



# Train Orders

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

Autumn, 2011

## SCRVRHS 'Extra Board'

Each new issue of Train Orders will feature a Society member who has given a little 'extra' contribution to the success of SCRVRHS.

This issue we feature SCRVRHS web master Dennis Hanley. A resident of the San Fernando Valley employed by the County of Los Angeles, Dennis not only created and maintains our society webpage: [www.scrvrhs.com](http://www.scrvrhs.com), he does so by using his own computer server to host our web sight — saving the society hundreds of dollars annually. The Society thanks Dennis for his years of 'extra', unheralded service!



## SCRVRHS Applies For Restoration Grant

Thanks to Gary Phillips and Jim Mendrala, the Society has applied for a TRAINS Magazine \$10,000 grant to be used toward the exterior restoration of our #1205 UP National Embassy sleeper. Limited to only 200 words (below), results of the effort will come in mid November.

*"The Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was established in 1993 to assist in the preservation and restoration of the railroad corridor between Montalvo and Saugus, California. One of our goals is to preserve, exhibit, and operate historic railroad equipment.*

*In February 2000, the Society acquired the former Union Pacific National Embassy Pullman, built in 1956. It is one of fifteen cars, comprising the National Series, which was part of the City of St. Louis passenger train consist. Although the car's interior is in near original pristine condition, its exterior aluminum siding has extensive corrosion caused by exposure to an ocean environment from its previous storage in Santa Barbara, CA. The Society is seeking funds to renovate and restore the exterior of this historic railroad car to its original condition.*

*Recognizing that complete restoration will exceed the amount of this grant, the monies would be applied to Phase I which is to repair the severe corrosion around windows and skirt area, thereby preventing interior water damage. The City of Fillmore has historical significance as a railroad community, and a restored "Pullman Car" would be a great centerpiece to complement our Society's operational railroad turntable".*



**HOLLYWOOD MAGIC** — The tender tank on the F&W #14 Baldwin was basically rebuilt from scratch by SCRVRHS member Bob Mahans' steel company, using just the original ends and filling in from there. So the new exterior sides are made of heavy gauge flat steel. No rivets required! But to simulate the original tender look, 'rivets' were added. But if you look closely along the top edge of the tender you'll see missing 'rivets' in the line going from the word 'Fillmore' to nearly the corner of the tender. These fiberglass 'rivet' dots, used to simulate the real thing, weren't able to be glued on prior to the #14's unveiling in January. Can you believe that each little rivet had to be glued on! Hollywood magic indeed! That's why they call the F&W The Movie Train.

## EXPLORE OLD RAILROAD DEPOTS

The Southern Pacific Railroad (SPR) arrived in the Santa Clara River Valley in 1887. During its march to the sea, SPR built several common standard depots along its route. From Saugus to Ventura California and overtime connecting Los Angeles to San Francisco with its new coastal route. Historian Jean-Guy Dube will give a talk on the Southern Pacific Railroad Depots of the Santa Clara River Valley before the Santa Clara Valley Historical Society at 1 pm on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The talk will be conducted at the Saugus Train Station at Heritage Junction within William S. Hart Park, a unit of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation System, 24101 Newhall Avenue, in Newhall, California. This lecture will focus on some of these depots of the Santa Clara River Valley and will include their history, plans, features, building materials and

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# DISPATCH BOARD

## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

### AUTUMN 2011

SCRVRHS Board of Director Meeting  
7:00 pm — First Wednesday of each month  
Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore

SCRVRHS Membership Meeting  
7:00 pm — Second Wednesday of each month  
Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore

F&W Railway Christmas Tree Trains for Car Attendants  
November 26th thru December 11th  
Trains depart at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.  
Car Attendants report at least 30 minutes early

F&W Railway North Pole Express Trains  
November 26 and December 3 thru 26th (check days)  
6:00 pm and 7:30 pm

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their fates. In addition, Mr. Dube will display several blueprints of these depots that he has drafted over the past 10 years.

Jean-Guy Dube is an apprenticing architect and architectural historian. He has been researching Southern Pacific's depots since 1985. In 2001, he applied his work experience in architectural drafting to re-creating blueprints of some of Southern Pacific's common standard depots. He has architectural history degrees from The University of California and is employed by one of the top 100 architects in the United States, Architect Marc Appleton.



The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society is pleased to host Jean-Guy Dube at the Saugus Train Station. The general public is welcome. Admission will be free. For more information visit their website: [www.scvhs.org](http://www.scvhs.org).



### Now you see it, now you don't, now you see it again!

When Santa Fe abandoned the rail line west of the Miller Brewing Company facilities in the San Gabriel Valley, the perfectly good concrete rail bridge over the east bound freeway was torn down. Now with the reinvention and expansion of the former Pacific Electric passenger type service known as the 'Metro Gold Line', the ATSF right of way is being used again, this time for light rail. But the lines essential rail bridge is missing! So a brand new bridge is being constructed in the exact same location as the old one. History repeats itself—but at a much higher price tag. As they say, hindsight is 20-20!



I-210 Freeway in the San Gabriel Valley looking westward toward Pasadena

### Ventura County Fair Trains

I wish to express the Society's sincere "Thanks" to all of the Car Attendants who participated on the Ventura County Fair Metrolink Trains for a job well done. Thanks to you, we received a \$1,000 donation from the Ventura County Transportation Commission for our support, assistance and contributions to on-board passenger safety aboard the fair trains.

This donation gives us another boost in our plans to get the turntable fencing completed.

Thanks again,

Ron Lewis, President, SCRVRHS

### SCRVRHS Board of Directors

In January of each year, SCRVRHS conducts its annual meeting and election of officers. This year's meeting will take place in the Railroad Visitor's Center in Fillmore on Wednesday, January 4th. Now is the time for any member who wishes to serve on the board of directors to make his/her desires known to President Ron Lewis via email at [rlewis@scvrhs.com](mailto:rlewis@scvrhs.com). The board meets monthly on the first Wednesday of each month and all meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Board meetings are open to the membership.

**Question** — In the United Kingdom, what do they call a group of rail cars that makes up a train?  
**Answer** — "a rake".