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2009 Rental Engineer Program

~Frequently Asked Questions, Policies, and Information~

What is the Rental Engineer Program at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum?

This program provides the participating Rental Engineer with both training off-the-engine and on-the-engine instruction by one of NNRy's engineers.

What are the eligibility requirements of the Rental Engineer Program?

Participants must:

- 1.) Be age 18 or older.
- 2.) Hold a valid drivers license in your state or country of residence.
- 3.) Sign liability release form.
- 4.) Pass the written test.
- 5.) Be physically able to climb into the cab of the locomotive.

What is the off-the-engine training?

Rental Engineers will receive information on the safe operation of a locomotive and the hand signals involved. Study is expected before the on-the-engine program. The complete handbook for NNRy is available on-line at our website.

What equipment is used for the on-the-engine portion of the program?

Either steam or diesel-electric engines are available for on-the-engine instruction.

Is the on-the-engine portion of the training conducted in the yard or on the main line track?

The only available option is "Main Line" on-the-engine instruction. The steam

locomotive on the Main Line option is conducted on the Keystone Route and requires one and a half to two hours to complete. The Main Line Diesel program is on the McGill Junction Route for the on-the-engine instruction and requires two hours to complete.

As a Rental Engineer, do I actually operate the engine?

After successful completion of the written test, the Rental Engineer will move to the on-the-engine instruction. The rental engineer is placed at the controls of either the steam or diesel-electric engine and allowed to operate the engine under the direct supervision of the NNRV engineer, brakeman and/or fireman.

The engineer/instructor may at any time take partial or full control of the engine in order to demonstrate a particular task, to assist the student with the operation of the engine or to maintain the safe control of the engine.

As a participant in the Rental Engineer Program, am I allowed to perform switching maneuvers, turn the steam engine on the wye or pull cars?

The on-the-engine instruction is limited to the engine only and the Rental Engineer may not couple onto any cars. The engineer instructor will take over and operate the engine during switching maneuvers such as turning the engine on the wye at Keystone or East Ely.

What is the cost of the Rental Engineer Program?

The cost for the Diesel Program is: Mainline — \$495.00

The cost for the Steam Program is: Mainline — \$695.00

Is it possible to split the on-the-engine instruction time and cost with another party?

Two individuals may choose to split the on-the-engine instruction time and the associated cost provided the individuals make their own arrangements for payment, dividing the time, etc. To be eligible for the on-the-engine instruction each individual must successfully complete the test and fulfill the requirements.

Is it possible to have another person accompany the Rental Engineer during the on-the-engine instruction?

The cab of the diesel engine is large enough and has sufficient room to allow two additional persons to ride in safety, for a total of three people in the cab. They must 12 years old or older.

The cab of the steam locomotives is much smaller in comparison and there is constant activity with the fireman hand shoveling coal into the firebox and adding water to the boiler. Seating is only available for one additional person, for a total of

two people in the cab. The fireman will give up his/her seat to a passenger. However, the fireman will often request that the passenger move or shift position in the seat so that the fireman can gain access to various controls.

Is it possible to change Rental Engineers and/or accompanying persons while enroute?

No; due to safety reasons changing persons riding in the locomotive cab is not possible enroute.

Information and Policies

- You will receive a rental engineer question and answer sheet upon reserving a rental. These are the same questions you will be asked to answer before your instruction on the locomotive.
- You will also receive a White Pine County Chamber of Commerce Hotels & Motels handout, a “Frequently Asked Questions” handout, whistle and hand signals sheet, and our quarterly newsletter “Ghost Tracks”. Our rulebook is online at <http://www.nevadanorthernrailway.net/2006%20Operations/operations.htm> if you should wish to review it.
- We require a seven day prior notice if you need to cancel in order to receive a refund.
- Please confirm 48 hours before the time of your rental.
- The rental will go regardless of weather.
- Please arrive at least one hour prior to departure time on the day of your rental to complete the written quiz.

Travel Insurance

You might look into travel insurance to protect you should you need to cancel. Travel insurance is relatively inexpensive. You can visit www.insuremytrip.com or www.quotewright.com for quotes from the major companies.

QuoteWright has plans available that give 75% to 90% refunds under its “Cancel for Any Reason” program. These policies are roughly 10% of the cost of the trip and can include airfare, car rental and hotels, as well as the engine rental fee.

Additional Information

Should you have any questions, please call 1-866-407-8326. Thank you for supporting the Nevada Northern Railway Museum.