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**SCRVRHS 2009 CHRISTMAS DINNER TRAIN A PHOTO SAYS IT ALL....** We thank Dave, Tresa and the Fillmore and Western Crew for making our Christmas Dinner a huge success. We all appreciate the effort that they put into the event. If any of you have not picked up your picture from the dinner, see Ron at the Railfest and we can provide this to you for a \$5.00 donation.



## **RAILFEST 2010 - A LITTLE INCENTIVE**

For those of you who come to Fillmore and help with the setup for RAILFEST 2010 on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a free evening meal waiting for you. After 5 p.m., Chef Ervast will serve chili and other "heartburn" entrees. Don't worry, he has not been on the "Worst Cooks in America" program now shown on cable TV. So come on out that day, and help us to get the "Best Show in Fillmore" ready for the public. Then join in the fellowship and fun that evening! Fred Ervast, Director

**RAILFEST 2010**  
**MARCH 26, 27 & 28,**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**  
**VOLUNTEER FRIDAY (SET UP)**  
**SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY**  
**9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**  
**GIVE US SOME OF YOUR TIME**

## **BE A DOCENT - IT'S FUN!**

SCRVRHS is looking for docents who can volunteer a few hours at the Railroad Visitor Center. It is a most gratifying experience to greet the people who come to our building and show them our displays of railroad history, library, theatre, and gift shop. For those of you who don't know how to run the projector, or know about the displays, or can tell some historical stories, suitable assistance can be given you at your convenience. There are four shifts that cover the hours of operation: Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. If course you can vary your hours to meet your schedule, and you can come on a weekday if you like! For more information, training, and sign-up, please call Fred Ervast at: (805) 389-0787.

## **THANK YOU, CAR ATTENDANTS!**

During the holiday period, we had qualified and certified Car Attendants aboard the Christmas Tree trains, and they deserve a "well done" from SCRVRHS. They were Steve Goch, Jeff Stine, Don Hatch, Rex Miller (Rex comes all the way from Long Beach!), and the "new kid on the block," Eddie Uribe. Hopefully, they will be on board for the RAILFEST trains. Thank you, one and all by Fred Ervast, Car Attendant Coordinator and the Board of Directors of SCRVRHS!!!

**MOUNTAIN VIEW STREET HAS NEW CROSSING DECK**  
Mountain View Street (right) has long been a challenging place to cross the railroad tracks. During the months of February and March the crossing received a badly needed upgrade. The work was completed by the Fillmore & Western Crew under the supervision of VCTC and the City of Fillmore. Thanks guys for the hard work on this project—we appreciate your work and so do our automobiles. Ron Lewis, President



## DISPATCH BOARD MARCH & APRIL 2010

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

March 26, 2010	Railfest 2010 Set up: 9:00 to 5:00 We need your assistance in setup of the venues on Friday. Please come and assist us in this project.
March 27 & 28	Railfest 2010 Activities: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We need you to volunteer as docent, car attendant, or venue assistance and to help with tear down on Sunday Evening.
April 7, 2010	Board Meeting 7:00 Visitor Center
April 14, 2010	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center

# RailFest 2010 March 27 & 28

*“TRAINS - Fun For All Ages”*

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

### RAILFEST ACTIVITIES

Santa Paula Activities:

Historic Downtown Murals  
California Oil Museum

Loose Caboose Garden Center & Gift Emporium

Historic Railroad Artifacts  
Railroad Stained Glass Art demonstration  
Railroad Art Show

Fillmore Activities:

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



### Saturday, March 27

#### 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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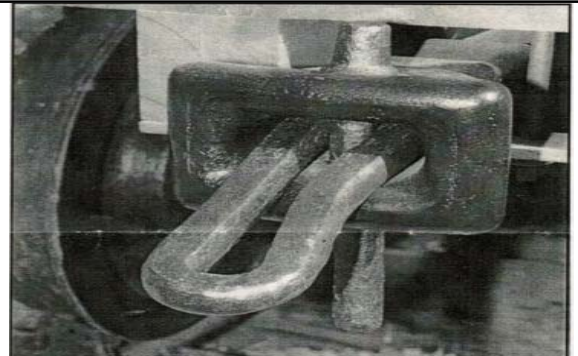
## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

### “Did You Know”

#### 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

If we have your current address, you should have received your annual SCRVRHS Membership Renewal Form. If not, contact Jim Mendrala at 661-904-8478 or on email at:

[j.mendrala@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.mendrala@sbcglobal.net) Our membership dues are an essential part of our budget, raising needed funds to continue our activities and plans for the future. Also, if your email address is or has changed, please let Jim know about it. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your checks. We appreciate your support.

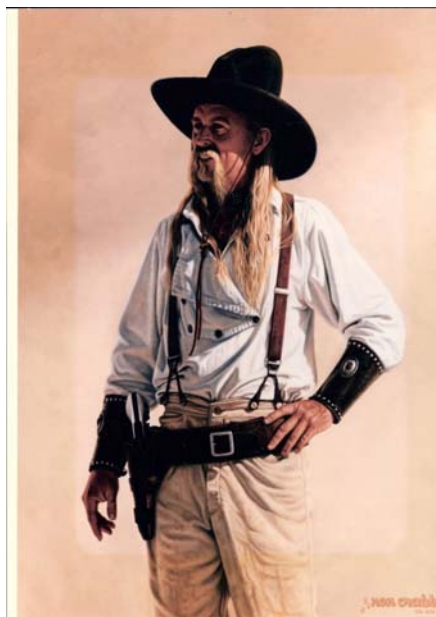


#### WHY LINK & PIN???

An informative article on the famous coupler will be included on the next issue of Train Orders. Reprinted here courtesy of “Friends of Bodie Railway & Lumber Co., Inc.”

### “DUSTY” CLARK ELECTED TO SCRVRHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the January Board Meeting, Dusty Clark was unanimously elected to the Board of Directors. Dusty will bring a wealth of experience and interest to our board. He is



currently recording radio spots for our upcoming Railfest on KHAY. While the picture shown below may not be as recent as we would like, it certainly shows him performing in one of his favorite activities: “Gunfighter” (next to being on the board, that is...). Perhaps with this talent, he can also serve as “Sergeant at Arms. By: Ron Lewis, President