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Felton, Calif. – Roaring Camp celebrates 100 years of service by Sonora Engine #7, a 60-ton Shay engine built in 1911 by Lima Locomotive Works. After many years of service hauling lumber and passengers, the engine was retired and stood in a county park in Sonora until 1985. It was purchased at that time by Roaring Camp, dubbed “Sonora,” and refurbished to carry passengers on Roaring Camp’s narrow-gauge railway through the California Redwoods. It continues to do so today.

Lima Locomotive Works built 411 Shay locomotives with 116 surviving today. There are only 19 operational Shay Locomotives remaining in the world, and Roaring Camp Railroads owns two of them, the #7 Sonora and the #1 Dixiana Shay.

Visitors and railroad buffs may visit Roaring Camp any day of the year, except Christmas day, and ride a train, perhaps the Sonora, as it chugs its way up Bear Mountain deep into the forest of California Coastal Redwoods. For more information on Roaring Camp and locomotive history, visit www.roaringcamp.com.

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