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

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The 1896 #1 Sespe 0-4-0 goes to work in the rain pulling SF caboose #570 into position prior to the Fillmore Rail Festival. Rain came to the Festival on Saturday but it didn't dampen the spirits of those who were there. The Sespe's problem: keeping its supply of firewood dry!

2005 Festival Wet But Undaunted

"Rain, rain go away. Come again another day" is what the band sang at the Rail Festival on Saturday to no avail. The rains came for most of the day but did go away for another day on Sunday, just as the song said. Crowds were sparse thanks to Mother Nature.

Even still, four automobiles from a Chevy car club in Anaheim arrived on Saturday. It didn't hurt that one club member was a steam locomotive engineer from the Disneyland Railroad! Other railroaders by the bus load came from Tehachapi to 'Be An Engineer' on the Sespe (see p.2). The Sespe venue made \$1,200 for the Society.

As the rains became heavier, patrons flocked to the shelter of the Railroad Visitor Center. Inside, it didn't hurt our very first Railroad Silent Auction that made nearly \$1,000 from the soggy shoppers. Thanks **Ellen Martin!**

Although member **Bob Mahan's** speeder rides were shut down on Saturday, they did manage to raise \$300+ on Sunday. Even **John Gartman's** BBQ crew, that was trying desperately on Saturday to keep their fires burning, grossed \$2,500. for the weekend.

The Fillmore & Western's four daily train rides appeared to be crowded even though Frontier Gunfighter bandits twice escaped on the train after robbing the local bank. But hey, it was dry inside those coaches!

Special thanks goes to **Santa Barbara Bank & Trust** for again donating a \$1,000 to help underwrite the Festival. Thanks too to **Harrison Industries** for the trash service and member **Troy Helton** and **Carrier** for providing the Festival brochures. Final proceeds will not be known until all of the final bills come in. But it's safe to say we did OK.

TURNTABLE MOVES SLOWLY TO BID

The Joint Oversight Committee made up of representatives from SCRVRHS, the Willdan Company (grant administrators) and the City of Fillmore continue to work on eliminating any foreseeable problems that might delay or could cloud the bid process for the installation of the turntable. At the most recent meeting at the Willdan offices in Ventura on March 29th, the following items remain to be clarified: define the style and type of the light standards used by the City on the north promenade (these 'poles' will be used to string cables to steady the electrical box on top of the turntable bridge); note items on the bid plans being supplied by SCRVRHS (pit rails, turntable motor, etc); define the Edison power cable from the pole source to the turntable; add an 'order of work' that outlines the steps and building sequence to construct the turntable pit; and show stub outs for electrical and water for future landscaping.

Once the bids go out, it is estimated that it will take 90 days for a contract to be awarded and work to begin. Then 120 days of construction to complete the job, 56 days of which will be waiting for cement to completely cure.

Rick Swanson, President; **Ron Lewis**, Vice President, and **Roy Payton**, Board Member and Project Engineer make up the SCRVRHS committee representatives.

THANK YOU!

To all of the SCRVRHS regular's who helped out over the three days to make the Festival the success it was. And a special thanks to those members who came out for the first time to share a hand in pushing this Railroad Interpretive Center fundraiser to the top.

— Rick Swanson, Festival Chair

DISPATCH BOARD

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Join us for an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8:00

Yanni's Charbroil Restaurant.

736 Ventura St., (Hwy 126) Fillmore between IHOP & Carl's Jr.

2nd & 3rd F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS
Car Attendants Needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm
call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com

6th 7:00 p.m. - SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
Members are welcome to attend

9th & 10th F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS
Car Attendants Needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm
call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com

13th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Program:
7:00 p.m. — Railroad Visitor Center, Fillmore

16th LOCOMOTIVE WORKSHOP
Get involved with the #14 a 2-8-0 Baldwin steam loco
9 AM - Meet at Yanni's. Come early at 8 AM for breakfast!

16th & 17th F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS
Car Attendants Needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm
call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com

22nd- 24th ALL ABOARD FOR THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE!
29th- 1st



Make a Little Kid Smile — Participate

Car Attendants Needed 9:00 am — 3:30 pm
call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com

Railroad Visitor Center Docents Also Needed
Call Fred Ervast at 805 389-0787 or fervast@scrvrhs.com

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

The #1 Sespe — became the 'little engine that could' for the Festival. It seems that just weeks before the Festival it was learned that the Sespe water saddle tank was leaking into the fire box, among other places. Not good. So the tank was removed and sent to Fresno for repair. In the removal process, the old wooden cab fell apart due to old age. With the 'Be An Engineer' program completely sold out, fear was that the Sespe would not be operational in time for the Festival. Pressed for time, the F&W managed to build and install a new wooden cab complete with added tilt windows in the front. With the help of volunteers, including our very own Locomotive Workshop crew, the weak plumbing discovered when the cab was removed was replaced and a huge wooden bumper was added to the front. Just days before the Festival the saddle tank, now painted a very bright red, came back. The volunteers also helped to put it in place. Next the boiler was recertified just two days before the Festival. All ready with new gold lettering on a red tank, the Sespe rolled into service just in time! It never looked or ran better, as long as the wood for its firebox was dry!

A Day Out With Thomas — is coming to Fillmore again. SCRVRHS volunteers who give their time to assist the Fillmore & Western in a number of necessary tasks, will generate a donation from the F&W directly to SCRVRHS. Jobs from Car Attendant, cashier, security, crowd control, docents and others all qualify. Check with the F&W office is you have some free time and are interested.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

— Author unknown

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