



# TRAIN ORDERS

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

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## RAIL FESTIVAL 2004



## 'CABOOSES ON PARADE'

"Cabooses On Parade" is the theme of the Society's ninth annual Rail Festival. Co-Sponsored by the Fillmore & Western Railway, the RailFest takes place at Central Park in Fillmore on the weekend of March 20th and 21st between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Following in our tradition to provide Southern California with a family fun event, the Festival offers railroad-related activities such as miniature steam train rides; 'speeder' rides; displays from various railroad related organizations including Women In Railroading and Operation Lifesaver; and food booths including the Society's very own Locomotive Tri-Tip Bar-B-Que. Other venues invited include the famous Frontier Gunfighters; antique farm equipment demonstrations; vintage tractors; vintage automobile displays; live musical entertainment; and arts and craft booths to include commemorative Festival T-shirts.

This year, in keeping with the Festival theme, a special train made up of at least three cabooses will provide a unique and rare opportunity for the public to *ride* in an actual caboose for a one hour excursion, thanks to the Fillmore & Western Railway.

We will again have our very popular 'Be-An-Engineer' program. Here's a chance for the public to be an actual 'student engineer' on the #1 'Sespe', an 1890's vintage 0-4-0 Porter wood burning steam locomotive! Yes you too can take the throttle, blow the steam whistle, and power your way down the mainline and back. Plus, all engineers will receive a commemorative certificate as proof! All for just a \$50 donation to the Society. Availability is limited so the Fillmore & Western is taking reservations.

We will also have our 1956 ex-Union Pacific Pullman Sleeping Car open for public inspection. The car, designated by U.P. as #1205 the 'National Embassy', is one of only twelve flat-sided aluminum 'Embassy' cars built for the Union Pacific. It came directly out of U.P. service and is untouched and virtually original in every detail. It has roomettes, state-rooms, and a rare open section.

As Society members, you guessed it, it takes many hands to make light work. So we truly need volunteers. On Friday afternoon March 19th beginning at 2 pm, members are needed to assist in setting up by directing vendors, placing signs, erecting tents, etc. On the weekend we need volunteers to man the speeder ride; be docents for both the Pullman car tours and Railroad Visitor Center; man the BBQ; provide a mandatory experienced Car Attendant for each of the cabooses on the excursion train, and assist with clean-up. Relax, you won't be alone.

Society Festival volunteers will be rewarded with a complimentary BBQ tri-tip dinner on Friday evening, March 19th. All volunteers are welcome. Free overnight RV parking for self-contained units will be available for volunteers to use on both Friday and Saturday nights.

This is our annual opportunity to demonstrate our character as a non-profit civic organization and make a little money for the treasury. Contact Festival Chairman Rick Swanson via [rick@scrvrhs.com](mailto:rick@scrvrhs.com) or 805 492-5921 to lend a hand for an hour or a day. *You* could make the difference in our success. We really could use you. Join the fun!



On December 28, 2003, area markers were dedicated in the name of former SCRVRHS President Paul Haase and his wife, Linda. On hand for the ceremony were (l to r) Sue Mendrala, Stan and Beverly Hurst, Fred Ervast, Barbara and Jim Lashbrook, Katalleen Haase, Michelle Haase, Beverly Haase, Dee Dee Hurst, and Jim Mendrala (not pictured). Located near the BBQ site and the State Fish Hatchery, the Haase marker is at GPS coordinates latitude North 34° 23.545' and longitude West 118° 52.233'. Linda's marker is at latitude North 34° 23.523' and longitude West 118° 51.929'. Look for them on the east end of Fillmore along the right-of-way!

# DISPATCH BOARD

## FEBRUARY 2004

Join us for an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8:00 AM  
at the Fillmore Cafe on Santa Clara Street across from City Hall.

- 4th** **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**  
7:00 PM—Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore  
Members are always welcome to attend!
- 7th & 8th** **Be a CAR ATTENDANT!**  
FILLMORE & WESTERN DAYTIME TRAINS  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624
- 11th** **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Our Guest: Mr. John Fisher from Australia**  
**'Computer Mapping Railroads with GPS'**  
Railroad Visitor Center — Fillmore  
**7:00 PM Refreshments**
- 14th & 15th** **Be a CAR ATTENDANT!**  
FILLMORE & WESTERN DAYTIME TRAINS  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624
- 21st & 22nd** **Be a CAR ATTENDANT!**  
FILLMORE & WESTERN DAYTIME TRAINS  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624
- 28th & 29th** **Be a CAR ATTENDANT!**  
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11:00 AM to 3:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624



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*Happy Valentine's Day*

### AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

**CAR ATTENDANT** — **Patrick Malone** is putting together an order for both dark blue Car Attendant hats with double gold bands and the brass 'Car Attendant' badges that go on them. Normal price for both is \$89. Patrick can get a nice discount on orders of 12 or more hats. Need one? Know your hat size? Email Patrick at [patmalon@west.net](mailto:patmalon@west.net) and place your order. Get yours before the Rail Festival!

**MANY THANKS** — go out to **Ms. Marta Ortiz** for the donation of her husbands' HO model train layout which is on display in the Railroad Visitor Center. Thanks also to member **Jeff Stine** who donated several track lighting components to highlight the many articles on display in the Visitor Center. Let's not forget to thank Board member **John Gartman** who donated movie theatre seats that came out of the old Groman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood! These red seats will be the basis for our *own* theatre coming together inside the Visitor Center.

**FRED ERVAST** — has resigned from the SCRVRHS Board of Directors due to personal and business commitments. Fred has been involved in many Society projects including mile post markers, the Visitor Center, and Rail Festival. Fred will continue car attending. Society board member **Rick Swanson** will take over this years' Rail Festival. Any experienced member with an interest in joining the Board of Directors should contact President **Pat Askren** via [www.scrvrhs.com](http://www.scrvrhs.com) — our Member Page.

**CALTRANS** — has recently asked for and received engineering estimates for the cost of the total turntable installation project (estimated to be \$300,000+). But final CalTrans approval is still pending! **Roy Payton**, board member and our civil engineer, reports that his detailed construction drawings needed to issue the turntable project construction bids, are complete and awaiting issuance.

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