



# TRAIN ORDERS

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

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## RAILFEST 2012

On the weekend of March 24th and 25th, our Society, in cooperation with the Fillmore & Western Railway, will host the 17th annual Railfest in the city of Fillmore. There will be many activities including three steam train rides a day featuring the 2-8-0 #14; one diesel train per day; speeder rides; food and vendor booths; the famous SCRVRHS wood roasted BBQ tri-tip sandwich; and model train displays. In addition the SCRVRHS Railroad Visitor Center and the Fillmore Historical Museum's Southern Pacific depot will be open. The Railfest hours are 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. It's great fun for the entire family! So tell your friends and come visit us in Fillmore!



*Members: we could use your help! Society members are needed both days as staff volunteers for various venues either for the day or as relief. Also needed are volunteers to assist in setting up the Railfest on Friday, March 23rd. Contact Mark Aston at [mas-ton@scrvrhs.com](mailto:mas-ton@scrvrhs.com) or attend the volunteer meeting at the Visitor Center at 7:00 pm on March 14th.*

### SCRVRHS 'Extra Board'

A facility maintenance expert for the Oxnard Unified School District, long time SCRVRHS member Steve Pierce has 'owned' the maintenance efforts of our turntable property for some time. Steve recently lead the teams of weekend volunteers that have been removing the pesky graffiti that has infected the turntable, rolling stock, and buildings. (see page 2). His knowledge, organizational skills and preventive measures have greatly benefitted the Society. For this, Steve is our featured 'Extra Board' member. Thank you Steve for your continuing efforts!



### What is a SCRVRHS Car Attendant?

Our SCRVRHS Car Attendant Program has been around for as long as the Society has been in existence. One advantage of Society membership has always been the opportunity to become a passenger train crew member and experience train travel from a totally new perspective. Available only to qualified Society members, a SCRVRHS uniformed car attendant provides three important functions onboard both Metrolink and Fillmore & Western trains:

**SAFETY** – Car attendants are primarily responsible for passenger safety. They receive instruction to include assisting passengers in getting on and off of the train; passing between cars; car vestibule and window operation; and the hazards posed by children running on the train. They remind passengers of the F&W railroad rules such as body parts being outside of the train, outside food, smoking, and shoes on chairs. In case of emergency, all car attendants must be CPR certified (classes available) and many also have formal first aid training. When in doubt or if difficulties arise, car attendants rely on the train conductor for assistance.

**INFORMATION** – Car Attendants are not just added passengers that ride in a seat the whole trip. They receive formal docent training on the history of the railroad corridor and the various pieces of equipment operating on the train. They walk the train, monitoring safety, and engaging passengers without imposing themselves on others. They share facts about the interesting points along the route and answer any questions. This makes the train ride much more interesting for both passengers and car attendants alike while fulfilling the Society's historical and educational goals.

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# DISPATCH BOARD

## SPRING 2012

**Mar. 7th 7:00 p.m. - SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**  
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore

**Mar. 14th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**"RailFest 2012 Volunteer Meeting"**  
**7:00 pm** Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore  
Refreshments

**Mar. 23—25th RAILFEST 2012**  
Check our website for the very latest info

**April 4th 7:00 p.m.— SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**  
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore

**April 11th 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**May 2nd 7:00 p.m. SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**  
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore

**May 9th 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### Car Attendant (continued from p.1)

MEMBERSHIP – All car attendants have access to our 'Join Us' brochures either in their possession or available on the train. Attendants act as Society ambassadors offering the brochure to passengers who show more than a passing interest in trains or the activities of the Society. Assisting the Society in gaining new members allows SCRVRHS a greater reach in meeting our goals, completing our projects and sharing the railroading experience with others.



Being a car attendant IS truly an opportunity not available everywhere. In addition to F&W trains, once a year, qualified SCRVRHS car attendants also serve on Metrolink high speed trains during the Ventura County Fair. And the opportunity doesn't stop there. Several brakemen, conductors and even engineers, who work for the Fillmore & Western Railway, are SCRVRHS members

that have come up through the ranks starting as SCRVRHS car attendants. The opportunities are here if anyone wants to take advantage of them.

Interested? Participation is worked around your availability. But once you begin participating, you'll find that your availability magically improves! Visit the SCRVRHS website to contact Ron Lewis or Jim Mendrala by email. Or come to any Membership or other Society meeting. All aboard!

## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

**GRAFITTI ATTACK** — Over several recent weekends taggers have sprayed graffiti on much of the turntable property. Even though it is frustrating when graffiti reappears on recently painted surfaces, removing it quickly is the best



deterrent. To also help deter taggers, the Society has strengthened fences and installed floodlights to illuminate the turntable area on the top of the adjacent Fillmore Historical Society bunkhouse. Of course every incident has been reported to the Fillmore Police. A special thanks to Steve Pierce and all of the various volunteers that heeded the call and assisted with the graffiti removal efforts, in preparation for the Railfest, over these past few weekends.

**SCRVRHS WEBSITE** — the best way to receive the latest information about SCRVRHS is to visit the website. From time to time President Ron Lewis or Webmaster Dennis Hanley sends out emails to all members letting you know that the website has been updated. So if you receive an email from either of these fine gentlemen, you know it's about SCRVRHS. So stay in touch and get active with your Society! [WWW.SCRVRHS.COM](http://WWW.SCRVRHS.COM) or visit us on Facebook.

