



TRAIN ORDERS

Scheduled and unscheduled Society events, timely news, and notes of interest

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F&W Pumpkin Patch Trains Become An Annual SCRVRHS Fund Raising Event

The Railroad Society, in cooperation with the Fillmore & Western Railway, will once again operate a genuine Halloween pumpkin patch at the F&W bar-b-que site each weekend during the month of October. This unique event benefits both organizations. The Railway enjoys increased passenger service on its weekend daytime trains and the Society shares in the operation and profits of the pumpkin patch sales. And it's great family fun!

The Society helps decorate the location with scary displays of cob webs and monsters. Each Thursday evening during October, Society members are welcome to join the F&W staff to replenish the pumpkins for the weekend crowds. As a reward for their efforts, the pumpkin patch crew enjoys an outdoor bar-b-que dinner, compliments of the F&W.

Volunteers are needed for this Thursday evening 'pumpkin roll-out' as well as whatever time members can afford to assist in the pumpkin patch with sales and supervision. In addition to the pumpkin patch, Society Car Attendants are required to man the F&W

trains. Because of the sheer volume of passengers the pumpkin patch draws, the F&W will operate two trains each day instead of their normal one. This means twice the need for passenger safety on both Saturday and Sunday trains.

Although it seems the Society is always asking for its members to volunteer some of their time in support of Society activities, it is these types of activities that raise needed funds in support of Society projects like the turntable installation and the #1119 caboose and PFE car restorations. The monies earned by the pumpkin patch, Annual Rail Festival, Society bar-b-ques, fireworks booth, Car Attendant program and donations from the Visitor Center also help the Society keep membership dues at an affordable level. At the same time, it affords members who truly enjoy all aspects of railroading to get together under a common theme and enjoy each others company for a good cause. Where else can you actually get hands on experience and knowledge in, on, and about an actual operating railroad?

Join us! Bring the family. Get connected. If not with your time on a fine fall afternoon, come ride the train and buy your pumpkins from the Society.



Car Attendant Program Hosts Session to Qualify Interested Members

Society board member and Program Chief of the Car Attendant Program, Mike Martin, invites all able bodied men and women to join him and others in probably the only local opportunity to be part of the operating crew aboard a real standard gauge railroad. Not to mention Metrolink as well!

Be part of the uniformed staff of the F&W as it transports passengers out and about the historic former main line of the Southern Pacific railroad. Car Attendants are responsible for opening and closing vestibules; loading and unloading passengers safely; on board passenger safety; as well as keeping passengers informed about the rail cars, points of interest along the way, and the value of Society membership.

However, moving a train is serious business and Car Attendants must undergo both formal and on-the-job training of railroad rules, passenger safety and customer service to be considered 'qualified'. New Car Attendants must undergo three hours of classroom training and be CPR certified. Once completed, hands on training takes place under the guidance of a seasoned 'buddy' to show you the ropes.

It's fun, educational, and an experience to tell your grandkids about! Interested? Contact Mike Martin at 805 484-0618 or michmartin@earthlink.net.

Visitors Center Attracts Young & Old With RR Artifacts & Toy Trains

Each weekend between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, passengers boarding the Fillmore & Western Railway wander across the park to discover an old bank building filled with railroad history. The building has been converted into the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society headquarters, known as the Railroad Visitors Center.

Young children stand atop a wooden platform specially built to allow them to peer over the old teller cages to view several layout displays of vintage Lionel trains. There's even a HO layout with twists, turns and tunnels under construction that is truly amazing. It's like peeking into an old time toy store window during the Christmas holidays!

But the center is just a building if no one is there to open the doors and welcome the curious. Can you be the person(s) to spark railroading in a young heart? It's not hard to do and it is a lot of fun! Call us at 805 524-2254.

EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER '99

Stop by the Railroad Visitors Center in Fillmore on any Saturday or Sunday or call anytime and leave a message about your availability at 805 524-2254 and sign up as a volunteer to assist your Society. Or send us an e-mail at www.scrvrhs.org.

2nd & 3rd

Pumpkin trains - Need: Pumpkin Patch hosts; Visitor Center docents; SCRVRHS qualified Car Attendants

9th & 10th

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13th

Monthly SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting - Railroad Visitors Center 7:00 PM. All interested parties welcome.

16th & 17th

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20th

General Membership Meeting - Railroad Visitors Center - 7:00PM.
Ventura County Transportation Commission presents **Mr. Bill Davis**,
Head of Metrolink for Ventura County Refreshments will be served.

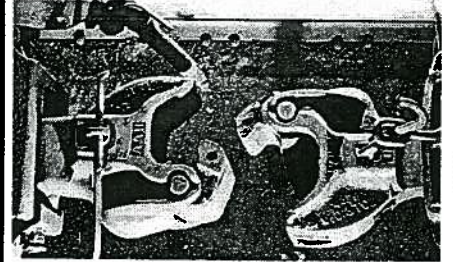
23rd, 24th, 30th, & 31st

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Saturday, November 13th - Metrolink Riverside Train Excursion

Santa Clarita station to Riverside via Union Station and return. Plan on it!

OUR MEMBERS HAVE BARE KNUCKLES!



Volunteer just one day (or part of a day) per month! Join the 'Extra Board'

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