

# Train



# Orders

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*A publication of the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society; News, Notes of interest and upcoming events.*

## SCRVRHS ROLLING STOCK RETURNS HOME



March 7, 2008 our Caboose, PFE Car and National Embassy returned to SCRVRHS Property. They are now on the south track off the turntable, awaiting restoration work. Damage mitigation work on the National Embassy is critical and the Society must attend to this important preservation task soon. If any one is interested in joining the task force to work on this beautiful car, please contact Mark Aston at [maston@scrvrhs.com](mailto:maston@scrvrhs.com)

## WHO SAYS IT IS ALL WORK AND NO PLAY?

April 19, our Society sponsored a trip to Perris, Orange Empire Railway Museum. We specifically wanted to enjoy a cab ride in the newly restored VC 2 locomotive. We were not disappointed. All those who wished to ride in the cab had the opportunity to do so. In addition we were given three guided tours of the museum property, including the Grizzly Flats Engine



House, Car Barns and the newly constructed 70 foot by 600 foot storage barn pictured at right.



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Pictured left is our Vice President, Mark Aston. He looks like a natural engineer with his hand on the throttle and his eyes upon the rails. We have many fond memories of this trip and the enjoyment of a great day with our fellow SCRVRHS members.

## RAILFEST 2008; "TURNING INTO THE FUTURE"

Our 2008 event was very successful and exceeded our hopes and expectations. The turntable was in full operation, giving demonstration turns every half hour. Many visitors enjoyed the Speeder Rides, Children's Fun Zone and our delicious Tri-tip Sandwiches, courtesy of Johnnie Gartman.

History was made at this Railfest, as it was the first time that a full Metrolink Train Set came to the city. Planning for this began over a year ago with our invitation to Metrolink to place a display engine on the turn table. With the co-operation of the Fillmore & Western, it was possible to bring the entire train set to town. It was a real "head turner" and many visitors toured the train while it was on display for the festival.



## NEW RAILS FOR CENTRAL AVENUE

The day prior to Railfest saw much activity late into the night on Central Avenue, replacing the crossing after the city had installed a new storm sewer line in this part of the street. Seen (page 2) is the preparation of the rails for the "Cad Welding". Per Ray Morquecho of the F&W new 119 Pound Rails were installed along with Omega Concrete crossing panels.

## FIREWORKS BOOTH — 2008

Volunteers are needed to set up and staff the booth for this years fund raiser. This event is extremely important to the Society, as it is our largest fundraiser of the year. If you can volunteer to set up or staff the booth, please contact event chairman, Jim Mendrala at [jmen-drala@scrvrhs.com](mailto:jmen-drala@scrvrhs.com)



# DISPATCH BOARD

## MAY & JUNE, 2008

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

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| May 7                          | Board Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. Visitor Center                                    |
| May 14                         | General Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. Visitor Center<br>Refreshments will be Provided |
| May 17                         | Restoration Work; 9:00 at Visitor Center                                     |
| June 4                         | Board Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. Visitor Center                                    |
| June 11                        | General Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. Visitor Center<br>Refreshments will be Provided |
| June 28 & 29<br>Through July 4 | Fireworks Booth Setup &<br>Fireworks Sales                                   |

You will note a new look for Train Orders. We plan to publish two versions, one designed for mailing and the second version for email with more articles and pictures. Ron Lewis, President

### ABOUT US

#### Fillmore & Western Railway

In the heart of California's Heritage Valley, is the home of Hollywood's movie trains. Once on board, passengers are likely to feel like they are in familiar surroundings. Many of the locomotives and cars on the train have appeared in movies and television shows over six decades. The City of Fillmore has revived its old fashioned downtown and created Central Park where you'll find the railroad depot. From the historic Fillmore "arrow" sign on the 126 you'll find yourself in a bygone era.



Boarding and free parking are located at Central Park, 250 Central Avenue, in the pre-WWII style town of Fillmore

#### 4th of July

#### Car Show & Festival

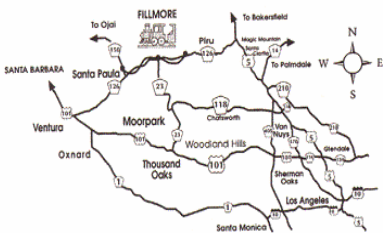
Festival Hours 9am - 5pm  
One hour rides Depart 1pm & 3pm  
Adults \$12 Youth 4-12 \$7 Child 2-3 \$4



We are always adding new trains and events!  
Check our website for current schedule and updates.

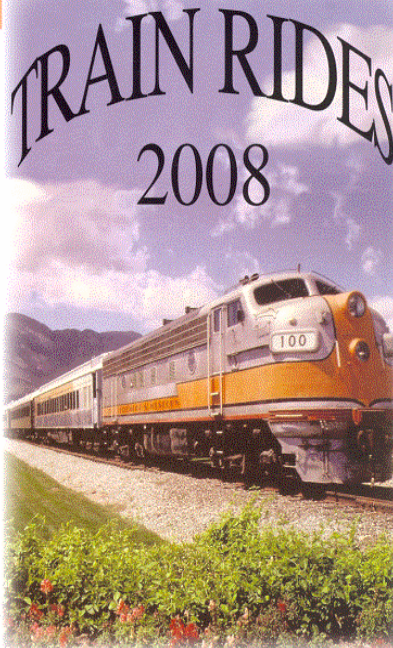
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## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

### CAN A LEXUS CLIMB STEEP HILLS....?

The answer is definitely, "YES" if Mike Morgan is at the throttle. Here he is pictured (left), coupling up to our new generator, so that it can be taken back to storage. Mike is an essential volunteer to our Society... You see him hauling the generator around, manning the controls of the turntable (below) just to mention a few things he does besides being the curator for the Visitor Center... Thanks Mike, we appreciate all that you do for us... I wish we could clone you.



Ron Lewis, President

### Preparing the rail ends for Cad Welding (article on page 1)

