

Status Report – Superintendent of Operations

November 2017 Board Meeting

Submitted by Loren Ross, Superintendent of Operations

First, thank you to all the Board members who have supported my return to the position of Superintendent of Operations. I'm very sorry to lose Rick and Lisa on our team, I have enjoyed working with them at the museum. I will try to pick up where Rick left off and keep the momentum moving forward.

So far, my only major input has been to install Mr. Ethan Doty as the official RAL scheduler. After Rick left, Ethan and KC picked up the ball and carried it forward for the remainder of the RAL season. I believe they did an excellent job, and after discussion with Steve Habeck, I posted Ethan to that position. We will be working on a newer scheduling system for next year, and I hope to have it in place well before operating season begins.

I have been invited to join Kerry Cochran, and Paul and Kenneth Finnegan in their Working Group, and I'm looking forward to that as well.

This past summer, I've spent a lot of time working on track repairs with our Roadmaster, Greg Elems. I'd like to offer my support to his upcoming suggestions for some track repair issues that we are facing. Having suffered two separate derailments this summer, it is obvious to everyone in the Operating Department that track repairs should be at the top of the list for some financial consideration. I know Greg has been doing some in-depth research on ways to increase our safety and that of our visitors, and I believe his ideas merit serious consideration.

Thanks again for the support! I look forward to the next season.