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FIREWORKS SALES — A NEW RECORD



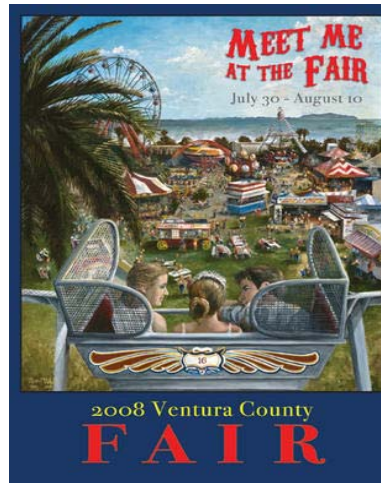
Jim Mendralla was the 2008 Chairman for the most successful Fireworks Sales Campaign in many years. Through our little booth pictured above nearly \$54,000 of sales were made. We had over 20 volunteers who worked to set up the booth, sell the merchandise and tear down the event. Pictured below is Sue Morgan, working the booth, just as many did, for many long days. This campaign is the most important fund raising event we have at SCRVRHS. Also pictured below are Jim's



wife Sue and daughter Jennifer. They put in endless hours to assist Jim. In recognition of their efforts, the Society presented them with beautiful potted plants at the July 16th General Meeting. Thank you Jim, Sue and Jennifer for a job well done!



METROLINK FAIR TRAINS: OUR DEDICATED CAR ATTENDANTS COMPLETED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EFFORT



The weekends of August 2nd and 9th saw our Car Attendant Members at the Moorpark Train Platform early in the morning. Our Society provides Car Attendants to the Ventura County Transportation Commission and Metrolink. The first

section left Moorpark and *dead headed* to Chatsworth for the 9:00 a.m. train. The second section left Moorpark at 11:00 a.m. for the trip to Chatsworth and the 11:30 run to the Ventura County Fairgrounds. The schedule was changed this year as the trains between trips were kept at Somis, rather than the siding at Ventura. This change also made a much more attractive shift for the second section crew as the return trip was only a couple of hours later, rather than the previous 5 hour layover in at the Fair. Our most sincere appreciation to all the members who made this event another successful memory for the Society. **We are seeking a permanent coordinator for this program. Please contact me if you are interested. Ron Lewis 818-523-8198**

NOTE: A recognition dinner was held at Mama Sue's Restaurant on August 13th for all of the members who participated in Fireworks Sales Campaign. Thanks to our dedicated members for taking the time and effort to make this sales event a major success and a special thank you to the Mendralla Family for their efforts!

DISPATCH BOARD

September & October, 2008

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

September 3	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
September 6	Jail Clean-up Party
September 10	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center Refreshments will be Provided
October 2	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
October 10	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center Refreshments will be Provided
October Pumpkin Liners	Car Attendants needed. Contact Fred Ervast: fervast@scrvrhs.com

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .



RICK BLEAK, SCRVRHS Treasurer:

After working for a number of years in facilities inspection, he has recently retired from that line of work. Rick still maintains active certification as both a licensed OSHPD and DSA inspector. He is a resident of Santa Paula [for thirty years] with his wife Denise and actively participates in both the Chamber of Commerce and Santa Paula Society of the Arts Depot gallery. Rick is establishing himself as a landscape photographer and specializes in images of trains and the Santa Clara River Valley. His love for trains extends to his back yard where he can be found running "G" scale trains on his track. His other interests are riding his BMW motorcycle, NASCAR, NHRA, and hunting with his dog Sophie.

Editors Note: Recently, Rick's wife Denise catered the refreshments at our General Meeting. The food was fantastic. Those of you who did not attend missed some great "eats"—

To the members of SCRVRHS: My sincere apologies for the delay in getting this issue of Train Orders to you. July and August have been extremely hectic months. Thanks for your understanding. Ron Lewis

We sadly miss the wonderful folks at the Mama Sue's Restaurant. Over the past years, we have all enjoyed the good food, camaraderie and fun times at Mama Sue's Restaurant. On August 20, 2008 the restaurant closed.



Pictured left we show some of the ladies that have served us so well. Thank you to all who have made our meals so enjoyable!! The Society Board of Directors agreed to purchase six train tickets for the staff. Mama Sue is shown here holding the gift certificate.

YOUR SOCIETY CONTINUES IN A SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION: During the days that our turntable was finally being installed into the completed pit, it became clear to the Officers and Board of Directors of the Society that we did not have the necessary liquid funds to complete the electrical construction on the project Phase 1. The City of Fillmore was most cooperative in helping us to complete this part of the project, allowing us the time to raise the necessary funds to finish the electrical work. In addition, our research showed that using Edison Power was, for now, not feasible due to the estimated monthly standby costs and the planned construction on Mountain View. We, therefore, purchased a used generator at a significant savings from Quinn to provide the power needed. Total electrical costs were approximately \$35,000, including the generator. I am very happy to report to you that all financial obligations undertaken during this critical time have been retired and the Society is debt free, with substantial savings in the bank. Now, we move on to concrete work and iron railings. Ron Lewis, President



PumpkinLiner



Weekends in October Beginning October 4th

Saturday and Sunday Departures: 10 am, 11 am, 12:10 pm, 1:10 pm & 2:20 pm

We're **DYING** to see you there!!

Ride a vintage train to "ICHABOG" our private pumpkin patch to pick the perfect jack-o-lantern. Activities and attractions include: Jolly Jumps, Carousel, Haunted Hay Maze, Arts & Crafts Booths, BBQ sandwiches and other edible "goodies."

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$15 Youth 4-12: \$8 Child 2-3: \$6
Infants Under 2 FREE on lap (does not occupy a seat)

2008



Pumpkins
From \$1.00

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