

2024 Operating Department Crew Training

- Kerry Cochran
General Superintendent

Crew training will be held on May 4th, 2024, starting at 10 a.m. at the museum. Please register for crew training and complete the online rules exam before attending the crew training day on the society's website. There may be another crew training day scheduled, if necessary, so please watch for any announcements.

I want to invite all FRRS members to become a member of the Operating Department and give us a hand operating the caboose trains at the museum for the general public. We also need crew year-round to move equipment at the museum for display and maintenance. Additionally we need crews for our Pumpkin Express and Santa Trains events.



I would also like to have all of the current Operating Department crew members check their calendars and see if they can volunteer at least one or two days a month during the 2024 operating season. "Many hands make light work" certainly applies to running our museum. By working together we can provide a safe, enjoyable experience for our guests and other members.

All of our time is valuable and I certainly appreciate all your help. However, we need to staff the caboose trains for our visiting public and we need to make sure that we can operate with a full crew each summer weekend.

There may be questions along the way so please send email to me at operating_dept@wplives.org and tell me what weekends you may be able to commit to volunteer. If you have any other comments, please tell me so I may be able to address them.

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behind the Oroville Dam and other local rail-roading history. I never met him but heard all about him and his knowledge and enthusiasm for the WP.

The FRRS as a whole will feel these losses and as FRRS President I want to pass on my condolences to all the family and friends of our departed brothers in the WPRM family.

Departure Jim Lekas

- Jim Atkins
Archive Staff

I received sad news today that my good friend and fellow railfan Jim Lekas passed today at age 87 in Winchester, Virginia, where he was living with his son. Jim was in the hospital after a fall.



Jim at a recent game night with his family.

- Kevin Lekas

A longtime member of the FRRS, He contributed many materials for Ken Rattenne's Feather River Route books and several other books on railroads.

He was an avid Western Pacific Railroad fan and his knowledge of the Feather River Canyon was next to the best of the WP engineers that ran over the line.

The museum just started working with him on a new book project. We hope that we can continue on the book project in his memory.