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

## GINGER GHERARDI AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the September General Meeting, Ginger Gherardi, Executive Director VCTC presented an excellent program on the plans for the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Development. Construction is now beginning on the upgrade of the track from Montalvo to Saticoy, This is the beginning to bring Metrolink Service to the valley. Also some grading and retaining wall work has been completed West of the Piru Bridge.



Ginger has been a huge supporter of our organization and in recognition of her contributions to our Society, she was awarded an "Honorary Life Membership."

Pictured above are Ginger, and President Ron Lewis making the presentation. We had a special cake and a bouquet of roses for Ginger, courtesy of Stan and Beverly Hurst.



## TURNTABLE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

The F&W has now installed the power assembly to the Turntable. A few diagonal braces need to be added along with the rebuilt motor and we will be ready for the electrical plans. Troy Helton has volunteered to assist us with the electrical planning and the actual electrical work. We hope to have the turntable operational by March 2008 Railfest, as Metrolink also may have an engine for us to turn... See Article in "Around the Roundhouse" on page 2 of this publication.



## MEMBERSHIP TRAIN ENJOYED BY ALL:

On August 15, the F&W along with the Society sponsored an evening membership train from Fillmore to Piru. About 65 passengers were on board for the event. Dinner was served at Poncho's Restaurant in Piru (left). As a result of the train event, we have six new members in our Society. The picture below shows the restaurant packed to the max with our hungry, fun loving group...

# DISPATCH BOARD

## OCTOBER 2007

Join us for breakfast Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.  
Mama Sue's Café ~ Santa Clara & Central — Fillmore

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| October 3   | Board Meeting                            |
| November 7  | 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center                 |
| October 10  | General Meeting                          |
| November 14 | 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center                 |
|             | Refreshments will be Provided            |
| October 20  | Restoration Work; 9:00 at Visitor Center |
| November 17 | Restoration Work; 9:00 at Visitor Center |



### Pumpkin Liner



**Weekends in October 2007 Beginning October 6th**  
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 1-3: \$6  
Infants Under 1 FREE on lap



Pumpkins From \$1.00

Reservations Information:  
909-524-2846 / 909-775-8714  
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### Car Attendants are Needed for the Pumpkin Liners

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## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

### DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PICTURE?



Early this past Sunday Morning, our turntable saw it's first locomotive being turned. The F&W Crew under Dave Wilkinson's direction turned the Engine # 3502 and then placed the two F units on the table. This picture reflects the beginning of our efforts as realized through the hard work of our Society Members. Recently many people enjoyed our "Membership Train" and a free dinner on SCRVRHS. However, when it comes to the third Saturday of the month, or meetings, not nearly as many show up for the work that must be done. Usually, it is the same four or five people who arrive to work hard and make the above picture a reality... Where are the rest of our members? We publish dates, ask for assistance, plead for volunteers, but not many find time in their schedule to keep our Society running. **Do you "inactives" want this organization to flourish? We cannot survive without YOU!** I am asking those of you who are not active, to become active! Please help us, as our Society cannot long endure if we do not receive the physical assistance of more of our members. The same few people cannot continue to do most of the work. **WE NEED YOU!** Contact me at: (818) 523-8198 . I can find a place to best use your skills—we have openings. Ron Lewis, President



### Train Orders

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