

Zephyr Project Schedule - 2001

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There will be two main pushes on the Silver Hostel in the first part of the season: body work, including preparation for the installation of the new windows, and work on the dome section and its accessories. Concurrently, it is hoped that Steve and Eric Stephens will continue to work on the rewiring of the car (along with anyone who wants to assist).

And, as a disclaimer, this list is what Eric, Doug, and I are HOPING to get accomplished. It all hinges on so many things, and probably won't all happen, but I've never been a big believer in aiming low.

The work schedule envisioned for this year is as follows:

April 7-8

Work on prep for the dome: replace floor plywood, clean rust from interior panels, sand and prime panels, clean light fixtures, clean and prep dome seats.

Begin removing and straightening body trim panels, if tool is available. This is also the locomotive maintenance clinic weekend.

May 5-6

Dome: Paint and replace interior panels, reinsulate dome with blue foam, prep for dome window installation, clean and prep dome seats, install lights (if wiring is complete).

Complete body panels. Welding work (if welder available) including end diaphragms, repair of end door. This is also a crew training weekend.

June 3 Sunday only.

Clean and prep dome seats, interior painting in dome area and dome stairs, finish all dome items prior to installation of seats and windows

June 23-24

Dome: install carpet, finish seats and prep for window installation.

Body: install missing side skirts (if contractor has finished them)

July 7-9 Three day work session

Install dome seats and windows. If time: work on body/exterior items, wiring

August 4-5

Finishing work on dome details. Prep for installation of lower level windows.

Sand, prime lower level body panels in the lounge sections, replace lounge section floor items.

Re-insulate lounge area with blue foam. Lounge section wiring.

September 1-3 Labor Day weekend.

Install lower lever windows, except in those openings

needed for future access.

Paint lounge section body panels. Complete lounge section wiring.

October 6-7

Install lounge section body panels, install lounge section carpet, install replacement lights.

This is an ambitious schedule and as I said, it hinges on several things:

The ability of subcontractors to handle certain issues, including manufacturing the windows and frames, finish welding and skirt remanufacture, make replacement interior panels, reupholstering of seats, making replacement light lenses.

The availability of sufficient crew members to handle all tasks.

The ability to identify and acquire proper replacement carpet, paint, etc.

And, of course, MONEY! The Project is currently going to suck up its remaining budget ordering the dome windows.

Still unfunded are side skirts, lower lever windows, new interior panels, paint, carpet, upholstery, etc., etc.

Also, these are the dates that Eric and I plan on being in Portola. This does not mean that work cannot occur on other days! We've been lucky to have some really good folks help out so far and would love to have them (and more) return whenever they can. If you want to work on the Hostel, call or e-mail myself, Eric Stephens, or Doug Morgan and we will check the progress on each area and let you know where the car needs someone.

Likewise, if you have any questions or have any information to help answer questions about the restoration, please contact one of us.

Thank you to everyone!

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PS: The revised total on donations as of February 28, 2001 is \$28,800!!

