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RIGHT: On Roger and Faith Clarkson's R&F Railroad, a Santa Fe passenger train (left) passes through Riverside Station as a work train waits its turn. The full-size building in the background is an air-conditioned control center. — Photo: Tim Long