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20th ANNIVERSARY*

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SCRVRHS Mission Statement

The Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society was established in 1993 to assist in the preservation and restoration of the railroad corridor between Montalvo and Saugus, California. This railroad corridor, commonly referred to as the Southern Pacific's Santa Paula Branch, is a unique and historic asset to the residents of the Santa Clara River Valley and the surrounding area. To maximize the economic, educational and recreational value of this asset, the Organization will acquire, preserve, exhibit and operate historic railroad equipment; in addition, it will collect and display artifacts, photographs and operational documents unique to the region.

SCRVRHS Member and Fillmore & Western Engineer Spends a Day With Amtrak Filming a Safety Video

I got a call a couple of weeks ago to see if I might be available as train crew (engineer) for a film shoot. It turns out that an advertising agency was doing a shooting for client Amtrak and Caltrans, Division of Rail. Interesting that they would use F&W instead of Amtrak to film an Amtrak Safety film. A safety film about the hazards of walking down the tracks while listening to music on headphones.

We used GP-35 3502, three 40 foot steel box cars and ex-Santa Fe caboose 900570. The shoot location was at the Sespe Creek the through truss bridge, just west of Fillmore.

The first shot of the train was to start from out of camera view and run across the bridge at 15 mph. The second shot at 20 mph. The next shot of the train was to come into view of the camera at 20 mph and make a quick stop about 20 feet onto the bridge.

Then it got interesting. The camera crew, director, assistant director, a couple of Amtrak Safety Officers, (a total of 6 people) plus a camera and lighting were all in the cab with me. Four more people were on the locomotive walkway outside behind the cab. We were to come into camera view of the bridge at a speed at 20 mph. There, a person was to be walking, on the tracks, with headphones on and his back to

the train. The camera view from my cab showed the Amtrak personnel and a pretend engineer suddenly becoming very concerned. My instructions were to stop the train before I got to the person walking with his back to the train on the bridge. I did this three times.

Then the film crew did several more still shots with the train stopped but with the headphone wearer ever closer to the front of the locomotive until in the last still shot, he was just barely in front of the coupler, presumably about to get run over.

Kind of scary even when we weren't moving. Presumably this Public Service Announcement will be on TV, sometime, at least in California. Watch for it. And watch out for trains. In shove mode, Amtrak trains are very quiet and you may not hear their oncoming approach. Especially from behind! Look and Listen.

Larry Jennings



Car Attendants — All Aboard

F&W Pumpkinliners

Well now fellow SCRVRHS car attendants..... It's time again for the pumpkin trains!

Known as the Fillmore & Western Pumpkinliners, the railroad has asked SCRVRHS to once again provide Car Attendants. This may be one of your last chances to volunteer to serve on the railroad "if" the railroad is forced to shut down in December. So come on out and show support for both the Society and the Fillmore & Western.

Two trains will run every Saturday and Sunday in October. If you can volunteer, please contact me at gunfighterdusty@aol.com. The 1st train will board at about 10:15 & depart at 10:30....2nd train will board at 1:45 & depart at 2:00. Make sure you are there at least a half hour prior to boarding for a safety meeting. The last train gets back to the station at 4:40. See ya there!

Dusty Clark

DISPATCH BOARD

October Weekends

Fillmore & Western Pumpkinliner Trains



Car Attendants Needed

Two trains each Saturday and Sunday

9:30am — 4:40pm

Contact: Dusty@scrvrhs.com

October 9



7:00pm **General Membership Meeting**

"London to Edinburgh by Rail Plus More"

Refreshments

Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore

November 13

7:00pm **General Membership Meeting**

Refreshments

Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore

December 4

7:00pm Board of Directors Meeting

Railroad Visitors Center, Fillmore

December 14

Save the Date:

SCRVRHS Member Holiday Party

Details to follow



Santa Paula Branch Line Update

The Ventura County Transportation Commission is not forthcoming in its public disclosure of information relating to the future of the Santa Paula branch line and the Commission's decision to cancel the lease of the Fillmore and Western to operate on the line effective December 1, 2013. All reports on the subject at the regular monthly commission meetings are made during closed sessions. The public is not invited to these sessions and information about the sessions is not reported by the commission in their public meeting minutes. The last public discussion of the subject was at the VCTC meeting in May. Also, the VCTC webpage for the Santa Paula Branch Line Advisory Committee is blank. Nothing but white. And SCRVRHS is not a member of this Committee. Despite the optimism of the F&W that it will be running Christmas Tree and North Pole Express trains in the month of December, no official word as to the status of the lease cancellation has been released. The public is being kept in the dark by VCTC about this very public piece of property and county asset. The Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society was established in 1993 to assist in the preservation and restoration of the railroad corridor between Montalvo and Saugus, California. This railroad corridor, commonly referred to as the Southern Pacific's Santa Paula Branch, is a unique and historic asset to the residents of the Santa Clara River Valley and the surrounding area. Contact VCTC as a SCRVRHS member at www.goventura.org/ and inquire about the status of the branch. The public has a right to know about THEIR rail line. SCRVRHS's mission is to preserve it.

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

Buy-A-Brick Program — some 101 personalized, engraved bricks purchased by contributors to the Society have arrived! These custom bricks will soon be temporarily installed adjacent to the turntable until their permanent home can be prepared. Thank you to all of the patient patrons for your support. If you would like a brick engraved with your name added to the display, orders for the second round are being taken. Check scrvrhs.com for details.

Fireworks Update — Thanks to the band of volunteers who opened and maintained the fireworks booth over the week preceding the fourth of July, the Society benefitted with a profit of \$7,290. The money was needed to replace funds used toward the cost of professionally dealing with a recent rodent infestation in the Visitor Center storage area and to replace the main water line that serves the Center.

Got Leadership? —

As with most non-profit organizations, a few good people tend to carry the load for many. Now it's time for some of the 'many' to step forward. If you can attend just seven meetings per year for a couple of hours each, SCRVRHS would like to invite you to join the Board of Directors. We could use your expertise.

Currently two board vacancies exist and the election of officers will take place in January. Get involved and help propel this Society to move forward. Lots needs to get done behind the scenes. Phase one of the turntable installation needs oversight; the Visitor Center needs a champion; rolling stock needs attention; we have an important car attendant program; and fundraising is an ongoing and also important function, particularly the fireworks stand and the Rail Festival. Many hands make little work.

Check out the Society's mission statement on page one and ask yourself where you might fit in. You know you fit in or you wouldn't be a member. Members are important. Leadership is priceless.

