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HAVE A FRIEND 'JOIN US'

By Jim Mendrala

So, you're a SCRVRHS member, right? You've paid your annual dues? You're on the *Train Orders* mailing list, right? You enjoy trains, railroads and the unique opportunity the Society provides to actually be involved in real railroading, right? So we're betting you know others who share the same interests.

The Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society, as you all know, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and was formed in Fillmore, California, on October 1, 1993 with a nucleus of 17 charter members.

The purpose of the Society is to bring together in close association those persons who have a common interest to assist in the history, preservation and restoration of the railroad corridor between Montalvo and Santa Clarita, CA, through the Santa Clara River Valley and its surrounding area.

For those who love history, members can become qualified docents. Docents are trained to not only further the understanding of the history of the railroad through the Santa Clara River Valley, but also the history of our rolling stock: a 1956 Union Pacific Pullman Sleeping Car; a 1957 Pacific Fruit Express ice reefer; our 1940's Santa Fe cupola caboose; and our brand new, 100 year old, RR turntable. Then there is the Railroad Visitor Center where history and education reside in real life artifacts, a railroad library, a 20 Seat Theater, and vintage photos.

A member who wants to ride the trains can be trained as a Car Attendant, to assure passenger safety on both Fillmore & Western and special Metrolink trains, and talk about the history of the railroad in the Santa Clara River Valley. Members can also participate in our annual Railfest and fireworks fundraisers, as well as fun outings and social gatherings. SCRVRHS has something for every rail enthusiast.

So why not share the wealth and invite your railroad friends to join the Society? Whether they are interested in the operational, technical, mechanical, administrative, historical, restoration or educational aspects of railroads, or they just want to learn more about trains, the Society would like to have them Join Us!

Membership makes a great birthday, anniversary or holiday gift, especially when wrapped up in a Society logo Polo or T-shirt (available at the Visitor Center)!

SCRVRHS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Annual dues are modest and additional donations are tax deductible. So bring a friend to one of our Membership meetings and get highballing. We invite all of your friends to join in the fun of real railroading right in their own back yard.

For a "Join Us" brochure you can download it from the SCRVRHS website at: http://scrvrhs.com/join_us_2004.pdf

A Member, Who Gets a Member, Works!

FIREWORKS SALES COMING UP WITH A BANG!

The month of June means we're getting ready for fireworks sales in Fillmore, and SCRVRHS needs your help! The sales of fireworks provide the Society with its biggest fundraiser, and every dollar is needed to complete the turntable project. Sales begin Thursday, June 28th, and finish on July 4th. Your help is needed at our Fireworks booth (same location as before – Southeast corner of Hwy 126 and C Street intersection), and if you give us a four-hour period or longer on at least two days, it would be greatly appreciated. Lunch will be provided free!

You can sign up for a four-hour period, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., or 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., on any of those days between June 28th and July 4th. Please call Fred Ervast, Chairman, at (805) 389-0787, or e-mail him at fastfinn@aol.com and tell him which days and times you can help sell fireworks. Never sold fireworks before? Training will be provided. Remember, the Society is selling safe-and-sane fireworks, and they have been approved for use only within the City of Fillmore.

FILLMORE MAY FESTIVAL

The annual Fillmore May Festival was another big success for the City of Fillmore and the Chamber of Commerce. Our Visitor Center was kept open for three consecutive days, to allow Fillmore Visitors to enjoy the exhibits we have on display. A big thanks to Jim & Sue Mendrala, Fred Ervast. **A very special thank you to Scott Jost who diligently ran the O Gauge Railroad for the kids and adults all three days!**

Thomas the Tank Days

Pictured right is the Extensive sun and rain protection erected by the F&W for Thomas the Tank Visitors...



RAILROAD ART WORK ON SALE AT THE VISITOR CENTER

Thanks to numerous donations by members and non-members, the Society has for sale numerous prints and lithographs of railroad scenes in the Railroad Visitor Center Gift Shop. All are framed and are reasonably priced. They are great for decorating a child's bedroom or as an excellent gift for that railroad buff that you know. Speaking of donations, the Society is always willing to accept donations of books about railroading, technical or historical, and videos about railroads and trains for its library.
By: Fred Ervast

DISPATCH BOARD

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

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

June 6	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
June 13	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
<u>Do not miss the June Meeting as F&W Train Master, Gene Pettus will present an interesting discussion of his trials and tribulations as a Train Master for the Ringling Bros. Circus Train.</u> Refreshments will be Provided	
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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AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

DON HATCH'S RAIL QUIZ (From May Issue)

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?

Answers:

1. New York Central, Pennsylvania and New York, New Haven & Hartford.
2. Sold to and divided by CSX and Norfolk Southern.
3. 1971.
4. 14.
5. a. New York, Chicago & St. Louis.
 - b. Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.
 - c. St. Louis Southwestern.
 - d. Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.
 - e. Chesapeake & Ohio.
6. Knott's Berry Farm.
7. Toronto and Vancouver.
8. a. Electro-Motive Division, General Motors Corp. (EMD)
 - b. American Locomotive Co.
 - c. General Electric Co.
 - d. Fairbanks-Morse
 - e. EMD.
9. Lima Locomotive Works.
10. Electricity.

What was it... Pictured last May was a Mono-rail, twin stack engine. Chuck Wilkie gave an excellent slide show on this engine in Cork, Ireland. The Name of the Engine is "Lartique."



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