



TRAIN ORDERS

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

SEPTEMBER, 2003

CELEBRATING
OUR 10th Anniversary

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FIREWORKS

Sell 'em If You Got 'em

And we did! Through the heat and crowds, Fireworks Chairman **Troy Helton** assembled a crew of dedicated railroaders who once again made our most successful fundraiser of the year a 'booming' success. How about **\$31,381.87** worth of success to date for just one weeks' work! Yes, they stocked and restocked shelves;



slept overnight in a truck for security; and kept the generator running at night.

There were disappointments in that we experienced \$500. in bad checks (ironically they all came from Oxnard).

And it appears that each year the fireworks distributors seem to take a larger percentage of the profits. But overall we grossed \$66,612 against \$35,230 in expenses. Hey, where else can we make such an impact on the budget over such a short period of time? Congratulations Troy. **Thank you everybody!!** Well done!



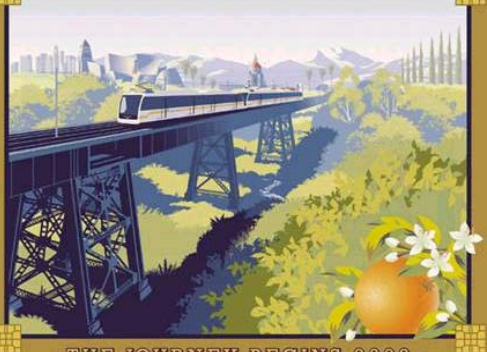
INTRODUCING THE FILLMORE & WESTERN 'STEAM' DIVISION

When the 1898 #1 Sesse 0-4-0 Porter runs, the wood burner operates with this seasoned crew— SCRVRHS members from left to right— Skip Dunham; Ken Van Fleet; Sally Knight; Roger Brower, Court Gosserand; & Engineer Jim Treloar.

SAVE THE DATE

GOLD LINE

REFRESHING TRANSPORTATION



THE JOURNEY BEGINS 2003

DIRECT FROM LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

**Saturday, November 15th
Amtrak/Gold Line Field Trip!**

(details in the next issue)

Record County Fair; Train Crowds Aided by SCRVRHS Car Attendants

Averaging 1,400 passengers per incoming Metrolink Ventura County Fair Special Train, some seventeen (17) Society uniformed Car Attendants looked sharp. Assisting crowds on and off these six (6) car train sets, our crews also answered questions and took care of on board safety issues (like keeping stairways clear) both coming to and going from the Fair. With inland temperatures in the 100's and beach temperatures in the high 70's, the Fair trains to Seaside Park in Ventura were especially popular for those passengers originating in Chatsworth and Simi Valley.

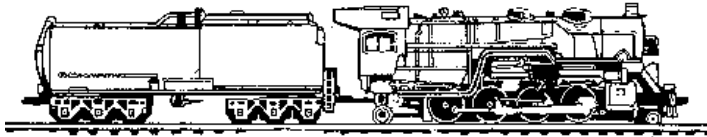
Hats off to Chief Car Attendant **Larry Stermolle** for organizing such fine crews. For their efforts, the Ventura County Transportation Commission provided every SCRVRHS Car Attendant, on each day of service, with both a free pass to the Fair and \$7.00 in Fair script, good toward lunch at any of the Fair food vendors. But for our members that participated, it was a labor of love, dodging mainline freights and Amtrak trains all day! Thanks go to: **Stan Hurst, Jeff Stien, Ken Shaner, Ken Van Fleet, Collin Stitler, Don Hatch, George Roberts, Larry Jennings, Bill Victor, Jim Mendrala, Joyce Velarde, Marilyn Jones, Tim Mason, Jeff Trimble, Susan Morgan and William Wilkins.**

DISPATCH BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2003

Join us for an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8:00 AM
at the Fillmore Cafe on Santa Clara Street across from City Hall.

- 3rd** 7:00 pm - **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
Members are always welcome to attend!
- 6th & 7th** **BE A CAR ATTENDANT!** *New Time!*
FILLMORE & WESTERN Daytime Trains
11:00 AM to 3:30 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624
- 10th** **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
Railroad Visitor Center - Central & Main, Fillmore
See www.members.scrvrhs.com for a map and directions
7:00 pm - Refreshments
- 13th & 14th** **BE A CAR ATTENDANT!** *New Time!*
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- 20th & 21st** **BE A CAR ATTENDANT!** *New Time!*
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- 27th & 28th** **BE A CAR ATTENDANT!** *New Time!*
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AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

A SPECIAL THANK YOU — to **Jan Scott**. Jan is a resident of the San Fernando Valley who donated a collection of railroad memorabilia to SCRVRHS. Included in her collection are many books including a classic 'Railcar Dictionary' which contains drawings and descriptions of various replacement car parts that were available for order. Calendars, pamphlets, train pull toys and exquisitely framed locomotive prints were also included. All can be viewed at our Railroad Visitor Center in Fillmore.

SPEAKING OF THE VISITOR CENTER — we need, for a better term, an Assistant Director to help Fred Ervast organize and staff the Visitor Center particularly on the weekends. This doesn't mean that you have to live there every weekend, but assist in setting up exhibits and displays and arrange for Center staffing to meet and greet visitors, explain exhibits, and operate the gift shop. We have this wonderful building filled with educational items and barely anyone to staff it. Please, if you can assist Fred, contact him at fastfynn@aol.com or call him at 805 389-0787.

BUDGET UPDATE — for this calendar year through August 13, 2003 our operating budget has a net **\$37,398.61**. This is a 167.5% *increase* over this same time last year or a \$23,416.80 change! Thanks to *all* of our members who helped with our various fundraisers and answered their membership renewal letters for 2003. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, there's still time! Every little bit counts. Remember, we have a turntable to still put in the ground and a roundhouse to build.

2004 RAILFESTIVAL "CABOOSES ON PARADE"
March 20th and 21st

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