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

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Left — is the Whiting Trackmobile recently donated to SCRVRHS by the Fillmore & Western Railway. This piece of self-propelled equipment is used to move railcars around. For us, we'll use it to take cars on and off our 95' turntable. Powered by a four cylinder propane fueled engine, the unit will need some minor repairs to become operational. Interested in helping to restore it? Contact Mark Aston of our Locomotive Workshop at [maston@scrvrhs.com](mailto:maston@scrvrhs.com).

*Photo by Ron Lewis*

## SCRVRHS Car Attendants Make Going To The Fair Safe And Convenient For County Residents, Visitors

by Don Hatch

The 2005 Ventura County Fair Metrolink trains operated the first two week ends in August with great success. Hundreds of eager fairgoers boarded each of six special trains for a ride to the fair free of traffic hassles. They were ably assisted by a corps of SCRVRHS volunteer car attendants. Mary Travis of the Ventura County Transportation Commission stated that they couldn't have got along without us (but don't tell her how much fun we had in doing it).

Special thanks to all those of you who volunteered: Larry Jennings, Chuck Wilkie, Jim Mendrala, Larry Stermolle, Collin Stiteler, Pat Malone, John Savage, George Roberts, Rick Swanson, Keith and Sharon Thomas, Jeff Stine, Chris Thomas and Don Hatch.

## Believe It Or Not, The Turntable Is Moving Forward. Hip, Hip Hooray!

The much needed 'sequence of construction' and electrical plans were completed and submitted to the City of Fillmore by our civil engineer. These were the last two items required by Willdan, the grant administrator, for us to go out to bid with contractors for the turntable installation. "Willdan received them from the City on August 23rd and forwarded them to our Construction Manager, Ron Wilson for back-checking on August 24. Ron met with us on August 25th to give us a brief overview of initial impressions and he will be forwarding review comments by the end of this week", said Willdan representative Roxanne Hughes. "He also indicated that he would be contacting Edison to confirm/clarify information shown on the electrical plan. An immediate issue was that the electrical power had changed from the previously provided information and he wanted to establish which is correct".

This is Willdan's FIRST chance to review of all of the electrical details and added information. So they need a chance to look over the information thoroughly and follow up on any loose ends. "We are working to get you out to bid", said Hughes.

The turntable was acquired by the Society in 1997. It was refurbished and the motor rewound. The federal grant was approved in June of 2004 and it is estimated to take four (4) months from the time the bid is awarded until construction is done.

## Our Mission —

The Society was founded in 1993 to assist in the preservation of the railroad corridor between Montalvo and Saugus California, so as to maximize the economic, educational, environmental, and recreational value of this historical asset to the residents of the Santa Clara River Valley and the surrounding areas. To this end it is the interest of this organization to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and operate historic railroad equipment, and to acquire, preserve, display, and make available for study artifacts, information, and photographs pertaining to railroad equipment, structure and operations in the Southern California.

# DISPATCH BOARD

## SEPTEMBER 2005

Join us for an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8:00  
back at the new 'old' place, **The Fillmore Café!**  
Santa Clara Street and Central Avenue, across from City Hall - Fillmore

3rd & 4th



### F&W SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAINS

Support the F&W  
**ATTENDENTS & DOCENTS NEEDED**  
**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
Contact Don Hatch  
**805 484-8624**

7th 7:00 p.m. - **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**  
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore  
Members are welcome to attend

10th **San Diego trip on the 'Pony Express' Private Car**

10th& 11th **F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS**  
Car Attendants and Docents needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm  
call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com

14th **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Meet New Fillmore Fire Chief, Pete Egedi**  
7:00 pm Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore  
Cool refreshments & hot train digital videos in surround sound!

17th& 18th **F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS**  
Car Attendants and Docents needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm  
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24th& 26th **F&W WEEKEND EXCURSION TRAINS**  
Car Attendants and Docents needed 11:00 am — 4:00 pm  
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