



TRAIN ORDERS

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

MARCH, 2003

CELEBRATING
OUR 10th Anniversary

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President Paul M. Haase



We at the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society were so fortunate to have benefited from the contributions of our President, Paul Haase, for nearly eight of our ten years. He was shared with so many other organizations, agency boards, and youth groups. The following are unsolicited comments from Society friends:

"Not only was he my cousin, he was my best friend". — Stan Hurst

"I trusted Paul and believed in him, he was friends to all. It was his friendship, his outstretched hand, his kindly smile and companionship that led to the Spiritual inspiration which made one to know Paul Haase was special".

— Troy Helton

"We have to remember our lives are richer for having known him. We will always remember his cheerfulness and willingness to always lend a hand".

— Kim & Steve Black

1937—2003

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." — ***Albert Pike, 19th-century Scottish Rite Freemason***

"Paul has come to be quite close over the years . . . I feel like he is part of my family. . . . I feel there is no one who can take his place as a motivator and recruiter".

— John Gartman

"I will never forget his optimistic outlook and engaging smile. No request was ignored and innovative and unusual approaches were often employed to address challenges and opportunities. For a small man, he leaves big shoes to fill".

— A.J. Farrar

". . . (we) have all lost a fine gentleman with

a 'golden spike' spirit. To have shared just a small portion of his life is considered an honor, to say the least".

— Jan Clark

"Paul was a friend that met life with a smile, determination, and the highest ethical and moral standards. His absence will serve as an ongoing challenge for us to take the high road. Quite a legacy".

— Mike Martin

"Paul's philosophy of life: Work as hard as you can to make the world a better place for everyone. And he did, right up to the end of this chapter of his life. Now he is starting a new chapter. Making the next world a better place also".

— Larry Jennings

The SCRVRHS Board of Directors have voted to dedicate the 2003 Fillmore Rail Festival to the memory of President Paul Haase

DISPATCH BOARD

MARCH 2003

Join fellow members for breakfast every Saturday morning at 8 AM at the Fillmore Cafe on Santa Clara Street across from City Hall.

- 1st & 2nd** 1:00-5:00 Fillmore & Western Santa Paula Daytime Trains Volunteer as a Car Attendant! - schedule with Larry or Jean Stermolle at 805 497-6373
- 5th** 7:00 PM - **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
- 8th** 9:00 AM - Work party to clean up our Caboose, Reefer & Sleeping Car for the Rail Festival. Call Jeff, 805 652-1081
- 8th & 9th** 1:00-5:00 Fillmore & Western Santa Paula Daytime Trains Volunteer as a Car Attendant! Call Larry, 805 497-6373
- 12th** General Membership Meeting
Railroad Visitor Center - Central & Main, Fillmore
See www.members.scrvrhs.com for a map and directions
7:00 PM - Refreshments
- 15th & 16th** 1:00-5:00 Fillmore & Western Santa Paula Daytime Trains Volunteer as a Car Attendant! - schedule with Larry or Jean Stermolle at 805 497-6373
- 22nd & 23rd** **8th Fillmore Rail Festival**
"Women in Railroading"
9 AM to 5 PM Central Park — Fillmore
If you haven't volunteered, please do!
Contact Fred Ervast at 805 389-0787 or e-mail Fred at fastfinn@aol.com
- 29th & 30th** 1:00-5:00 Fillmore & Western Santa Paula Daytime Trains Volunteer as a Car Attendant! Call Larry, 805 497-6373



AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

"We wish to thank the members of Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society for all of the kindness, prayers, concern and support extended to us during Paul's last illness and after his passing. Paul gave 100% to all of the organizations of which he was a member, but his two favorites were SCRVRHS and the Boy Scouts. We truly appreciate all of you and how much you showed your love and appreciation of Paul."

— Michelle, Kathleen and Beverly Haase

DID YOU KNOW — that the Bardsdale Methodist Church where **Paul Haase** was a member for 54 years and where his memorial service took place was built in 1898? (Eleven years after the railroad was built through the valley). Thomas R. Bard contributed the land & the stained glass windows.

RAIL FESTIVAL PERKS for Festival Volunteers: **A way to say thanks & have a little more fun too!**

- > Friday night informal Pot Luck Dinner, 6 PM at the Visitor Center. Main dish will be provided by Chairman Fred Ervast. Bring something to share.
- > On both Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be provided for all volunteers at the Society's Locomotive BBQ trailer. Come early for eggs and things because the Festival opens at 9 AM.
- > Each SCRVRHS volunteer will receive one free ticket to ride the Fillmore & Western train on the Festival weekend. One ticket per volunteer.

DID YOU ALSO KNOW — that much like the Ventura County Live Steamer set-up at Main and Mt. View Streets in Fillmore, a live steam (sit on top of the cars and ride) type 'miniature railroad' was once located on Central Avenue north of Sespe Street in the 1930's? Anybody remember it?

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