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20th ANNIVERSARY*

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RAILFEST 2013 March 23rd - 24th

Sister to Railfest Star Baldwin 2-8-0 #14 Hasn't Been as Lucky



Above — Engine #16 at Fauley Park in Cluget, MN just outside of Duluth, Mn.

by Jim Mendrala

The Duluth & Northern Minnesota was a logging railroad based in the town of Knife River. Of all the surviving Duluth & Northeastern engines, the closest to her old stomping grounds is 2-8-0 no. 16, on static display in Fauley Park in the D&NE's home town of Cloquet. This nicely proportioned consolidation was built by Baldwin in 1913. Although she is unroofed and unfenced, the engine is very well cared for. But not operational like her Fillmore based #14 sister.

D&NM 2-8-0 #14 was restored to steam in 1992 for excursions on the North Shore Scenic Railroad. The engine also masqueraded as a Great Northern engine for the Disney film "Iron Will". #14 was taken out of service in August, 1998. She is currently owned by the Fillmore & Western Railway Company, fully restored and operational. See her at Railfest 2013.

The Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society (SCRVRHS), will celebrate its 20th anniversary with "Railfest 2013" on March 23rd and 24th in Central Park, Fillmore, California. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Admission and parking are free. For a Railfest brochure go to www.scrvrhs.com.

Railfest 2013 will feature Fillmore & Western Railways' fully operating & restored Baldwin 1913 "Consolidation" type steam locomotive #14. This locomotive, a 2-8-0, will be powering the "Railfest Special Event" train including a caboose with three train departures each day of the event. A daytime diesel train will be pulling a Scenic Excursion train to Santa Paula, CA. Saturday evening a diesel powered Family Murder Mystery Dinner train will travel west from Fillmore and back, departing at 6:30pm. Another dinner train on Saturday night will be pulled by the Baldwin steam engine and features a boxed BBQ dinner provided by SCRVRHS. It will depart Fillmore at 5:30pm and head east to Piru before returning to Fillmore at 8:30pm. These vintage trains will consist mostly of traditional pre-1940 heavyweight and also streamliner passenger and dining cars. Advance tickets for all trains are available at www.fwry.com or by calling 805-524-2546.

In addition to train rides, Railfest 2013 offers many railroad-related venues such as 'Speeder' rides and informational displays from various railroad-related organizations. There will be Arts and Crafts booths, Model RR Trains in various scales and some unique food vendors, including SCRVRHS' very own Tri-Tip BBQ sandwiches. Other attractions include performances by the famous Frontier Gunfighters and displays of antique farm equipment and vintage automobiles. The Fillmore Historical Society and Museum will be giving guided tours of the Fillmore RR Depot, Bunk House and Hinckley Home. Walking tours through an original 1956 Union Pacific Pullman Sleeping Car, the "National Embassy" and a Santa Fe caboose, the "Vicky V", will be available. Also, a Pacific Fruit Exchange (PFE) boxcar will be on display.

Docents will demonstrate the Society's vintage 1906 RR Turntable throughout the event and provide information and details about the equipment. The turntable, used to turn around locomotives and railcars, is one of the first to be installed in California in over 50 years. The RR Turntable is 96 feet long and weighs in at 85 tons. It was purchased from the Canadian National Railroad and is now located in Fillmore on Main St. between Central Ave. and Mountain View just east of the historic Fillmore Depot.

Also, the SCRVRHS Railroad Visitor Center, located across from Fillmore's Central Park at 455 Main Street, will be open. It contains many historical railroad artifacts, a Lionel "0" gauge model-train layout, a gift shop, and a 20-seat digital theater with surround sound.

SCRVRHS' "Buy-A-Brick" program will be offering bricks with your name, family, organization, company or other slogan engraved on the "RR Brick". The bricks will be used to beautify and enhance a new walkway from Main St. to the promenade. Donations to the "Buy-A-Brick" are tax deductible.

Most of the Railfest proceeds benefit SCRVRHS and its railroad restoration efforts. Donations to the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible.

SCRVRHS members—there is still time to volunteer and help! Just show up!!

DISPATCH BOARD

March 2 9:00am to Noon Railcar Clean-up Party
SCRVRHS Turntable, Fillmore

March 22 9:00am until
Railfest Site Set-up
Railroad Visitor Center, Fillmore

March 23 & 24 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Railfest 2013
Central Park, Fillmore

April 3 7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting
Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore

April 10 7:00pm General Membership Meeting
Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore

May 8 7:00pm General Membership Meeting
Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore

May 11 11:00 am—4:00 pm National Train Day
Union Station, Los Angeles

June 5 7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting
Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

KHAY 100.7 FM — beginning March 16th
listen to our Railfest radio ads!

Buy-A-Brick — the last chance to place
your order for a personalized engraved
brick to be displayed near the turntable and
support your Society at the same time is
April 2nd. For details and instructions go to
the SCRVRHS website: www.scrvrhs.com.

St. Francis Dam Disaster Tour — Santa
Clarita Valley Historical Society will present
a tour of the St. Francis Dam site on
Saturday, March 16, 2013, just 4 days after
the 85th anniversary of the second-worst
natural disaster to hit California. The failure
of the St. Francis Dam on March 12, 1928
killed more than 450 people, leveled farms
and homesteads, destroyed property and
livestock and changed the way dam safety
was addressed forevermore. The tour will
begin at 11 a.m. in the freight room of the
Saugus Train Station in Heritage Junction
then travel by bus to the actual dam site.
Tickets are \$35 per person for all ages and
include snacks and bus transportation. Call
(661) 254-1275. Participants should wear
long pants and comfortable hiking shoes.
Water will be provided.



Ventura County Transportation Commission

January 30, 2013

Mr. Ron Lewis, President
Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society
P.O. Box 492
Fillmore, CA 93016

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you again for the assistance provided by the SCRVRHS during last summer's
special Metrolink service to the Ventura County Fair.

Over the last nineteen years, the special train service has become an important part of
the County Fair experience for County residents and visitors. Without the crowd control
and assistance provided by your organization, we couldn't provide the service.

Enclosed please find a donation of \$1,000 to the SCRVRHS as a way of thanking your
group. We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Darren Kettle
Executive Director



**Frontier Gunfighters on the F&W #14
2-8-0 at the 2012 Railfest in Fillmore.**

- Photo by Norma Warden.