



TRAIN ORDERS

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

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RAILFEST 2012 COMING

Railfest 2012 Chair Mark Aston is looking forward to a special event for all rail fans in southern California. In cooperation with the Fillmore & Western Railway, our Society is hosting another outstanding train event in the city of Fillmore. With three steam train rides a day featuring the 2-8-0 #14; one diesel train per day; member Bob Mahan's speeder rides; food and vendor booths; and model train displays, this year is shaping up for a fabulous time. In addition the SCRVRHS Railroad Visitor Center and the Fillmore Historical Museum's Southern Pacific depot will be open. And, several pieces of SCRVRHS rolling stock will be available for guided tours. The Railfest hours are 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday March 24th and 25th. Admission is free. It's great fun for the entire family! So tell your friends!

Society members are needed both days as staff volunteers for various venues. Also needed are volunteers to assist in setting up the Railfest on Friday, March 23rd. Contact Mark at maston@scrvrhs.com.

SCRVRHS 'Extra Board'

In early January, the Fillmore & Western offered to hook a caboose to the Saturday mid day excursion train as a fund raiser for SCRVRHS. The F&W would donate the difference in price from a regular fare to a premium fare to ride in the caboose. But a Car Attendant was required. On short notice, up stepped active Car Attendant and former board member



Don Hatch. Don, also a conductor and brakeman on the F&W, took care of all those

special passengers. On that Saturday 15 tickets were sold netting SCRVRHS \$150.00. Since that initial run, other cabooses have been in the consist with other Car Attendants. But Don was the first and showed it could work! So a big THANK YOU to Car Attendant Don Hatch for his Extra Effort!



Montana's Alder Gulch Railroad Featured At February Membership Meeting

SCRVRHS member and F&W engineer Larry Jennings is also a volunteer member of the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in New Mexico and Colorado. On behalf of the C&T, Larry went to the Alder Gulch Railroad near Butte, in southwest Montana this last summer. He helped by painting signs and other projects in exchange for railroad car parts - trucks, brake cylinders and more - that were of no use to the Alder Gulch Railroad but would be of use to the Cumbres and Toltec. Larry will present a program about his adventure at the SCRVRHS Membership Meeting Wednesday February 8, 2012. The meeting gets underway at 7:00pm. Come join us!



DISPATCH BOARD

WINTER 2012

Feb. 1st 7:00 p.m. - **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
Members are always welcome to attend

Feb. 8th **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
"Painting Railroad Signs in Montana"
7:00 pm Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore
Refreshments

Mar. 7th 7:00 p.m. - **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore

Mar. 14th **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
"RailFest 2012 Volunteer Meeting"
7:00 pm Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore
Refreshments

Mar. 23—25th **RAILFEST 2012**

Check our website for the very latest info

SCRVRHS and Metrolink Make a Father's Last Christmas Promise to His Son Come True

In early December, SCRVRHS Public Relations Officer Jim Mendrala received a phone call from Mrs. Lorenzana who lives in the Valley. She has an 11 year old son who attended "A Day Out With Thomas" back in April. At that time her son indicated to his Dad that he would like a Metrolink Train set for next Christmas.

Unfortunately his Father passed away in November. His mother wanted to know where she could go to get a Metrolink Train Set. It appeared that no one seemed to make the Metrolink Train Set anymore. So she called Jim whom she met earlier, thinking SCRVRHS might be able to assist. Jim called a few places looking for a train but to no avail. Finally he called Mary Travis at the Ventura County Transportation Commission who told him to contact the Marketing and Sales Manager at Metrolink. Unfortunately Metrolink was not able to come up with a Metrolink Train Set either as they didn't sell them anymore since their gift shop closed.

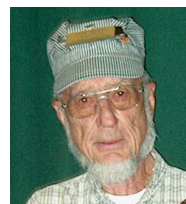
But as it turns out, Mary Travis had a 10th Anniversary Metrolink Train Set that she was given as a gift at the time. She decided to graciously donate her train set to this young 11 year old to make his Christmas merry.

However, the train set didn't come with track or a transformer to run it. So Jim got on the phone again. As a result of his diligent efforts, Trains, Etc gave Jim a 30% discount and free shipping for both track and a transformer which SCRVRHS donated to the cause..

If it wasn't for SCRVRHS, Mary Travis and Metrolink the young boy would have been very disappointed at Christmas and his father's promise would have gone unfulfilled. Metrolink Marketing Manager Charlene Ariza said "This is absolutely incredible! (Jim) you and your "elves" have truly worked a miracle for this little boy to make his Christmas special this year after so much heartache. We sent an additional Metrolink coach car and other Metrolink goodies last week – so this will extend his Christmas holiday for another week!" Merry Christmas Adrian from SCRVRHS and Metrolink!

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

SENIOR ADVISOR STAN HURST —



Stan continues his rehabilitation from a stroke suffered late last year. He is at the Fillmore Convalescent Center, 118 B Street, Fillmore (just behind McDonald's on Hwy 126). Stan is undergoing daily rehabilitation and certainly would welcome visitors in room #34. Visiting hours end at 8pm.

THANK YOU FILLMORE & WESTERN -

At the annual SCRVRHS Holiday Party in December, Fillmore & Western CEO Dave Wilkinson presented SCRVRHS President Ron Lewis with a check for \$500. Dave presented the donation as an additional 'thank you' to SCRVRHS members for their assistance to the railway as Car Attendants on the recent Pumpkin Patch and Christmas Tree trains. We thank the F&W for their generosity and look forward to an even closer collaboration in 2012. Any active member interested in becoming a SCRVRHS Car Attendant and 'working on the railroad', contact Director Jim Mendrala by email at Jim@scrvrhs.com.

ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN —

At the annual meeting of the board of directors in January, Ron Lewis agreed to continue in the office of President of the Society. Mark Aston will continue as a director and the Railfest 2012 chair but has relinquished his post as Vice President to Director Dusty Clark. Gary Phillips will continue as Secretary and Jim Mendrala will continue in the roles of Public Relations Officer and Car Attendant Coordinator. Director Rick Swanson continues as editor/publisher of the Society's newsletter, *Train Orders*. Other members of the board of directors include John Gartman; Joe Kern, Esq.; Mike Morgan; Ken Van Fleet; and Stan Hurst as Senior Advisor. SCRVRHS wishes to thank member Steven Pierce for his years of service as he leaves the board of directors in February. An opening exists for a Treasurer of the Society. Interested active members are encouraged to discuss this service opportunity with President Ron Lewis.

GET WELL JIM —

Director Jim Mendrala recently was hospitalized over New Years and underwent leg surgery in the San Fernando Valley. We wish Jim well in his recovery and look forward to his participation at the Railfest in March.