



TRAIN ORDERS

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

JUNE, 2003

CELEBRATING
OUR 10th Anniversary

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SCRVRHS Caboose A Preserved Jewel

History by Jeff Trimble

Originally built in 1949, this riveted steel car had a radial (rounded) roof, awnings over the cupola side windows, wood rooftop walkways, and handrails on the cupola roof. It originally had Bettendorf Swing Motion trucks, an Integral Box Cast Steel side frame, Ajax brakes, Eagle Estate stove, Giessel water cooler, oil lamps, five left and three right side windows, and was painted Mineral brown with white lettering. It was numbered ATSF # 530.

In early 1970, it was rebuilt into a Class Ce-2 caboose at the Santa Fe shops in San Bernardino, CA. An 18" shock control underframe made at Santa Fe's Topeka, KS shops and an oil-burning stove were installed. One left and two right side windows were replaced with expensive sealed FRA thermo-pane windows, and the other side windows plated over (keeping costs down), for crew safety. High-back conductor's and cupola seats were also installed, the cupola ones seatbelt-equipped. The car was painted Santa Fe's Indian red with black roof & under frame and white lettering. One of 223 cars rebuilt into the Ce-2 Class (#999315-999537), it was renumbered ATSF #999474. The "999" differentiated it from other cars with similar numbers for computerized reporting.

For more info on our caboose, log on to our Member Page at www.scrvrhs.com.

The Fuse Is Lit

It's Our Annual Fireworks Fundraiser



\$20,000 to \$30,000 is on the table for us to make at this year's Red Devil firework stand in Fillmore! It's traditionally our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Event Chairman Troy Helton and his crew will once again be setting up the inventory and organizing the shelves on June 28th for a week's worth of selling America's favorite item to celebrate the founding of our country—fireworks! To attract attention to our organization and stand, our giant, black locomotive Bar-B-Que will

be positioned out front. No way will people confuse us with other non-profit organizations on the highway. Plus, this year we will have a wireless Visa and Mastercard credit card machine thanks to Santa Barbara Bank & Trust. (Don't forget to buy your fireworks from us).

The real challenge as always, but particularly this year, is to schedule enough volunteers to operate the stand, especially during the weekdays when the majority of members are working. But as we always say, many hands make light work. And you too can help and have fun at the same time. It's great to see the look on those young faces as they scan the countertop searching for that very special firework. Husbands and wives alike are invited to join in on a shift or two to help make the money that makes the wheels of the Society go round, especially on the 4th of July, our busiest day.

It's important that you sign up in advance so that we can arrange coverage and keep the stand open. Contact **Troy Helton**. His information is on the reverse side listed on the Dispatch Board. Otherwise we'll call you. Remember, \$20,000 to \$30,000 is nothing for us to ignore. Help out! We REALLY need you!




At left, are almost all of the train crew and Car Attendants that helped to haul nearly 27,000 paying passengers over six days when Thomas the Tank Engine visited the Fillmore & Western (and, most of those pictured are members of SCRVRHS!) That's more passengers than in the entire month of October when the very popular Pumpkin trains ran. Thanks to the entire crew, ALL of the 14 dailey trains departed and arrived on time! Not bad for a bunch of railroad enthusiasts!

To thank SCRVRHS the Fillmore & Western provided a huge sheet cake as refreshments at the May Membership Meeting. The F&W decorated the cake with a check for \$3,000 made out to the Society! Now that's gratitude! As a note, our final tally of Visitor Center gift shop sales for Thomas topped \$1,000. In total, our treasury is up over \$12,000 from this time last year. And, we have our biggest fundraiser, the fireworks stand, ahead of us. Thanks to everyone who participated!!

DISPATCH BOARD

JUNE 2003

This is an open invitation for breakfast every Saturday morning at 8 am at the Fillmore Cafe on Santa Clara Street across from City Hall.

- 4th** 7:00 pm - **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
- 7th & 8th** 1:00 - 5:00 PM Fillmore & Western Daytime Train
Join in on the fun! Volunteer as a Car Attendant
Call Don Hatch at 805 484-8624
- 11th** 7:00 PM **General Membership Meeting**
Live Steam Engine Demonstration
with Ken Shaner—Ventura County Live Steamers
Railroad Visitor Center - Central & Main, Fillmore
See www.members.scrvrhs.com for a map and directions
- 14th & 15th** 1:00 - 5:00 PM Fillmore & Western Daytime Train
Join in on the fun! Volunteer as a Car Attendant
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- 21st & 22nd** 1:00 - 5:00 PM Fillmore & Western Daytime Train
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- 28th– 4th** **SCRVRHS FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER**
Show your patriotism + your red, white & blue
Pick a shift and help with our biggest fundraiser of the year
Contact Event Chairman Troy Helton at
(805) 993-1199 or e-mail at wrldflyr@gte.net
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- 28th & 29th** 1:00 - 5:00 PM Fillmore & Western Daytime Train
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AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

TURNTABLE PROJECT — is continuing. Our ground test for hazardous material as mandated by CalTrans has been completed. And not to anyone's surprise we passed with flying colors! No hazmat issues. Now the report is in the hands of the State of California and, pending any other unanticipated requirements, we should be approved for a building permit. Civil Engineer and SCRVRHS Board member Roy Payton is preparing construction bid documents and we should be out to bid within the next 30—60 days. Remember, we need to conclude the bid process, award the contract and actually BEGIN construction by October to keep our \$250,000 in grant money. We can do it!

VENTURA COUNTY LIVE STEAMERS — recently had a steam engine donated to their group. It's not *any* steam engine, but a very detailed, brass plated replica of an engine used at the Golden Spike Ceremony. The nice thing is that the Steamers are building a display case for the engine and are going to put it on loan to SCRVRHS for display at our Railroad Visitor Center. See this *very* beautiful piece of working machinery when you attend their demonstration at this month's Membership Meeting. See you there.

HOW WE DOING? — got comments, complaints, ideas, suggestions or anything else about Train Orders, the websites, or how the Society is going in general? Let us know so we can make SCRVRHS better for everyone. We're listening! We'd like to hear from you. So don't be shy.

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