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RAILFEST 2007 ~ RAILROADING THROUGH HERITAGE VALLEY

On March 24 & 25th the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society will again host the annual "Railfest". This year's events will include Train Rides between Piru and Santa Paula. All day tickets are available as well as tickets for a special late day train to Montalvo. Our fantastic BBQ Tri-tip sandwiches will be on sale, Speeder Rides, Antique Tractor Display, Turntable Exhibit, Gun Slingers and many other attractions for our visitors. We look forward to welcoming Metrolink to Santa Paula again for this year's festival.

As usual, we are in serious need of volunteers on Friday through Sunday of the event. Please contact Ron Lewis at rlewis@scrvrhs.com to register or check in at 9:00 A.M. Friday, Saturday or Sunday at the Visitor Center for assignment.

SCRVRHS Members & Guests travel to the Tehachapi Loop

On January 27, 2007 approximately 22 members and guests went to the loop. We visited the Tehachapi Railroad Club exhibit at the Mountain Crossing Restaurant and then we moved on up to the loop for pictures and much train watching. Steve Pruitt, President of the Tehachapi Club had arranged for our visit with the Train Master on the Loop... We were allowed full access to many fine train watching and picture taking sites. A big Thank You to the Tehachapi Club for their hospitality. Visit our website for more pictures: scrvrhs.com Photo Below:



TURNTABLE UPDATE

On February 7, 2007 a ten year dream was realized in Fillmore with the placement of the turntable into the recently constructed pit. Mendez Concrete and the Fillmore & Western Railway completed the preparation work with T & T Crane Service providing 300 and 200 ton cranes to pickup, turnover and place the turntable into the pit. Approximately 100 spectators looked on as the crews of these companies eased the 80 ton structure into the pit with barely a half inch of clearance on each end. Ron Lewis, President of the Society Christened the table with Champagne provided by the F&W. It was a fantastic day for all who worked so hard to bring this event to a reality. As of this date, grading for the "Three Tracks East" Project has been completed. Metrolink is donating ties for the project. Visit our web site at SCRVRHS.com for more photos.



DISPATCH BOARD

March ~ April 2007

Join us for an informal breakfast Saturday mornings at 8:00 am
Mama Sue's Café ~ Santa Clara & Central — Fillmore

March 7, 2007: Wednesday	Board Meeting Visitor Center ~ 7:00 P.M.
March 14, 2007 Wednesday	General Meeting ~ Visitor Center ~ 7:00 P.M. Refreshments Provided
March 23, 2007 Friday	Set up day for Railfest ~ Volunteers Report to Visitor Center 9:00 A.M. (Breakfast at Mama Sue's at 8:00 A.M.)
March 24 & 25, 2007 Saturday & Sunday	Railfest Volunteers re- port to Visitor Center at 8:00 A.M.



AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . . Traveling Members

TAKE AMTRAK FROM FILLMORE?

Article & Picture bottom left by Stan Hurst Sr.
Advisor:

Most Definitely! On Saturday, July 29, 2006 Bev and I caught the 3:45 p.m. Amtrak bus to the Bakersfield Amtrak Station. There we caught the San Joaquin train 703 to Sacramento, arriving on time at 11:25 p.m. We stayed overnight at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Sacramento. Sunday morning we boarded Train 6, The California Zephyr, to Denver, expecting a beautiful ride through Donner Pass, High Sierra, as well as Rocky Mountains/Moffat Tunnel, Colorado's Gore, Byers and Glenwood Canyons in Colorado.

The ride from Sacramento to Reno through the Sierras was spectacular – mountains, trees and such grand vistas, well worth seeing. From Reno to Salt Lake City it was either desert or dark, which was interesting. We awoke to a bright day in Salt Lake City.

As it turned out, after a long delay in Salt Lake City, the train started moving backwards, stopped, then headed north. Due to work on the tracks going east, we were rerouted through, on and across Wyoming! All of this in the daylight hours. Not at all the scenery we had anticipated. Bev slept a lot!

We arrived in Denver o.k. and spent a wonderful week with family in Woodland Park. The highlight of the trip was a ride on the Royal Gorge Route Railroad in Canon City, Colorado, a two-hour excursion train that parallels the Arkansas River.

We ended our trip by taking the Metrolink from Burbank's Bob Hope Airport to Moorpark. Trains are still a great way to travel and relax on the way.



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