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

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A bit More History About Our #1205 Car Is Found

by Jeff Trimble

While doing some other railroad research, I ran across some interesting notes about our #1205 National Embassy Pullman sleeping car now located where the turntable will be installed. The info was located in the book "50 Years of Railroading in Southern California 1936 – 1986", published by Pacific Railroad Society, copyright 2001.

"The year 1972...PRs took delivery of another ex-UP sleeping car, the National Embassy would be traded for Shasta daylight coach 2397 which would make railroad history in 1984 (The car made a trip from Portland to New Orleans and back behind SP 4449).



Early in the year the PR Society took delivery of the former Southern Pacific Shasta Daylight-type coach 2397 (ex-Amtrak 7512), which was obtained from a member William Gawzner who had purchased it in a recent Amtrak sale of retired cars. In exchange for this coach, the Society deeded to him our ex-Union Pacific sleeper, National Embassy, which Bill Gawzner used as a static display at his Miramar Hotel, Santa Barbara. Certain parts from the National Embassy, however, were given to us for use on our other cars as part of this transaction. (As a side note, the Daylight Coach 2397 spent a couple of years at the Fillmore & Western, and was painted in Daylight Colors. It now lives at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California.)"



Fillmore & Western tracks at the Hwy 126 Hopper Creek crossing between Fillmore and Piru show the damage from the December/January rain storms. Here, debris from the once swollen creek covers the undermined track. Other portions of F&W trackage also required mud and debris removal plus rebalasting. All scheduled F&W trains in January were canceled due to the damage. Union Pacific railroad, which connects to the F&W, had four of its five main rail lines in and out of Los Angeles (including the coast line) closed due to even more severe rain damage. The Oxnard 'local' train stayed put because it had nowhere to go! UP rails both north (at the Ventura River) and south (Somis) were washed out. F&W tracks will be back in service this month.

— Photo by Ray Morquecho

RIC Turntable Installation Moves Closer

The City of Fillmore signed the contract with Willdan Corporation for contract oversight and administration of the installation of our 95' railroad turntable — phase one of our Railroad Interpretive Center (RIC). Our project is one of three other local projects packaged in the Willdan arrangement. The others involve the original Fillmore Southern Pacific railroad station and a sound wall along a portion of Highway 126. Based on previously stated timeframes, construction on the turntable should begin in April.

On a related item, Tony DeMaria Electric Inc. of Wilmington completed the re-wind and repair of the turntable motor (including the installation of new bearings); overhauled the electric controller; and overhauled the grid bank. Tony graciously donated \$7,000 in labor and materials from the \$8,500 in total repair costs. SCRVRHS picked up the \$1,500 balance. Tony also offered his services to inspect and test the motor and related electrical parts once the turntable is installed.

DISPATCH BOARD

FEBRUARY 2005

Join us for an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8:00

Yanni's Charbroil Restaurant.

736 Ventura St., (Hwy 126) Fillmore between IHOP & Carl's Jr.

Every Weekend	Docents are needed at the Railroad Visitor Center Drop by for an hour or two or better yet call Fred Ervast at 805 389-0787 or fred@scrvrhs.com
2nd	SCRVRHS Annual Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore Members are welcome to attend
5th & 6th	F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS Car Attendants Needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com
9th	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Program: RAIL FESTIVAL 2005 7 PM — Railroad Visitor Center, Fillmore
12th & 13th	F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS Car Attendants Needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com
19th & 20th	F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS Car Attendants Needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com
19TH	LOCOMOTIVE WORKSHOP Get involved with the #14 a 2-8-0 Baldwin steam loco 9 AM - Meet at Yanni's. Come early at 8 AM for breakfast!
26th & 27th	F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS Car Attendants Needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

2004 Ordinary Income/Expense Report

Income	
Car Attendant	1,604.55
Dividend	46.06
Rail Festival Sponsors	1,000.00
Fireworks Income	39,384.13
New membership dues	220.00
Rail Fest craft vendor fees	3,783.00
Rail Fest food income—BBQ	3,706.00
Rail Fest food vendor fees	1,750.00
Rail Fest non-food income	530.00
Renewal membership fees	3,060.00
Rail Fest Sespe engineer income	1,375.00
Souvenir income	1,788.00
Rail Fest speeder ride income	<u>1,046.00</u>
Total Income	59,292.74
Expense	
Accountant fees	4,649.79
Bank service charge	184.89
Caboose 474	566.59
Dues & subscriptions	50.00
Filing fee	10.00
Fireworks expense	27,556.01
Insurance	4,581.97
Licenses & permits	335.60
Membership dues	35.00
Merchant Bnkcd fee	38.75
Office supplies	38.00
Rail Fest BBQ food expense	1,813.26
Rail Fest non-food expense	8,986.94
Souvenir expense	462.32
Supplies (misc.)	286.05
Taxes	565.87
Telephone	414.36
Utilities	649.92
Visitor Center	<u>8,779.99</u>
Total Expenses	60,005.31
Other Income	
Interest income	299.93
Net Income	- 412.64

2005 FILLMORE RAIL FESTIVAL

MARCH 19TH & 20TH

BE THERE!

(WE NEED YOUR HELP!)

DID YOU KNOW — that it was railroad protocol for passenger train Conductors to use brass buttons on their dress uniforms and for Brakemen to use nickel or 'silver' buttons on theirs?

Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one, it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves.

-- Dale Carnegie, American lecturer and author (1888-1955)

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