



# TRAIN ORDERS

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

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## New Digital Theatre Comes Alive In The Railroad Visitor Ctr.

Just in time for the RailFestival, crews led by **Ron Lewis** and **Jim Mendrala** put together an awesome theatre inside the Visitor Center. **John Gartman** got the ball rolling with donated theatre seats that were originally part of the Graumans Chinese Theatre in Hollywood. **Mike Morgan** donated the services of an electrician to rewire the Center lighting and provide the power for the equipment. The board of directors authorized the purchase of curtains and a digital projector designed for VCR/CD viewing (although computers can be viewed as well). The steel poles to hang the curtains were donated and **Troy Helton** donated a Bose stereo surround sound system.

With seating for 20, this venue was packed during the Festival and contributions to the Society flowed after viewers experienced the 'big screen' and realistic sounds. At this month's Membership Meeting we will both demonstrate and dedicate the theatre. So come on in and experience it for yourself!



Although crowds were down from previous years, those who came enjoyed perfect weather and a great time. The 'Be An Engineer' on the Sespe was a sell-out! The Speeder rides were non-stop. And our new digital theatre in the Railroad Visitor Center was 'standing-room-only' most of the time. A big "thank you" to all of those who participated in making this year's RailFestival so smooth and trouble free. Special thanks goes to *Harrison Industries, Santa Barbara Bank & Trust* and *Santa Clara Valley Bank* for sponsoring the Festival as well as the Fillmore & Western Railway for making our theme of 'Caboose on Parade' a reality. For more pictures of the 2004 RailFestival, visit our website: [www.scrvrhs.com](http://www.scrvrhs.com).

## Day Out With Thomas Returns To The F&W

This month Thomas the Tank Engine, from the British children's TV show, will make an encore appearance April 16-18 & 23-25. The F&W would like your assistance as a volunteer and will contribute \$15.00

per worker shift to SCRVRHS. There are three shifts per day and volunteers must be 16 years of age. Jobs available

include boarding the trains, securing crossings, car attendants, gift shop, photo area, cleaning crew, & food booth. Shifts are a) 8:30-11:45a; b) 11:30a-2:30p & c) 2:15-5:30p. Have a few fun hours to spare?

Contact Julie Latshaw, Event Coordinator at the F&W by calling 805 524-0330 or email [julie@fwry.com](mailto:julie@fwry.com).



# DISPATCH BOARD

## APRIL 2004

Join us for an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8:00 am at the Fillmore Cafe on Santa Clara Street across from City Hall.

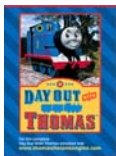
**3rd & 4th CAR ATTENDANTS — Sign up!**  
FILLMORE & WESTERN DAYTIME TRAINS  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624

**7th SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**  
7:00 PM—Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore  
Members are always welcome to attend!

**10th & 11th CAR ATTENDANTS — Sign up!**  
FILLMORE & WESTERN DAYTIME TRAINS  
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**14th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
Dedication of the “Mike Morgan Theatre”  
Railroad Visitor Center — Fillmore  
7:00 PM Refreshments

**16th - 18th DAY OUT WITH THOMAS**  
**VOLUNTEERS — Sign up!**  
8:30 AM to 5:30 PM  
Contact Julie: (805) 524-0330  
or julie@fwry.com



**23rd - 25th DAY OUT WITH THOMAS**  
**VOLUNTEERS — Sign up!**  
8:30 AM to 5:30 PM  
Contact Julie: (805) 524-0330  
or julie@fwry.com



### AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

**KEN SHANER RESIGNS** — from the SCRVRHS board of directors. Ken, who has been splitting his time between SCRVRHS and the board of directors of the Ventura County Live Steamers, found that two railroad organizations is just a bit too much. We would like to thank Ken for his contributions and expertise (not to mention the coffee at the Visitor Center) over the past several years with SCRVRHS. Ken will continue to be the liaison between the Live Steamers (who are located across the street from our turntable property) and SCRVRHS.



**WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?** — Effective immediately, we now have an opening on our board. Again, the call goes out to any member who is interested in a leadership position to assist in moving our Society forward. Interested members are encouraged to contact President Pat Askren.



**CALTRANS?** — No news. Frustrating as it is to both SCRVRHS and the City of Fillmore, nothing has been heard regarding the approval of our resubmitted turntable construction plans. It has been over four months since the State of California Transportation Department gave us verbal approval but required us to resubmit our application on 'new' department forms. We can only surmise that the bureaucratic delay has something to do with the State budget crisis and the release of our \$250,000 in State transportation fund grants. It's no April Fool's joke. Go figure!

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