

TRAIN ORDERS

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

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5TH ANNUAL SPRING RAIL FESTIVAL

"It's Time To Take The Train . . . Again!" is the Society's fifth annual Spring Rail Festival theme intended to celebrate passenger rail service. The Festival, co-sponsored by L.A. Family Magazine, takes place in Central Park, Fillmore on the weekend of March 25th and 26th from 9 AM to 5 PM. Admission and

parking are free.

Designed as a family fun such as vintage 1906 and 'speeder' rides; a model displays; vintage tractors; tainment by the band 'Free Society's famous BBQ tri-tip Center located in a historic

event, the Festival offers railroad-related activities
Baldwin steam locomotive excursions; miniature trair
train swap meet and sale; antique farm equipment
Johnny Popper engine demonstrations; live enterRange'; arts and craft booths, a magician, and the
sandwiches. Also, the Society's Railroad Visitors
1917 bank building at Central and Main will be open

with displays and railroad artifacts. Last year well over 10,000 visitors attended this annual two-day event. This year, two new venues have been added as special treats. First, the Society will have its very

recently obtained 1956 ex-Union Pacific Sleeping Car open for inspection. The car, designated by U.P. as the 'National is one of the last flat sided aluminum cars built for the Union railroad. It came directly out of U.P. service to spend the next years on static display at the Miramar Hotel in Montecito. It is 4 original and in tact in every detail, right down to the Union Pullman pillow cases on the beds. The 'sleeper' has roomettes, and a rare open section. A real step back into time! "With our theme celebrating passenger rail service, the timely arrival of the

public

Embassy',

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twenty+
virtually
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Festival
Pullman

sleeper puts it at center stage for our annual spring event", says Paul Haase, Society President.

Have you always wanted to be a steam locomotive engineer? The second new venue will give you that chance. In return for a Society donation of \$40, you can don an engineers one put the

chance. In return for engineers cap, put the steam locomotive - railroad engineer will a certificate, a photo about a year's worth to the grand children! basis. So come on



a Society donation of \$40, you can don an throttle down and take an 1891 <u>0-4-0 Porter</u> "The Sespe" - down the tracks! A licensed be present in the cab. Participants will receive and a story that should see them through of dinner parties. Not to mention those stories Availability is on a first come, first served down, blow the whistle, and let off steam!

Festival proceeds benefit our non-profit, two hundred member Society and all our railroad restoration efforts. As you all know, Fillmore is located in Ventura County on Highway 126 between Interstate 5 at Magic Mountain and the 101 Freeway in Ventura. For more Festival information call 1-800-773-8724 or contact either the Society's web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or the Fillmore & Western Railway web site at www.scrvrhs.org or www.scrvrhs.org or www.scrvrhs.org or <a href="https://www.scrvrhs.

EVENT CALENDAR MARCH 2000

To volunteer for a specific program call one of the following chairpersons:

- Car Attendant Program Larry or Jean Stermolle at 805 497-6373
- Visitor Center Docent Program Fred Ervast at 805 389-0787
- Rail Festival Pat Askren at 805 524-0586

1st 7 PM - Board of Directors meeting. Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore.

4th & 5th

- 10 AM to 4 PM Railroad Visitor Center Open 316 Central Ave., Fillmore
- Car Attendants for day or evening Fillmore & Western trains

8th General Membership Meeting - Senior Center, 533 Santa Clara Ave. Fillmore - 7 PM. Final Rail Festival organizational session.

10th 8 AM - Metrolink Maintenance Facility Field Trip - Moorpark Metrolink Station

11th & 12th

- 10 AM to 4 PM Railroad Visitor Center Open
- Car Attendants for day or evening Fillmore & Western trains

18th & 19th

- 10 AM to 4 PM Railroad Visitor Center Open
- Car Attendants for day or evening Fillmore & Western trains

25th & 26th

SPRING RAIL FESTIVAL!

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

METROLINK FACILITY TOUR

On Friday morning, March 10th the Society will tour the Metrolink Maintenance Facility in Los Angeles via Metrolink train #110. A weekday was necessary because the facility is closed on the weekends. If interested, meet at the Metrolink station in Moorpark at 8:00 AM or the Union Station platform in L.A. at 9:15 AM. We will return in the afternoon. Rail fare is \$6.25 roundtrip and lunch is on you. Join us on this rare opportunity for a private tour!

APRIL FIELD TRIP TO PERRIS

Jump aboard a special charter bus and spend the day with us for an outing to the Orange Empire RailFest 2000 on April 29th. See 150 trolleys and trains and ride many of them (all rides included in admission). Bus fare is \$25. per person. Seating is limited to 47 and is first come, first served. Festival admission is \$12. for adults, \$8. children 5-11 with kids under 5 free. We depart Fillmore at 7:15 AM and return at 8:00 PM. So make your reservations by calling SCRVRHS at (805) 524-1201 and send your bus fare by check to SCRVRHS at 448 Sespe Ave., Fillmore, CA. 93015.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

<u>Our</u> 'National Embassy', Union Pacific sleeper #1205 arrived in Fillmore on February 16th!



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