



TRAIN ORDERS

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

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The Making Of A Theatre

BUSY RAILROAD VISITOR CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST

Fresh off of its huge success at this year's Rail Festival, the new Mike Morgan Digital Theatre inside of the Visitor Center has sparked a great deal of new interest and enthusiasm in both members and the general public alike. At last month's Day Out with Thomas event, the Center was filled with parents and children alike watching the Lionel trains, viewing movies and scanning the display cases. We also sold a few things from the gift shop!

The Railroad Visitor Center is the main physical representative for our Society. Not only is it the home of our membership and board of director meetings, it's the focal point that the community identifies SCRVRHS with. The success of our historical displays, print and video library, and now theatre have placed a bit of a burden on Center Co-Chairs **Fred Ervast** and **Stan Hurst**. Although very dedicated, both gentlemen can't spend every weekend keeping the doors open and staffing the facility themselves. So they are asking for your assistance to keep the educational mission of the Center active, particularly during the busy summer tourist season. It only takes a few hours a month.

Fred and Stan have established a schedule for volunteers to select a couple of hours to host the Center. They will provide written resource material and training regarding the operation of the facility to those who can make themselves available. This is a wonderful public venue that, due to the lack of volunteers, has spent way too many weekends closed. Just like other museums and interpretive centers throughout the County we really need your assistance to show our stuff and make our material available to the public. It's part of our non-profit charter.

See the Dispatch Board on page 2 of this issue and give Fred a call. Or you can reach him by email at Fastfinn@aol.com. Better yet, attend this month's Membership Meeting, talk with Fred and Stan, share your ideas, and sign on.



It Is Not Too Soon To Be Thinking About Fireworks!

The good news is the largest single fundraising event of the year for our Society is coming up real soon (we're talking \$20k—\$30k). The bad news is that Event Chairman **Troy Helton** will be out of town and therefore not available to us this year.

So guess what? Yep, as always we need help selling fireworks. The booth is open during daytime and evening hours the week before the Fourth of July. We'll need someone to coordinate with the firework company, organize work shifts, and arrange for security. Troy is available now to train this year's Chairperson. Interested? Give Troy or **Pat Askren** a call. Also, be thinking of when you can sell some fireworks! This is a financial opportunity that we can't refuse.

DISPATCH BOARD

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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.

1st & 2nd Call for CAR ATTENDANTS & DOCENTS!

- Fillmore & Western Daytime Trains
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624
- Railroad Visitor Center — Call Fred Ervast: 805 389-0787

5th SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 PM—Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
Members are always welcome to attend!

8th & 9th Call for CAR ATTENDANTS & DOCENTS!

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12th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Railroad Visitor Center — Fillmore 7:00 PM Refreshments

15th & 16th Call for CAR ATTENDANTS & DOCENTS!

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22nd & 23rd Call for CAR ATTENDANTS & DOCENTS!

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29th & 30th Call for CAR ATTENDANTS & DOCENTS!

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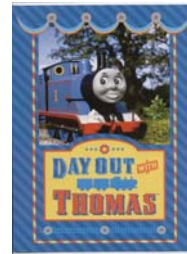
AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

TURNTABLE — no news is good news!

AND THE WINNER IS — John Gartman, ticket #118959! The Fillmore & Western conducted a prize drawing for all of the SCRVRHS Rail Festival volunteers. The winner of tickets to Magic Mountain was our BBQ king, Big John. Congratulations!!

RAIL FESTIVAL UPDATE — although attendance numbers for this year's Festival were lagging behind previous years (perhaps due to gas prices), preliminary figures after the major expenses have been paid shows a profit of \$3,000+. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the weekend the success that it was. The weather couldn't have been better! The caboos train was a big hit!

THOMAS A SUCCESS — the recent two weekends of 3 days each, in which thousands of visitors came



to see Thomas (and our Railroad Visitor Center), were well supported by SCRVRHS. From Car Attendants, to Security, to any and all other duties, members of the Society earned \$15 each per shift for the Society coffers. Besides a brief lost child or two, the entire 6 days went without incident and everyone, especially the young kids, had a ball. Thomas will see you again this August!

UNION PACIFIC — has given formal approval to SCRVRHS to use their company likeness and logo particularly for our #1205 Pullman Sleeper. Thanks goes to member **William G. Wilkins** who secured the approval from UP on behalf of the Society.

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