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## SCRVRHS Turn Table Construction Continues:

The month April has seen many changes in the turntable property: The grading East of the turntable was completed several weeks ago at a very reasonable cost by members of the "Live Steamers." A big "Thank You" to Ken Shaner and his crew for getting this aspect of the work completed. In addition to the new ties, we have secured at very reasonable cost (thanks to Mark Aston), five storm drain collection fixtures, sixty feet of 12 inch drain pipe and other related ductile iron piping necessary to complete the storm drain system. The new drains will be located 20 feet East of the turntable. We have received the "green light" from the City of Fillmore to continue this portion of the construction and soon we will begin the drainage system. Metrolink donated 250 new railroad ties for the completion of our "Three Tracks East" Project. Pictured below are Jimmy Treloar and Tim Mason who donated their time and efforts to moving the ties from the Metrolink Taylor yard to our turntable site. The F&W Crew supplied the necessary forklift to unload...Thank You Metrolink, Jimmy, Tim and the F&W Crew!

While work is progressing on the storm drains, we are undertaking the permit process for the electrical work and the installation of tracks east of the turntable. We are currently looking for an electrical contractor to design the detailed electrical plans for submission to the city. Also, during this time we are evaluating other sources for fencing for the site that will be more aesthetically pleasing to our visitors and we are evaluating the cost of steel fencing around the turntable. Bob Mahon of Taylor Steel is

working on the two interlocks necessary to connect the turntable to the tracks East and researching the acquisition of decking for the turntable.

Our successful Railfest and Thomas The Tank events have allowed us to move forward with construction on the turntable project. Our members are stepping up to the plate and doing the tasks that need to be done... whether it is work in the Visitor Center, turntable site or car attendants...the job gets done and we have some fun along the way. You have my sincere "Thanks" for a job well done! Ron Lewis, Pres.



## THE FIREWORKS ARE COMING



Fireworks Sales are our most important fund raising event of the year. Successful sales means more work accomplished on the turn table. Around June 23 the booth will be delivered. We can then install the lighting, flooring, carpet and most importantly, the cooler so that our volunteers may be as comfortable as possible. The F&W has again agreed to allow us to use their generator and light tower. On June 28 we begin sales along with the other booths in town. Keeping our booth open till late in the evening generates more sales which translates into completion of more restoration projects...

We need your help as a volunteer for the set up, stocking and the sales in the fireworks booth. Fred Ervast, Chairman of this year's event, will have a sign-up schedule available at the June 13 General Meeting. In the interim, if you wish to ask questions or volunteer, you may contact Fred at: [FASTFINN@aol.com](mailto:FASTFINN@aol.com)



Pictured left are the volunteers chowing down on at the 2006 Fireworks Volunteer Reward Dinner held at a local restaurant. You want to be a part of this very enjoyable 2007 event too. **You must sign up for time in the booth, so we have a record of your efforts.**

### Digging for gold—I think not:

As a part of the storm drain preparation work, we needed to verify the exact depth of the existing drain line. We enjoyed digging a "pot hole" as a part of the process. Here, Roy Payton and Ron Lewis are having some fun with the miniature back hoe.



## DISPATCH BOARD

### MAY, JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

Join us for breakfast Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.  
Mama Sue's Café ~ Santa Clara & Central — Fillmore

May 18, 19 & 20	Fillmore May Festival (Visitor Center will be open)
June 6	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
June 13	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
June 23 or 24	Fireworks Booth Delivered (Same location as last year; Hwy 126 & C Street)
June 25	Booth Set-up
June 27	Fireworks Delivered (We need help to unpack & stock the shelves)
June 28 through July 4th	Fireworks Sales ~ Daily 9:00 a.m. to ?
July 11	Board Meeting ( <u>Postponed from July 4th</u> ) 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
July 18	General Meeting ( <u>Postponed from July 11th</u> ) 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
August 4th, 5th 11th, 12th	Metrolink Trains to Ventura Co. Fair ~Car Attendants will be needed!

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*Contributing Members:* Don Hatch; Fred Ervast, Mystery Engine.  
Quiz answers will be emailed to the membership May 12th & printed in the next issue.

## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE ...

A few months ago, we featured a locomotive with a "what is it" caption... Here it is again. For those of you who have been attending our General Meetings, you have a head start on this one.



What is the name of this very unusual mono-rail steam locomotive and where is it located?

### DON HATCH'S RAIL QUIZ

1. What railroads were joined together to form the Penn Central Railroad?
2. What ever happened to Conrail?
3. What year was Amtrak formed?
4. How many wheels on a 2-10-2 locomotive?
5. Identify the following railroads by their official names:
  - A. Nickel Plate.
  - B. Rock Island
  - C. Cotton Belt
  - D. Milwaukee Road
  - E. C & O
6. Who runs the oldest continuously operated steam locomotive in North America?
7. What two cities are connected by Via Rail Canada's *The Canadian*?
8. What locomotive companies built each of the following locomotives?
  - A. GP-7
  - B. RS-1
  - C. U28C
  - D. H-10-44
  - E. SD24
9. What company manufactured the Class GS-4 4-8-4 "Daylight" locomotives?
10. What form of energy powered the Pennsylvania Railroad Class GG-1 locomotives?



### Train Orders

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