



TRAIN ORDERS

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

OCTOBER, 2003

CELEBRATING
OUR *10th Anniversary*

www.scrvrhs.org
www.scrvrhs.com



SCRVRHS Car Attendants were at it again! This time assisting the F&W with their second 'A Day Out With Thomas' promotion. Pictured here on August 29, 2003 are (from L to R) Ken Zimmet, Larry Stermole, Don Hatch, Ken Shaner, Collin Stettler, and Jim Mendrala. You too can be a part of the fun. Become a Car Attendant!! Call Don Hatch today



Oxnard's Chandler Museum Steamer

by Jeff Trimble

There is a well hidden, privately owned museum at 1421 Emerson Avenue in Oxnard. This museum was once the home of our Society's caboose Ex Santa Fe 999474. In fact, the caboose was restored by this museum. The museum is the Otis Chandler Vintage Museum. Otis Chandler was the long time editor of the Los Angeles Times.

As you enter the museum, the first thing one sees is a four foot model of the Union Pacific Big Boy Steam Engine 4023. This is one very handsome model. The museum has three main themes: a collection of mostly very rare antique and present day cars, a collection of stuffed wild animals, and collections of motorcycles dating back from the very first models, to some interesting modern day examples.

But there is one item on display at the back of the museum that does not fit the main three main categories. This is an 1894 Baldwin #14064 0-4-4RT narrow gauge steam engine. It is only a little bigger than the #1 Sespe that the Fillmore & Western has. For more information on this steam engine and other exhibits at the museum, see their website at www.chandlerwheels.com. The museum only opens to the public a few select days per year. The final public open house of 2003 will be Saturday, October 25, 2003. Admission is \$7.00.

'Goldline' Field Trip Set

Tired after working in the fireworks booth? Did you survive car attending on the County Fair and Pumpkin trains? Then have some real fun as a passenger for a change and experience the new MTA Goldline with your buddies at SCRVRHS!

Join us at noon in Union Station in Los Angeles on Saturday, November 15th and ride the route of the old Santa Fe Super Chief from L.A. to Pasadena. We'll have lunch (bean break) at a local eatery and look at right-of-way improvements made by the MTA for this unique commuter line. Can you believe that the Goldline is averaging some 20,000 passengers a day? It should be a lot of fun.

Members from Ventura County can join other SCRVRHS members aboard Amtrak #774 for the ride into Los Angeles and return on train #775. Roundtrip fare is around \$28.00 for adults and \$23.50 for Seniors (see schedule in the box). Tickets should be bought in advance either on-line at www.amtrak.com or by calling Amtrak at 1-800 USA-RAIL. Others may chose to car pool from Fillmore. If so, meet at the Fillmore Cafe at 9:30 AM (after our usual 8 AM breakfast). Members in other parts of southern California may want to check local Metrolink, BlueLine or Amtrak schedules for a train that will arrive around noon or just drive to Union Station. We'll meet in the main waiting room near the 'Tickets' restaurant between 12:15 and 12:30 PM and take the Goldline from there. Thanks goes to Director Ron Lewis for organizing this field trip. Let's all get together and have a good time. After all the work we've done, we deserve it! See you on board.

TO L.A. #774 - DEPARTS:

Ventura	9:58 AM
Oxnard	10:12 AM
Camarillo	10:23 AM
Moorpark (does not stop)	
Simi Valley	10:51 AM

RETURN #775 - DEPARTS:

Union Station	2:55 PM
Simi Valley	3:59 PM
Moorpark (does not stop)	
Camarillo	4:21 PM
Oxnard	4:35 PM
Ventura	4:49 PM

Check with Amtrak for other station stops

DISPATCH BOARD

OCTOBER 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.

1st 7:00 pm - **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
Members are always welcome to attend!

Every Weekend **Need Volunteers for a few hours to help keep the Visitor Center open during the F&W Pumpkin Trains**
See Fred Ervast at fastfinn@aol.com or 805 3890787

4th & 5th **CAR ATTENDANT OPPORTUNITY**
FILLMORE & WESTERN "Pumpkin Trains"
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624



8th **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
Railroad Visitor Center - Central & Main, Fillmore
See www.members.scrvrhs.com for a map and directions
7:00 pm - Refreshments

11th & 12th **CAR ATTENDANT OPPORTUNITY**
18th & 19th **FILLMORE & WESTERN "Pumpkin Trains"**
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624



25th & 26th **CAR ATTENDANT OPPORTUNITY**
FILLMORE & WESTERN "Pumpkin Trains"
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624



Happy Halloween

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

THINK— about saving on your income taxes and boosting *your* Railroad Society. You can do both with the last great tax break left in the Internal Revenue Code. A "Charitable Remainder Trust" will let you collect the earnings of your contributed property as long as both you and your spouse live. You get an immediate deduction from your taxable income for the value of your gift to the Society, and can still live on its earnings. This works especially well if you donate property that has a low tax basis, or is non-productive, or both. Your attorney or accountant will have all the details for you, or you may call our SCRVRHS attorney, **Joseph P.D. Kern**, at (805) 524-1919 or FAX at (805) 524-1201.

CALTRANS DONE? NOT! — After verbally approving our turntable project, the cash strapped state agency returned our huge application saying that the state forms we used, although appropriate at the time, have been revised. Sooooo, they returned our application until we can complete the newly revised forms and resubmit. Go figure!

'SKUNK' TRAIN SAYS GOOD-BYE — built in 1885 to haul lumber, but more recently hauling tourists thru the redwoods between Willits and Fort Bragg in northern California, the California Western Railroad ceased operations on September 2. Saddled with five years of losses, \$2.6 million in debt and dogged by a 300% increase in liability insurance, the scenic Skunk joined a growing list of tourist railroads that filed chapter 11 bankruptcy this year and shut down due to the economy and dwindling ridership. The railroad would need \$500,000 in upgrades to consider resuming service.

Editor/Publisher — Rick Swanson



TRAIN ORDERS

Santa Clara River Valley
Railroad Historical Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 492
Fillmore, California 93016-0492

