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SCRVRHS Fireworks Booth Moves to New, More Beautiful and Cost-Effective Location

131 East Telegraph Boulevard (Highway 126) will be the new location for the SCRVRHS 2012 TNT Fireworks booth. Located in a shaded, tree filled park setting, the booth eliminates additional operating costs such as site rent, site clearing and grading, water truck usage (dust), and fence relocation that were incurred in past years. Located near Pole Creek on the north side of Highway 126 as you enter Fillmore



from the east, this new location will aid in the overall profits of the most important, fund raising activity of this non-profit organizations' year.

Due to a loss in income from the 2012 Railfest rainout, this year's fireworks effort is really important in supporting the society goals of a concrete surround and fencing for the turntable project. "Our general fund suffered an unexpected hit recently and we could use the fireworks money to assist with our mission", said Ron Lewis, SCRVRHS President.

Society members can help out in two big ways. First, **buy your 4th of July fireworks at our booth** and enjoy the car show and other festivities that will be taking place in Fillmore on the 4th. Second, donate some time and **help us sell fireworks**. With the exception of Thursday, June 28th when sales begin at noon, two shifts of volunteers have been set up for your convenience. They are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm daily through the 4th of July. We need at least two people. age 18 and older, in the booth at all times. Volunteer just a few hours of your time and support *YOUR* Society. We need both you and the money generated by fireworks sales. And, it's fun! Contact **Ron Lewis**, SCRVRHS President to volunteer at rlewis@scrvrhs.com.

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DISPATCH BOARD

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- June 28 — July 4th** **FIREWORKS**
9:00 am to 9:00 pm, East Hwy 126, Fillmore
(see article on page 1)
- July 4th** Sespe Creek Car Show & Holiday Celebration
Fillmore
- July 11th** 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
Railroad Visitor Center, Fillmore
- August 1st** 7:00 p.m. SCRVRHS Board of Directors Mtg,
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
- August 8th** 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
Railroad Visitor Center, Fillmore
- Sept. 5th** 7:00 p.m. SCRVRHS Board of Directors Mtg,
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore

Lionel Commemorative Locomotive Donated

Now on display in the Railroad Visitor Center, is a limited edition Hudson locomotive that commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joshua Lionel Cowen, founder of Lionel trains. The special locomotive represents the finest standard of quality from the most famous maker of model trains, Lionel. No more than 10,000 of this Hudson were made.



The locomotive was graciously donated to the Society by Spencer Westbrook.

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

SICK LEAVE — while SCRVRHS Special Advisor Stan Hurst continues his road to recovery at home, at press time, board member Jim Mendrala is again hospitalized and has undergone several surgeries for a recurring medical condition. Jim coordinates our Buy-a Brick fundraising effort and duties associated with maintaining SCRVRHS membership. We wish Jim all the best for a speedy recovery and return.

SPECIAL DISPLAY — Recently a man from Inverness Scotland came into our Railroad Visitor Center to look around. Afterward he asked, 'why is Fillmore a railroad town and why is the railroad important to this area?' It was obvious that the historical displays in the Center didn't answer his questions in that there isn't much in the way of tying the railroad with the citrus and oil industries in the area. This even though SCRVRHS owns a Pacific Fruit Express (PFE) car. So since the oil museum covers that industry, how about we gather photos, stories or other information for a special display about the Ventura County citrus industry inside our PFE car at the next Railfest? Interested? Contact Rick Swanson at rswanson@scrvrhs.com if you have anything at all that you can contribute. Thanks



Frontier Gunfighters on the F&W #14 at the 2012 Railfest in Fillmore last March. Photo by Norma Warden.