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BIG CROWDS AT THOMAS THE TANK

Large numbers of people visited the Railroad Visitor Center during the THOMAS THE TANK weekends in April. The children were intrigued with *Thomas the Tank* model trains on the "O-scale" track, there were *Thomas the Tank* videos being played in the theatre, storytelling, and exhibits to marvel at in the Center. Popcorn sales were fantastic, and a number of items were sold at the Society's Gift Shop. A big, big, big thanks go to those Society members who gave their time as docents in the Center. It was due to their efforts over the six day event that the Society earned over \$1,200 in donations and gift shop sales! Also, a big THANK YOU to Joyce Morgan who cooked for us over these several days. We enjoyed fantastic chili, split pea & ham soup and sloppy joe burgers, just to mention a few of the meals we enjoyed.... There are just rewards for donating time to the Society....THANKS JOYCE!!

FIREWORKS SALES COMING SOON

Once again, SCRVRHS will be selling fireworks at the same location in Fillmore as the previous two years (Hwy 126 and "C" Street). Sales from the Society's Booth will start on June 28th and end on July 4th. Please include this on your calendar and support the Society by giving two or more half-days during that time period. This is the Society's big fundraiser, and the funds are needed to continue the work on the Railroad Interpretive Center. The 2009 Fireworks Fundraiser is being co-chaired by Steven Pierce and Mike Morgan. What a team! Please contact Mike at: 1mljkm@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.

We need your assistance in this major fund raiser for the SOCIETY. Ron Lewis, President

RAILFEST 2009 AND 2010

Thanks to a dedicated number of Society members, RAILFEST 2009 was an outstanding success. Plans are already underway for 2010, with the dates set for March 27th and 28th. Many steam buffs became "Engineers" on the SESPE locomotive. Another big success story was the Speeder rides in which had a record number of riders. Overall, RAILFEST 2009 was a big success, not only making money for the Society, but advancing our Mission Statement of preserving Rail History in the Santa Clara River Valley. Watch for more pictures in forth coming issues. By: Fred Ervast, Director

A VISIT TO THE BLACK HILLS CENTRAL



The **Black Hills Central Railroad** in South Dakota has the only operational Mallet locomotive in the United States. Engine No.110 was built in 1928 for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. for service in Vail, WA. In 1954 it was sold to Rayonier Inc. and was operated on the Grays Harbor Line until 1966; it was retired from service in 1968. Before being purchased by the Black Hill Central Railroad in 1999, No. 110 had several 'homes'. From 1968 to 1971, the locomotive was on display in Salt Lake City at the Promontory chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. From 1971 – 1993 it was on display at the Wasatch Railroad Museum in Heber City, Utah; from 1993 to 1999, it was in storage at the Nevada State RR Museum in Boulder City, NV. Under the ownership of the Black Hills Central RR, locomotive No. 110 was completely rebuilt before going in to service in January 2001.

The locomotive is 46 ft. 8 in. in length, has 44 in. drivers and weighs 222,000 lbs. The high pressure cylinders have a 17 in. bore with a 24 in. stroke, and the low pressure cylinders have a 26 in. bore with a 24 in. stroke. The boiler contains 124 2-inch-diameter, 17 foot-long flues, and eighteen 5 1/2-inch-diameter superheater tubes; it has two pop safety valves set a 198 psi and 200 psi. The split-saddle tank capacity is 2500 gallons. With a tractive effort of 37,500 lbs. the locomotive easily pulls a 210 ton, seven car consist over the nine mile route between Hill City and Keystone, SD. even with grades of 4 – 6 percent. By comparison, when No. 110 is not in service, the same consist of six wood coaches and an ex-Chicago & Northern drover's caboose requires two double heading 2-6-2 locomotives to make the grades. By: Gary Phillips, Director

DISPATCH BOARD

May & June 2009

Join us for breakfast Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.
IHOP RESTAURANT; 126 and Highway 23

June 3	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
June 10	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center Refreshments will be Provided
June 20	Work Party Meet at Visitor Center 9:00 A.M.

NOTE: JULY MEETING DATES ADVANCED ONE WEEK DUE TO FIREWORKS SALES

July 8	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
July 15	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
May Festival	Contact Fred Ervast: ervast@scrvrhs.com

FRED ERVAST accepts position as Car Attendant Lead:

For many months we have needed an experienced Car Attendant to assume the responsibilities for coordination and scheduling of the Car Attendants for the Railroad. Fred is highly qualified to lead our very important Car Attendant Program. Thanks Fred for stepping up to the plate and taking on this responsibility for the Society. Contact Fred at: fastfnn@verizon.net to volunteer. By: Ron Lewis, President

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

Did You Know: George Westinghouse's many inventions rank him with Thomas A. Edison and Werner Von Siemens as founding fathers of our electrified world. Yet, ironically, Westinghouse's first invention, a railroad brake that he patented in 1869, was actuated not by electrons but by air. To this day, most railroads rely on that systems principal of releasing air from a pressurized pipe that runs the length of the train and brakes the cars one after another, at a rate of 498 ft/sec (152 meters/sec).

By: Jim Mendrala, Director



Above: Piru, looking West, circa 1880-1889
Great picture, stop by the Visitor Center and check out the large print we have on exhibit.

CPR TRAINING OFFERED IN JUNE

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training will be offered by the Fillmore Fire Department during the Society's membership meeting on June 10th at the Visitor Center. If your CPR Card has expired, this is your opportunity to have refresher training and receive your new card. To serve as a Car Attendant, you should be carrying a current CPR Card, so do not miss this free opportunity to become certified. By: Fred Ervast, Director

History was made: The Sespe Engine is shown here on the SCRVRHS

Turntable. Engineer Vince and Fireman Ken eased the engine across the rail joiners and on to the turntable for the very first time in history at Railfest 2009.



FILLMORE MAY FESTIVAL

a Fillmore Chamber of Commerce event

DOWNTOWN FILLMORE

MAY 14TH - 17TH 2009

CARNIVAL, VENDORS, FOOD & GAMES

Thurs - 3:30 to 10PM (FREE ENTRANCE!)

Friday - 3:30 to 11PM

Saturday - 11AM to 11PM

Sunday - 11AM to 9:30PM

PARADE

Downtown Fillmore
Saturday @ 10:00AM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

461 Central Ave
Saturday 8-10AM

ENTERTAINMENT

Fri	5-7PM RJ the DJ
	7-11PM House Arrest Band
	12:00PM Parade Awards
	12:30PM Children's Theatre Group
Sat	1:15PM Pierce's Kenpo Karate
	2-6PM The Company Band
	7-11PM Hindsight
	12-1PM RJ the DJ
Sun	1-5PM The Skinny Little Twits
	6-9PM Danny Torres & The Piru River Band