



# TRAIN ORDERS

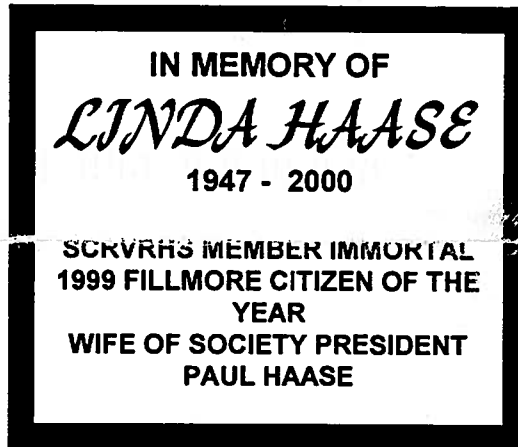
Scheduled and Unscheduled Society Events, Timely News, and Notes of Interest

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## Can You 'Pitch-In' To Make A Real Difference?

The Union Pacific Pullman 'National Embassy' is coming soon (*Train Orders*, Nov. 99). That means minor track repair and landscape clear-up on the packing house siding is required - quickly! So, because of this and many other varied projects, like caboose #1119, every Saturday in February members are encouraged to meet at 9 AM at the Visitors Center in Fillmore. Many hands make light work! Football is history! Come over, pitch-in and spend the morning with us!



## TURNTABLE INSTALLATION ABOUT TO GET STARTED

Since the arrival of the 1906 Turntable in November of 1997, it has been repaired, sandblasted, primed, and painted. Even site plans and blueprints for the project were completed. Nearly all of this work was handled by Society volunteers! Now the serious, heavy work necessary to install the turntable is about to begin, and finish, this year.

On Wednesday January 19th, the Society Board of Directors approved an agreement between the Society and the City of Fillmore for the administration of the Society's \$218,500.00 TEA-21 grant funds. By doing so, the Society also committed \$22,600.00 in matching funds. (These matching funds have been raised by the Society in the form of generous private cash donations and revenue from the Car Attendant Program, Rail Festival, fireworks booth, pumpkin patch, and BBQ activities).

Then on Thursday, January 20th, the Fillmore Planning Commission gave its final approval for the project. This action paves the way for the Society's approach track switch to be installed by the F&W and project work to begin.

Under the terms of the grant, all work on the project must be placed out to bid and awarded to bonifide contractors or construction companies. No donated services can be provided. The Society is responsible to maintain all project files and documents; provide all necessary information needed to meet Federal requirements and; monitor and control grant project costs. A big task.

The first stages of construction, to begin soon, will be to prepare the site and install proper drainage as well as all necessary electrical, water and sewer service. Then we'll begin to dig the 'pit'!

## "It's Time To Take The Train . . . Again!"

# RAIL FEST 2000

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MARCH 25 - 26 2000

This year's Society Rail Festival will celebrate passenger rail service. To do so in style, the Society hopes to have available, passenger cars representative of three different eras. First, the heavyweight passenger cars of the 20's and 30's typical of those used every weekend by the Fillmore & Western Railway. Second will be the Streamliners of the 40's and 50's, with possible tours of our new (and soon to arrive) fully original Union Pacific Pullman. And third, rail space permitting, a modern Metrolink bi-level commuter car. All in and around the confines of Central Park in downtown Fillmore.

A beautiful commemorative four color Festival poster will be available for sale depicting the #51 steam locomotive, the #101 F-7 Diesel and a new Talgo train engine all popping out of a Fillmore orange grove. A true 'must have'!

Other activities will include rides on the Fillmore & Western train; speeder rides; live steamer miniature train rides; possibly the opportunity to actually be the engineer and *drive* the 'Sespe', an 1891 Porter wood burning 0-2-0 steam engine; a model train sale and swap meet; live bands and entertainment; plenty of food and craft vendors; an opportunity to be photographed aboard a real hard car; and special displays in the Society's Railroad Visitors Center.

This is the Society's biggest annual event and a real family fun outing. Invite your family and friends to attend. Plan on spending one day enjoying the Festival and another helping your Society put the Festival on. This massive undertaking doesn't happen by itself. Call 805 524-2254 now and leave your name, phone number and day of availability. We'll contact you. And thanks!

# EVENT CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2000

Call the Railroad Visitors Center in Fillmore at 805 524-2254 anytime and leave a message with your availability as a volunteer. Or e-mail us at [www.scrvrhs.org](http://www.scrvrhs.org).

**2nd** 7 PM - Board of Directors meeting. Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore.

### 5th & 6th

- 9 AM - Saturday morning 'pitch-in' project teams, Visitors Center
- 10 AM to 4 PM - Visitor Center docents needed (all or part shift)
- Car Attendants for F&W trains - call Larry or Jean at 805 497-6373.

**9th** General Membership Meeting - Senior Center, 533 Santa Clara Ave. Fillmore - 7:00 PM. Rail Festival Planning Session. Refreshments!

### 12th & 13th

- 9 AM - Saturday morning 'pitch-in' project teams, Visitors Center
- 10 AM to 4 PM - Visitor Center docents needed (all or part shift)
- Car Attendants for F&W trains - call Larry or Jean at 805 497-6373.

### 19th & 20th

- 9 AM - Saturday morning 'pitch-in' project teams, Visitors Center
- 10 AM to 4 PM - Visitor Center docents needed (all or part shift)
- Car Attendants for F&W trains - call Larry or Jean at 805 497-6373.

### 26th & 27th

- 9 AM - Saturday morning 'pitch-in' project teams, Visitors Center
- 10 AM to 4 PM - Visitor Center docents needed (all or part shift)
- Car Attendants for F&W trains - call Larry or Jean at 805 497-6373.

## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE ...

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Beginning this month two things have changed. First, the meeting has been moved from the third Wednesday of each month to the *second* Wednesday of each month. Second, the location of the meeting has changed. The Visitors Center is not conducive to large meetings and audio visuals. Hence we have reserved the *Fillmore Senior Center* at 533 Santa Clara Avenue. The Center is located west of Central Ave. and City Hall on Santa Clara.

### METROLINK FACILITY TOUR

On Friday morning, March 10th the Society will conduct a field trip to tour the Metrolink Maintenance Facility in Los Angeles. A weekday was necessary because the facility is closed on the weekends. More info in next months *Train Orders*.

### MODEL TRAIN SWAP MEET

The Society still needs your unwanted model train gear of all scales for the Rail Festival. Your donations are tax deductible. Send your items to the Visitors Center.

### BREAKFAST ANYONE?

Every Saturday at 8 AM at the Fillmore Cafe on Santa Clara Ave. across from City Hall. Very informal!



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