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Scheduled and Unscheduled Society Events, Timely News, and Notes of Interest

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CPR CLASS OFFERED

Monday, January 13th at 6:00 pm there will be a CPR course at the Fillmore Senior Center. For those wishing to update their CPR for Car Attendant or other purposes, the class costs \$15.00 and will probably be over by 10:00 pm.

TURNTABLE

Our Turntable Plans, which have been at the Los Angeles Division of CalTrans, are, yes, still there. After clearing the Archeological Study with flying colors, the people there have come up with yet another study they want done- a Hazardous Materials Study. Now the only thing that I know that has been on that piece of property in the last 60 years is nothing. Anything preceding this I can't remember, but I am told that shortly after the turn of the 20th century there were some sheep corrals. (That stuff is a hazardous material you know). Anyway, we are still waiting for the man whom we are sharing with the Fillmore Historical Society to return from the Christmas Holidays. Hopefully it won't take long.

RAIL FESTIVAL

The 2003 Rail Festival is March 22nd and 23rd. The venues are the same as last year. except we will have the Visitors' Center. It takes at least three to four people each day in the Visitors' Center to make it function properly. We will have the Bar-B-Que

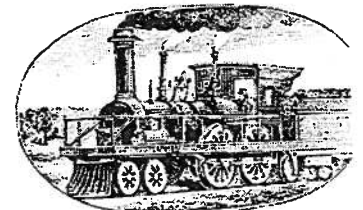
which takes from 6 to eight people each day, the PFE Car display, the Caboose 999-474 display plus others. I will be sending you a sign-up sheet by mail for you to look at and think about. Please donate some time to the Festival. It takes many persons to fill these spots. It is not fair to have just a few people doing all of this work all day long. Please call, sign up, and help.

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE COMING TO FILLMORE

The weekends of April 25th, 26th an 27th and May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, just one month after Rail Festival, Thomas the Tank Engine will come to town. Historically, Thomas the Tank Engine draws very large crowds. Fillmore and Western is asking us for all of the help we can give them. Over the years, the railroad has helped us in moving cars when possible plus storing our cars for us. Let's lend them a hand.

VENTURA COUNTY LIVE STEAMERS

Just across Mountain View from our intended Interpretive Center, the Ventura County Live Steamers have set up a really neat set-up of tracks, switches, a tunnel and a couple of bridges. They intend to be open and running their steam engines pulling gondola with people in them shortly. They would like us to have a Bar-B-Que for their operations on a once per month basis.



THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The Interpretive Center will need a lot of work before Rail Festival. Besides getting it in shape, Burger King has given us the "G" guage set-up which it had hanging from the ceiling. It would be really neat to have that up and running for Rail Festival. Also, we need shelving in the main hall for books, articles, magazines, videos and the like. As you can see, this is our main thrust before the Rail Festival in March.

SATURDAYS ARE STILL ON

As always, there is breakfast at the Fillmore Café at 8:00 o'clock every Saturday morning. There is always something to do, especially now at the new Visitors' Center. Breakfast is always a lot of fun. Please join us if you can to make the Visitors' Center really nice for the Rail Festival.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM TO BE RICK SWANSON

Wednesday evening, January 15th will be the General Meeting in the Visitors' Center at 455 Main St. at 7:00 p.m. The program will be Rick Swanson talking and showing us pictures of his Alaskan trip to see two of the National Series cars of Union Pacific like our Embassy Car. It will be a good program. Come see it. Next month, we will have "Speeder Operator" Bob Mayhan show us pictures of his trip to Skagway and Whitehorse on speeders last summer.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party last December 15th was again a real success. About forty of us showed up and enjoyed the delicious pot-luck dinner. The food was plentiful and the company was great. A new twist was that while we were eating, it was necessary to move the two cars. Soooo, we ate part of our meal (for

no more than three or four minutes) in the dark. It was fun.

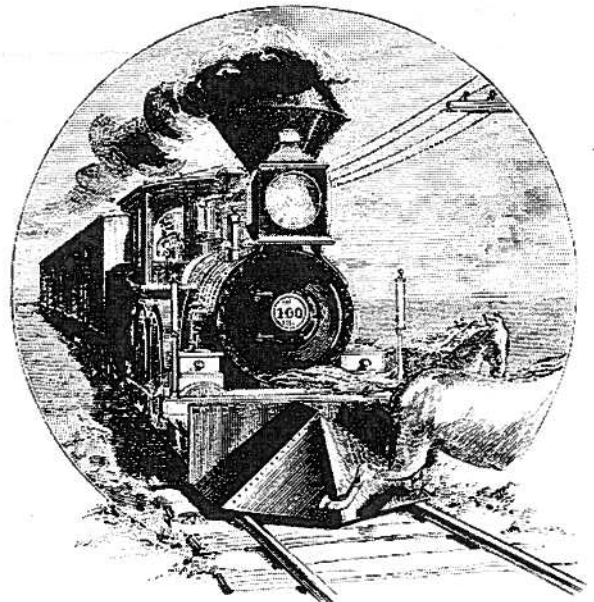
Again, this year, I handed out Certificates of Appreciation to those members who have been with us for more than a year and have helped beyond the call of duty. I have included a page of pictures of those who received their Certificates that evening. If you would like a larger copy of "your" picture, please let us know. They were all taken by Jim Mendrella.

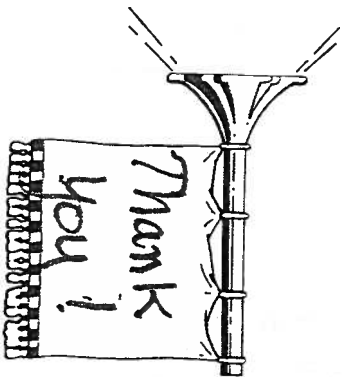
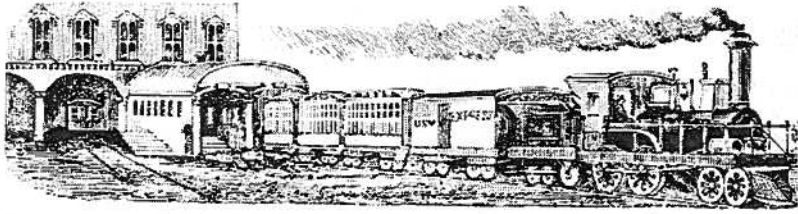
RICK SWANSON

Rick stepped forward at the Christmas Party and said he would help by doing Train Orders starting in February. To help him, if you have any articles or ideas for the paper, you may call him at (805) 492-5921. His e-mail address is: rickswanson@verison.com.

MIKE MORGAN ACCIDENT

Friday, January 03, Mike Morgan struck an automobile that turned in front of him while on his motorcycle. Keep him and his family in your prayers, please.





Dispatch Board January, 2003

Join us for breakfast on Saturday mornings
at 8 am at the Fillmore Café on
on Santa Clara Street across from City Hall
See New Telephone Numbers on Front of Train Orders

- Jan. 8th SCRVRHS BOARD MEETING 7pm Visitors' Center
- Weekend of Jan.
11th & 12th SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TRAINS
Car Attendants Needed
Call Larry Stremole at 497-6373
for more information.
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- Weekend of Feb.
1st & 2nd SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TRAINS
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- Feb. 5th SCRVRHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Visitors' Center 7pm
- Weekend of Feb.
8th and 9th SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TRAINS
Car Attendants Needed
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For Additional information.
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