



# THE TRAIN SHEET

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## Preserving "THE FEATHER RIVER ROUTE"

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### President's Pin

- Greg Elems

With the conclusion of the regular caboose trains this year, I want to thank all the volunteers who made them a success. Thank you! I'm looking forward to next year's caboose trains and hope to see everyone come back.



The museum will be open until October 1<sup>st</sup>, with an open to the public special event day on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, with the West Coast Railroaders Group. I invite everyone to come by and join us for speeder rides.

Work has started on the *Pumpkin Patch Express* events for Halloween. We need volunteers to help with all aspects of the event, the last two weekends of October. If you need an excuse to get into a costume and not let the kids have all the fun, here is your chance. Rumor has it "Big Foot" might be seen so keep your eyes open.

After the *Pumpkin Patch Express*, we will need to start setting up for our annual *Santa Trains*. Again, I'm putting out the invitation for anyone to come and help with one of our most popular and long running special event.

Work continues on the radiators on the SP 2873. Seems that one problem is addressed only to expose another one. We have the radiators back from A1 Radiator in Reno.

There has been work on one of our cabooses, UP 25283. We took it out of the caboose train due to an air brake failure and a soft floor by the conductor's desk. Phil Schmierer serviced the air

brakes and Nick Manos is working on the floor and ceiling panels. Then we'll tackle the wiring conduit and hopefully have it back in service for the *Pumpkin Express* and *Santa Trains*. Thank you Nick and Phil for your timely and excellent work. Here we see it getting the serviced air brakes tested in the shop.



UP 25283 in the shop  
- Photo by Greg Elems

A quick word needs to be said about WP 705. She hasn't been forgotten, but with the work on 2873 and the need to fix UP 25283, we had to move it down the list. We have, however raised enough money to paint it and with some left over to help acquire needed parts to make it run. Now some prep work on the small areas of rust and smoothing of the paint lines between the red, white and black done, we hopefully will get to start priming it next spring and then shoot the orange and green.

All this is to say, that we're still quite busy and expecting a lot more visits from the public.

### Upcoming Fall Events...

- Motorcars at WPRM October 8, 2023
- Pumpkin Path Express  
October 21-22 & 28-29, 2023
- Santa Trains  
December 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16, 2023