



Llano River Railroad Newsletter

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Pullman Car Gets a Makeover

If you've driven by the Llano Rail Yard lately, you've probably seen Chris Slade, Mark Hannifin, Greg Zimmerman or a host of other volunteers working on the Pullman car, but outside and in. This grande old dame is being renovated to be used as a special event venue and will be parked next to the new loading dock at the Visitor Center. You will soon see a fresh coat of paint on this commuter car and elves are starting to refurbish the interior.

Imagine having your next corporate meeting, retreat or think tank at this facility. Or a wedding, your grandkid's birthday party or quinceanera aqui? The car will hold about 50 people, but the loading dock will be available also for catered parties. Or maybe a "Murder on the Orient Express Dinner Theater"? We are working hard to make this a fabulous retro train experience that all ages will enjoy!

To date, we have received funding from:

City of Llano: \$3,000 HOT tax (2024) and \$5,000 line-item budget (2025). County of Llano: \$2,900 (2025). Natl. Historic Railway Assoc.: \$5,000. Summerlee Fdn.. \$5,000. Anonymous donor, \$10,000.



A sneak peek at the interior of the Pullman car.

We now have enough funds to paint the exterior, but need \$\$ to make it an event venue. This will help fund our future goal to get the train a comin' to Llano...



New steel in place, rust gone and primed, ready to paint!

Updates

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Frank Rowell

OPERATIONS MANAGER: Chris Slade

TREASURER: Jenny Zimmerman

CONTRACTING OFFICER: Sheri Zoch

SECRETARY: Marilyn Hale

DIRECTORS: Walter Zoch, Wendell Pyles, Earl Theiss, Tony Guidroz, Brittany Baker, Chuck Baker.

3rd Graders Tour the Rail Yard

For the past 2 semesters, Llano and Packsaddle 3rd graders and LCA had the chance to tour the Llano Rail Yard, including the Museum, Mining Exhibit and Caboose. They were thrilled to learn about the railroad that used to come to Llano and the reason why it was built (mining). Of course, they all wanted to see inside the caboose and meet the scary armless "engineer". Remember, you can tour all of these facilities anytime the Visitor Center is open, and the Mining Exhibit is open 24/7.

Did you know that Llano's Mining Exhibit is only one of 2 in the entire state of Texas? So, Where's the Other?

If you would like to donate or get involved in helping us, please go to our website: Llanoriverrailroad.org

Have You Seen Our New Website?

If not, you're missing out on some cool photos and history of collections at our museum and exhibits. We created an interactive website with excellent ways to get involved or donate! Click on pages on the history, depot, rail, rail cars, mining exhibit, museum and a membership application. It's all there! And the photos and maps are awesome, including maps of the mines in Llano County. Also, check out our new talc mining auger discovered a few feet from the depot.