



the “flagman” have been electronically replaced by rail sensors that now monitor cars and radio technology that now controls the brakes. However, there is still one place you can find a caboose and that is on the track that circles Steamer Hill.

We all know the caboose comes at the end of the train, but in this article, we’re bringing the NP caboose to the front. The first collage

of pictures snapped by Jean Siirila is of the NP caboose. At first glance, we see smiling faces, a sunny day, rails, tools in the hands, but what did Jean see when she took the pictures?

“I love these pictures because our family got to help restore the NP caboose. We replaced boards, primed and painted inside and out, and scraped old oil from the floor boards by the stove.

We learned so much about cabooses. This one had a secret hiding compartment in it. We put the special things in a time capsule,” Jean shared.

In the next picture, Jean captured a bird’s eye view of fifty plows rigged up to three engines in the fields surrounding Steamer Hill. “This was an exciting event for me. I got up into the

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