



Train Orders

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

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RailFest 2011 Means *Steam!* F&W Shows Off Recently Restored Baldwin #14

It's March and that means RailFest! But this year is very different. This year we're runnin' STEAM! After nearly 10 years of on and off restoration, an old Baldwin from Kansas is showing off in Fillmore. Part of the permanent locomotive collection of the Fillmore & Western, this vintage puffer will be the featured attraction at this year's festivities.

And why is this important beyond having a unique and rare railroading experience? Well, the next milestone for the turntable project is to replace the rickety temporary chain link fence with a permanent decorative steel or iron fence. Such a fence is required for the city of Fillmore to issue SCRVRHS a permanent occupancy permit. That means we need to raise some money! And to do that, we need your assistance with both the upcoming RailFest and our annual fireworks sale in July.

As you know, March 26 and 27th is the RailFest. This year affords us a great opportunity with the Fillmore & Western operating their newly restored Baldwin steam locomotive. We expect railfans from far and wide to attend. And with more attendees we need more help. We're looking for members to spend a few hours on either day assisting in the Visitor Center, giving tours of our Union Pacific Sleeper The National Embassy (info on the car is on our website), helping to prepare tri tip sandwiches, assisting with speeder rides or turntable demonstrations, or just spelling others for breaks and lunch. It's not hard! And all the while you're in the middle of a day long live steam display! What could be better?

So tell SCRVRHS President Ron Lewis (rlewis@scrvrhs.com) that you can help out. After all we need that new fence!

Come enjoy the fun of RailFest and get your thrills of the #14 in action. The Railfest brochure is on our website www.scrvrhs.com. Be sure to look it over and email the RailFest info to your friends and family! And support your society if you can. Did we mention steam!



Society Gains The Use Of A Plymouth Locomotive

Not a Plymouth like in Chrysler/Plymouth, but a real railroad locomotive that will be used to shuffle equipment on and off of our turntable. The locomotive is on loan after being in storage for a few years in Saticoy

The SCRVRHS Plymouth locomotive has had its original prime mover (engine) replaced with a 3 cylinder Detroit Diesel engine. The rest of the drive train appears to be original. A four speed transmission is connected to each axle with a large drive chain. It has mechanical brakes with wood brake shoes but no provision for air brakes on the cars it is moving. It has link and pin couplers as well as knuckle couplers. It had been used in Louisiana for many years and the heat and humidity has caused much deterioration to the paint and the engine cover is rusted through in a number of places. The glass in several of the cab windows has been broken. It needs work but all problems can be overcome with time and work on the part of club members and the Fillmore & Western Mechanical Department. Once the engine arrived in Fillmore, the 'prime mover' was started after a little TLC. But SCRVRHS has since had the three original injectors rebuilt and the diesel engine serviced. It should be ready to run soon. This will



be a nice addition to our rolling stock and useful for moving rail cars on and off the turntable and on our yard tracks.

According to W. W. Williams' book Plymouth Locomotive, the Plymouth Locomotive Works was a U.S. builder of small railroad locomotives. All Plymouth locomotives were built in a plant in Plymouth Ohio until 1997 when the company was

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DISPATCH BOARD

MARCH 2011

26th & 27th

RailFest 2011

Central Park—Fillmore

9:00 am—5:00 pm

Steam train rides, pony rides, railroad related activities & displays

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APRIL 2011

6th

7:00 p.m. - **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
Members are welcome to attend

9th

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

10:00 am Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore

Refreshments & Plymouth Loco Inspection

(Note new day: Saturday!)

Plymouth (con't)

purchased by Ohio Locomotive Crane and production moved to Bucyrus, Ohio in 1999.

Plymouth locomotives were first built in 1910 by the J. D. Fate Company which became Fate-Root-Heath in 1919. All early locomotives were powered by gasoline burning internal combustion engines, but in 1927 the first diesel was produced. The company changed its name or match its locomotive plant in the late 1950's becoming Plymouth Locomotive Works. Changing again to Plymouth Industries in the late 1970's. But production of locomotives has now ceased...and the business that was Plymouth, ended up one of the world's most prolific builders of small industrial locomotives. Over 7,500 were constructed of which 1,700 are believed to still be in active use, some over 50 years old. Almost all Plymouth locomotives were under 25 tons. Plymouth produced locomotives with track gauges from 18 inches to 66 inches, mostly with mechanical torque converter transmissions.

Membership Meetings Are Moving!

OK, not to a different location but to a different day. Beginning in April, our Membership Meetings will move from Wednesday nights to the second **Saturday** morning of the month. This will allow for a few improvements. First, members from miles away can now attend more easily without driving long distances after work. Second, you can actually see the Visitor Center, its displays, our turntable and rolling stock in broad daylight! Third, you can ride the F&W daytime excursion train after the meeting. And if you have a little extra time, hang around the Visitor Center, help with a small projects or rolling stock restoration. Maybe even become a certified car attendant. Your pleasure!

So plan to bring yourself or maybe even your family and enjoy the programs being planned for our new Membership Meeting format. **10:00 am the second Saturday of each month** at the Visitor Center. See you there!

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

ON THE MEND

Long Time member, rancher, mentor and Senior Advisor Stan Hurst, as well as former Car Attendant Director Larry Stermolle both are recovering from a similar type medical incident. After a few days in the hospital, Stan is his old spry and witty self. And his wife Beverley can attest to that! Larry now lives in Stephenville, TX. Stay well Stan and Larry! Highball!

CHECK IT OUT

The SCRVRHS website has been recently updated with new photos, video's and information about the RailFest. Look for timely meeting information and news of upcoming fun events with your society friends. You can also submit photo's of recent SCRVRHS activities to share. Keep watching for further improvements. www.scrvrhs.com

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY will be celebrated at L.A. Union Station on Saturday, May 7th. Tour modern and vintage railroad equipment, see many railroad related displays and lots of entertainment. Admission is free. Come to our April Membership Meeting and help us plan a SCRVRHS Amtrak trip from Ventura County to Union Station for this annual national day of railroad celebration.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS were sent out in March. Be sure to renew your membership by mailing in your dues today!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Rick Swanson, charter SCRVRHS member and former President was re-elected to the board at the January annual meeting. Rick will once again be editor of Train Orders beginning with this issue, and will assist Dennis Hanley with content for our club's website. Send story ideas or historical information on Ventura County's railroad related citrus or oil industries to Rick at rswanon@scrvrhs.com.