



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

# EXTRA--EXTRA--EXTRA FIREWORKS—FIREWORKS—FIREWORKS

We need you to assist us in staffing the Fireworks Booth a few hours during the period of June 26 through July 5, 2009. Mike Morgan and Steven Pierce are the co-chair persons for this year's event. Please contact Mike at 805-746-6198 or email at: 1mljkm@sbcglobal.net to schedule your time in the Fireworks Booth. This event is our most important and biggest fund raiser for the year! We had fantastic cooperation from the membership last year and we need your help again to continue our development of the RIC Center. Please contact Mike to get on the sales schedule. Booth Set Up is June 27, 2009 with sales starting on June 28, 2009 after Fire Dept. Approval.

### Our Turntable is creating donations to SCRVRHS:

We will receive a donation from the movie industry for turning a locomotive for the recent "Super Dave Osborne" Commercials. We also turn various pieces of equipment for F&W. Below is a recent picture of the Regulator on the table—an unusual sight.

### OREGON OR BUST...

Occasionally, it is our privilege as a Society to assist the F&W on a very special project... Such was the case in June when Ken VanFleet and Ron Lewis traveled to Jacksonville, OR with the Sespe Engine No. 1, Dave and Andy Wilkinson to honor the 1891 delivery of the engine to Jacksonville duty. You will see more in future articles and a possible General Meeting Program. It was a long and arduous trip of some 700 miles each way...but well worth the effort. The city representatives greeted us warmly and made us feel completely at home...so much so there was talk of keeping the engine and possible hostages...just kidding. They were fantastic hosts!



### CAR ATTENDANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Since its inception in 1993 SCRVRHS has been providing car attendants on board the Fillmore & Western railroad excursions for the benefit of the railway and the passengers. Presently there is a "cadre" of attendants who take ride in their role, providing safety pfor the riders and information about the scenes along the railroad corridor. They also work aboard the Metrolink County Fair trains in the August time period, with Metrolink providing a donation to SCRVRHS for providing the service. The Society is looking for more volunteers, and the point of contact is Fred Ervast, (805) 389-0787, fastfinn@verizon.net, who will arrange for training.

- A. One should be trained and certified in CPR;
  - B. An attendant must receive "on-the-job" training on how to assist people in boarding and getting off the train;
  - C. He/she should learn about safety features about the train and proper techniques in using a hand-held radio;
  - D. The car attendant should show "people skills" in greeting the passengers, giving facts and historical perspectives about the railroad and the scenes along the corridor;
  - E. The car attendant is responsible for obtaining his or her uniform. SCRVRHS will try to assist the person in this regard, such as passing on uniforms which have been handed in or donated, giving information where to get certain uniform items, etc. But it is up to the attendant to be in a uniform that will identify him or herself as one – no jeans, tee shirts and coveralls!
- In the last General Meeting, 16 members participated in our Society Sponsored CPR training session. We applaud those who took the time to learn this valuable skill. You never know when your CPR expertise may save a life...

**SCRVRHS would like to give recognition to member Robert Bennet**, who has given much of his time almost every weekend in volunteering as a car attendant and a brakeman. **Well done, Robert!**

By: Fred Ervast, Director

## DISPATCH BOARD

### July & August

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

July 8	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
July 15	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center Refreshments will be Provided
June 25	Turntable Flooring Meet at Visitor Center 9:00 A.M.

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

August 5	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
August 12	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
Saturday & Sunday Trains	Car Attendants Needed Contact Fred Ervast: ervast@scrvrhs.com

## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

### Did You Know, by Jim Mendrala, Director:

In the United States, the term "**consist**" is used to describe a group of rail vehicles which make up a "**train**". When referring to motive power, "**consist**" refers to the group of locomotives powering the train. Similarly, the term "**trainset**" refers to a group of rolling stock that is permanently or semi-permanently coupled together to form a unified set of equipment (*the term is most often applied to passenger train configurations*). The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway's 1948 operating rules define a train as: "*An engine or more than one engine coupled, with or without cars, displaying markers.*" However in the United Kingdom, the interchangeable terms **set** and **unit** are used to refer to a group of permanently or semi-permanently coupled vehicles, such as those of a multiple unit while referring to a "**train**". When made up of a variety of vehicles, or of several sets/units, the term "**formation**" is used. (*Although the UK public and media often forgo 'formation', for simply 'train'.*) The word "**rake**" is used for a group of coaches or wagons. Railway Act In the United Kingdom Section 83(1) of the 1993 defines "**train**" as follows: "*Two or more items of rolling stock coupled together, at least one of which is a locomotive or a locomotive not coupled to any other rolling stock.*"

### MILEPOST PROGRAM LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

Since 1997, SCRVRHS has been installing mileposts along the railroad corridor from Piru to Santa Paula as a fundraising project for the Society. These mileposts are built to Southern Pacific specifications that were in place prior to the 1950's! The locations of the mileposts are based on historical records when Southern Pacific built and operated the lines starting in the 1880's. The mileposts are not only recognized by the Fillmore & Western Railway as specific points along the line but are also identified on maps used by the local fire and law enforcement departments.

Once again, the Society is looking for sponsors that would donate funds to build and install these markers. For a donation of \$200.00, SCRVRHS will build and install a milepost and will include a metal plaque designating the donor. If you desire, more than one person can combine funds and purchase a milepost, and all parties would be identified on the plaque. If one desires to dedicate a milepost in honor of a person, an IN MEMORIAM designation can be included on the plaque.

There is an immediate need for a sponsor for MILEPOST 425. The location is approximately 100 feet east of Pole Creek in Fillmore.

Another part of this fundraising program is the sponsorship of siding signs which were in place along the corridor during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. These are being rebuilt and installed by SCRVRHS in accordance with specifications in that time period, and the cost to sponsor one is only \$100.00. Again, a plaque would be placed on the post recognizing the donor. All net proceeds go to the Railroad Interpretive Center program account. If you are interested in "purchasing" a milepost or a siding sign, please contact Fred Ervast, (805) 389-0787, or Ron Lewis, (818) 523-8198.

By: Fred Ervast, Director

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### Firecracker Train

Saturday, 4th of July

Boards: 6 P.M. Departs: 6:30 P.M.  
Returns: After Fireworks (Approximately 9:45 P.M.)

After a BBQ dinner and train ride through the beautiful Heritage Valley you will be able to enjoy a wonderful display of fireworks that will be put on by the City of Fillmore!

Dinner Menu  
BBQ Tri-Tip & Chicken, Potato Salad, BBQ Beans, Garlic Bread, Chef's Special Dessert Coffee or Tea  
Adults: \$72. Youth (4-12) \$41 Child (2-3) \$22  
Under 2—FREE on lap

Car Show & Festival  
9:00am-4:00pm

One Hour Daytime Train Rides  
Departures: 1:00pm & 3:00 pm  
Tickets: Adults: \$12  
Youth 4-12: \$7  
Child 2-3: \$5  
Infants under 2 Free on Lap  
Reservations strongly recommended!

Reservations/Information  
805-524-2546 800-773-8724  
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