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A publication of the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society; News, Notes of interest and upcoming events.

RAILFEST 2009 IS COMING!

The annual Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society's RAILFEST 2009 is coming, and again the Society is looking forward to your support to make this event another success. As usual, the festival will be held in Fillmore, Central Park on March 28th and 29th. In addition to round trip train rides to Santa Paula there will be speeder rides, Gunfighter shows, activities in the Railroad Visitor Center, vendors in the Park selling a variety of products, the fabulous Tri-tip BBQ sandwiches served by our "crack" cooking crew, turntable demonstrations, live Country & Western music, and METROLINK car tours, there is a good chance that the SESPE locomotive will be operational! We need your help to staff these venues, so please give us a half a day (or more) to help out. Bring your family so they can enjoy the events too.

As an incentive for those who come to Fillmore on Friday, March 27th to help set up, a free BBQ rib dinner will be served in the park at the venue site around 5:30 p.m. If you have a particular interest in helping with the Railfest, please email us at: scrvrhs@sbcglobal.net.

By: Fred Ervast, Member

2008 IN RETROSPECT

2008 was a very successful year for our society. First, we had a great Railfest and added significant funds to our RIC Project Savings Account. Then, came the Fireworks booth, again we had one of the most successful events ever adding again significantly to our savings accounts. In August, our Car Attendants worked the VCTC-Metrolink Fair Trains which resulted in a big donation to our society. Mixed in with all these projects during the year, we substituted an old table with donated desk furniture and set up an office in the back room of the Visitor Center, including a wireless computer access station and cleaned out the "Jail". This has allowed the officers space to maintain files, discuss plans for the society and most of all a quiet place to take care of the financial aspects of the society operations. All of this was done with donated labor by our members...not one cent spent to make these changes from the Society coffers... I wish to personally thank our Board, Officers and the members who spent many Saturdays and other days making these events a reality... We are truly blessed with many talented people in our membership.... My sincere gratitude and thanks for a job well done. Ron Lewis, President

SCRVRHS TURNTABLE PROJECT CONTINUES

The project to lay planking on the turntable started in early January 2009, and thanks to Mark Aston, Steven Pierce, and Ken Van Fleet, the project is coming along very well. The Society can always use volunteers on Saturday mornings to work on the turntable, and you can join the "gang" on Saturday mornings at the Fillmore IHOP for breakfast, starting around 8:00 a.m. or soon thereafter. Shown right is Ken Van Fleet putting the center planking back into the table. By: Fred Ervast,



A GENEROUS DONATION FROM VCTC



At the General Membership meeting in January 2009, Mary Travis of the Ventura County Transportation Commission presented a check for \$1,000 to

SCRVRHS. The donation was given to us in recognition of our Car Attendant Service for the Ventura County Fair Metrolink Trains. A BIG thanks go to those car attendants who worked on the Fair Trains, and huge thank you VCTC for your generous donation! By: Fred Ervast, Member



DISPATCH BOARD

February, March, 2009

Join us for breakfast Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.
IHOP RESTAURANT; 126 and Highway 23

February 4	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
February 11	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center Refreshments will be Provided
February 21	Work Party Meet at Visitor Center 9:00 A.M.
March 4	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
March 11	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
Day Out with Thomas (see below for dates)	Car Attendants needed. Contact Fred Ervast: fervast@scrvrhs.com



Day Out with Thomas™ is coming to the Fillmore & Western on April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 & 26, 2009.



AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Do we have your latest address? A new policy has been instituted by the Board of Directors to have all dues payable starting March 1st of each year. Notices will be sent out by that date, and your timely response of your payment will be greatly appreciated. Do we have your current e-mail address? If you have recently changed your address, please drop us a "one-liner" giving your current e-mail address or snail mail address to jmendrala@scrvrhs.com

DID YOU KNOW??? By Jim Mendrala, Director

Did you know that In 1974, **Baxter Ward** launched the nation's first county-owned commuter train between San Diego and Los Angeles. Proposition 13 killed the project that critics branded "Baxter's choo choo".

(**Baxter Ward** (11/5/1919 - 2/4/2002) was a television news anchor, first on KCOP-TV Channel 13 then on KABC-TV Channel 7 who also served two terms on the [Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors](#). Prior to his election on the board, he ran third in an unsuccessful bid to unseat [Sam Yorty](#) for Mayor of Los Angeles in 1969.)

RailFest 2009 March 28 & 29

"FOR THE LOVE OF TRAINS"

Festival hours 9:00am - 5:00pm
Central Park (Fillmore)

Frontier Gunfighters	Arts & Crafts Booths
Antique Farm Equipment	Model Train Displays
Speeder Rides	Tri-Tip BBQ \$

Vintage Train Ride Fillmore to Santa Paula

Departure Times

10:00am or 1:30pm

Pass: Adults: \$24, Seniors: \$22, Youth 4-12: \$14, Child 2-3: \$10

Hotel Packages

PIRU- Heritage Valley Inn: Restored 1890 inn one block west of the Piru Depot
\$242 per couple
• One night stay & Breakfast
• Two-One day train tickets

SANTA PAULA-Glen Tavern Inn: A 1911 Tudor hotel across from the Santa Paula Depot that is listed on the National Register of historic places
\$195 per couple
• One night stay (double occupancy)
• Two-day Train tickets (2 Adult)

RAILFEST ACTIVITIES

Santa Paula Depot:

Historic Downtown Murals
Art Show-Santa Paula Society of the Arts
California Oil Museum

Fillmore Depot:

Railroad Visitor Center
Turntable Display
Fillmore Historical Museum & Depot
Model train displays in Depot
Arts and Food Vendors in event area

Saturday, March 28

Family Murder Mystery Dinner Train

Enjoy the lure of the old west with cowboys and characters

Depart 6:30 pm Return 9:00 pm

Adults: \$61 Child: 0-13: \$32

Reservations Required!

GROUP SPECIAL

Rail Fest Train tickets

BBQ Tri-tip Sandwich & soda

From the RR Historical society booth in the park

\$32 per person

Based on Minimum group of 25 people

Reservations/Information

805-524-2546 800-773-8724

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