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nevada. As part of the event, a special visit to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum was offered on the morning of Thursday, May 18th. President Greg Elems handled the negotiations with the convention staffers.

Bright and early, two tour busses carrying 86 attendees arrived in Portola. Southern Pacific /



Display train headed by Southern Pacific / Quincy TR6A 1100 was staged in the east end of the yard to welcome the guests

Photo by Greg Elems

Quincy TR6A 1100 and an SP centric exhibit train was staged in the east end of the yard to welcome the guests (set up by Steve Habeck and the train crew a few days earlier). Our operating crew provided rides on the caboose train powered by WP SW1500 1503 while Eugene Vicknair gave guided tours of key pieces in our collection. Ann Cary and Breckyn Shirley handled the Museum Store while Greg Elems, Steve Habeck and our volunteer crew kept everything moving.

The convention guests also got to tour the UP business car 105, which had received a complete cleaning by Roger Stabler, as well as Pullman Troop Sleeper 8300 and UP Centennial 6946. Pizza Factory in Portola catered lunch for the attendees.

Following their visit to the museum, the attendees got a look at the Quincy Railroad and Sierra Pacific Industries lumber mill in Quincy in the afternoon.

We received a lot of compliments and enthusiastic comments from the attendees and the line in the Museum Store at times stretched halfway down the room. Thank you to everyone who was able to help out with this event and give our guests a great visit.