



TRAIN ORDERS

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

NOVEMBER, 2003

CELEBRATING
OUR *10th Anniversary*

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FALL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: HAVE A FRIEND 'JOIN US'

Member, Get A Member Works!

So, you're a SCRVRHS member right? You're on the *Train Orders* mailing list, right? You enjoy trains, railroads and the unique opportunity the Society provides to actually be involved in real railroading, right? So we bet you know others who share the same interests?



For those who love operations, members can become qualified train crew members as a Car Attendant. These people take care of passenger safety on both Fillmore & Western and special Metrolink trains. Then there is the Railroad Visitor Center where history and education reside in real life artifacts, a railroad library and vintage photos.

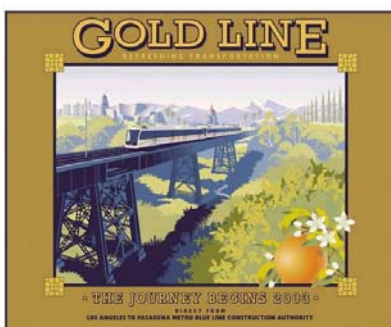
So why not share the wealth and invite your railroad friends to join the Society? Whether they are interested in the operating, technical, mechanical, administrative, historical, restoration, or educational aspects of railroads or they just want to learn, hands-on, more about trains, the Society would like to have them Join Us!

As you know, SCRVRHS now has three pieces of railroad rolling stock to capture their interest — a completely original 1956 Union Pacific Pullman Sleeping Car; a 1957 Pacific Fruit Express ice reefer, and our recently added fully restored 1940's Santa Fe cupola caboose.

Celebrating our 10th anniversary, SCRVRHS has something for every rail enthusiast. **So take the opportunity to give the enclosed JOIN US! brochure to a friend or relative.** Membership makes a great birthday or holiday gift, especially when wrapped up in a Society logo t-shirt (available at the Visitor Center)! SCRVRHS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Annual dues are modest and additional donations are tax deductible. So bring a friend to our Gold Line field trip and get highballing. We invite all of your friends to join in the fun of real railroading right in their own back yard. Why else do you think all those people in the above photo are smiling?

Gold Line Field Trip Reminder

Don't forget to join in on our field trip to the new MTA Gold Line on Saturday, November 15th (pending an end to the MTA strike). Meet at Union Station in Los Angeles at 12:30 PM in front of the 'Tickets' restaurant. Drive in your own car, carpool, or Ventura/Santa Barbara County and San Fernando Valley members can take Amtrak trains #774 going to L.A. and #775 coming home. Go to www.amtrak.com or call 1-800 USARAIL for station stops, departure times, tickets and more (we'll try to ride together in the first car). We'll have lunch in L.A. and catch the Gold Line to Pasadena and back. It will be a lot of fun and a great personal reward for all those who volunteered their time to the Society over the past few months. Even if you didn't volunteer, you're welcome to join in. Bring your kids, grandkids or friends (see story above) and wear your SCRVRHS t-shirt or hat!



SCRVRHS.com Offers Secure Member E-mail Communications

Our Member Page will soon offer a new service to SCRVRHS members. The ability to send e-mails to each other without revealing your own private e-mail address to spam marketers. Each member will have an address consisting of their first initial and last name followed by @scrvrhs.com. Your Society e-mails will be electronically forwarded to your private address. It's that simple! E-mail your name to dennis@scrvrhs.com to join the Society directory. Now available — contact the entire Board of Directors anytime via this e-mail address: board@scrvrhs.com

DISPATCH BOARD

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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.

Every Sat & Sun **Need Volunteers for a few hours every weekend to help keep the Railroad Visitor Center open.**
See Fred Ervast at fervast@scrvrhs.com or 805 3890787

1st & 2nd **Call for CAR ATTENDANTS!**
FILLMORE & WESTERN DAYTIME TRAINS
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624

5th **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
7:00 PM—Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
Members are always welcome to attend!

8th & 9th **Call for CAR ATTENDANTS!**
FILLMORE & WESTERN DAYTIME TRAINS
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624

12th **NO**
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
See you on the Gold Line instead!

15th **"GOLD LINE FIELD TRIP"**
(pending an end to the MTA strike)

15th & 16th **Call for CAR ATTENDANTS!**
FILLMORE & WESTERN DAYTIME TRAINS
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624

22nd & 23rd **Call for CAR ATTENDANTS!**
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9:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

29th & 30th **CAR ATTENDANT OPPORTUNITIES!**
F&W CHRISTMAS TREE TRAINS
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Call Don Hatch: 805 484-8624

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

AS OF PRESS TIME - the turntable application has been completed on the newly *revised* CalTrans forms and has been resubmitted. There it still sits!

THE 80/20 RULE - In each *Train Orders* issue you no doubt find us asking for volunteers for one thing or another. The truth is that in *any* volunteer organization, 20% of the membership tends to do 80% of the work. Quite frankly, our 20% needs help! Right now, in addition to the Visitor Center and Car Attendant requests, the Board of Directors is asking for some new people to assistance in two key areas:

1) The public is donating a variety of items to the Railroad Visitor Center. SCRVRHS needs a **Gift Committee** to evaluate these donations for the retention, restoration, exhibition and/or disposition of these gifts. Most of the activity can be done by phone after a periodic in-person meeting or two. The frequency depends on timing/volume of items.

2) We also need a **Program Committee** to solicit, prioritize, organize, and schedule meaningful monthly membership meeting programs. This is primarily telephone work, contacting our members and looking for cool railroading subjects. When the Visitor Center theatre is finished, we will have a state-of-the-art venue for projection video and digital slide presentations. So, can you pitch in? Contact SCRVRHS President Pat Askren by e-mail at paskren@scrvrhs.com or see Pat at our monthly membership or board meeting. The active 20% of the Society thank you in advance!

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Pssst . . .

The Christmas Tree Trains are coming!



SAVE THE DATE!

SCRVRHS Holiday Wine & Cheese Open House

Sunday December 14th
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

All members and spouses/guests welcome!
Railroad Visitor Center - Fillmore