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Railfest Marks Return of Service to Piru

by Jim Mendrala

Heritage Valley Residents of Piru will welcome passengers to their train depot and community for the first time in over 56 years on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19 during RAILFEST 2006. The Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society is celebrating this event with the first regular passenger train service to Piru since 1938.

Fillmore & Western Railway Co. (F&W) train crews had refurbished the tracks from Fillmore to Piru for excursions to begin at last years RAILFEST, but the tracks were lost due to flooding in the winter of 2004-05. Now the F&W crews have once again rebuilt the track and service will begin this spring at RAILFEST 2006. The inaugural excursion will leave Fillmore on Saturday at 10:00 AM, reaching Piru at 10:50 AM. This train, has been named "The Piru Turn." There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony adjacent to the Piru Depot.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

TO HELP OUT, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Railfest Is This Week

by Ron Lewis

Our annual Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society Railfest is March 18 & 19, 2006. We desperately need your help to set up for the event on Friday Morning and to staff the various locations. For the first time in our history, the Railfest has been expanded to three venues: Piru, Santa Paula and Fillmore. Needed are Car Attendants, docents, loaders at the Speeder Rides, attendants at the spike driving contest, attendants for the National Embassy Pullman Car, Metro Link Car Display and the Vicky V Caboose in Santa Paula.

Please come out and help us to make this a very special event. Our very own Chef, John Gartman is planning a special reward BBQ for all those who help us with the setup on Friday and the various activities over the weekend.

If you require additional information on Railfest, Jim Mendrala has authored an extensive guide on the subject, available in the online edition of *Train Orders*. I look forward to seeing you on Friday, Saturday or Sunday Morning. Your participation is greatly appreciated and needed!

DISPATCH BOARD

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMAL BREAKFAST
*at the Fillmore Cafe - Saturdays at 8:00 AM**

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RAIL FEST SET-UP & BBQ DINNER
Railroad Visitor Center...March 17th (all day)

RAILFEST 2006
March 18th and 19th

BOARD MEETING
Railroad Visitor Center...April 5th at 7:00 PM

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Railroad Visitor Center...April 12th at 7:00 PM

*If for any reason the Fillmore Cafe is closed on a given Saturday morning, the alternate breakfast location is La Fondita, a Mexican cafe serving a full breakfast menu, on Central Ave, in downtown Fillmore.

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Successful Bid On Turntable Project

by Ron Lewis

We have a successful bidder for the turn table construction and the rebuilding of Steam Engine No. 14. The contract is expected to be awarded to J.T. Contractors of Agoura as soon as it works its way through the City Departments and is approved by the City Council. We expect approval of the contract by Rail Fest and construction should begin soon afterwards.

We are all very happy and excited to see the construction continue as soon as possible. It has been a long time in the making.... Many sandwiches were sold, many speeder rides were given, lots of "Be the Engineer Rides", tours, donations and of course, all the hard work by your Board of Directors will finally make this project a reality.

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