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State Coordinator's Message – Heber Valley Railroad Hosts Operation Lifesaver Utah Presenters and Families

The Heber Valley Railroad hosted Operation Lifesaver Utah presenters, safety partners, and their families on October 17, 2009 for a round trip ride on the Provo Canyon Limited from Heber City to Vivian Park in Provo Canyon and back. Around 90 members of the



Operation Lifesaver Utah organization attended the event. The many people that I talked to had a wonderful time. The photo above shows the historic passenger car all decked out with Halloween decorations with Operation Lifesaver passengers.



The photo to the left is Craig Lacey, Executive Director of the Heber Valley Railroad, welcoming everyone aboard the train and thanking Operation Lifesaver Utah presenters and safety partners for the work they do volunteering to spread the message of rail safety. Thanks Craig for all you do as well!

The Heber Valley Railroad supports Operation Lifesaver Utah and its message of safety at highway-rail grade crossings and around railroad property. Michael Manwiller, Chief Mechanical Officer for the Heber Valley Railroad, serves on the Operation Lifesaver Utah Board of Directors. I appreciate his support and service. For those that are looking for a unique and fun experience, ride the Heber Valley Railroad. For reservations, call 435-654-5601.

2009 Union Pacific CARE Events in Utah

Union Pacific Railroad conducted six CARE (Crossing Accident Reduction Enforcement) events in Utah during 2009. More than 100 people were cited or warned for crossing violations or trespassing.



19 New OL Presenters Trained in October

John Cyrus trained Darcy Jaimez and Tracy Davis as new OL presenters on October 15, 2009. Darcy and Tracy both work for the Utah Railway.

Kathy Bessinger, Walt Webster and Paul Hawker trained 17 new presenters on October 28 and 29, 2009. The presenters include the following: Vicky Dean, Dallon Sagers, Terry Higgs, Chad Reed, Myron Cottam, Terri Cambell, Richard Eddington, John Bates, Raleen Gines, Brian Gines, Dawn Bittner, Bonnie Peterson, Kathy Price, Sally Brinkerhoff, Rena Chivers, Vic Saunders, and Darin Duersch.

OL Utah Booth Update

Operation Lifesaver Utah is busy as ever attending public events all over Utah and displaying our booth. Operation Lifesaver Utah has attended the following for the fourth quarter of 2009:

- Clinton City Safety Fair in Clinton in October.
- Wasatch Model Railroad Exposition in Salt Lake City in November.
- Utah Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Layton in November.

The photo to the right is the OL Utah booth at the Utah Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Layton. New presenter Vic Saunders is pictured here working the booth.



Newsletter to go Paperless in 2010

Beginning next year, the Operation Lifesaver Utah newsletter will be send electronically via email. The newsletter will be attached in PDF format to the email. Further, it will also be available on our website at www.olut.usu.edu

Area Coordinators Contact Information

The Area Coordinators and the Materials Coordinator and their phone numbers are listed below. These Coordinators can support presenters with Operation Lifesaver materials or other Operation Lifesaver needs.

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2. Walt Webster – (801) 295-5633 home
 - Davis, Morgan, and Weber Counties
3. Terri Fontaine – (801) 596-1889 home
 - Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties
4. Blaine Hadfield – (801) 376-7680 mobile
 - Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah, Utah, and Wasatch Counties
5. Garry Bringhurst – (435) 835-3431 home
 - Carbon, Emery, Grand, Juab, Millard, Sanpete, and Sevier Counties
6. Ken Carr – (702) 271-9070 mobile
 - Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Washington, and Wayne Counties

For OL materials for presentations and booths, contact Bev Thrall at 801-359-4569.