

# Train



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

## IT'S PUMPKIN TRAIN TIME!

The fall season has arrived, and that means only one thing in Fillmore – the PUMPKIN TRAINS are running! Each weekend in October the Pumpkin Train will leave Fillmore at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m., and travel to the “Pumpkin Patch” just east of Santa Paula at Ichabog’s (the “Loose Caboose”). This means lots of visitors coming to Fillmore to ride the trains and getting those huge orange “gourds.” SCRVRHS is planning to have the Railroad Visitor Center open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We’re looking for volunteers to be docents in the Visitor Center to greet the people, run the model trains, or entertain them with videos in the theatre. We will be selling popcorn and colas, and there will be plenty of items to sell at the gift shop! If you could give us a three-hour shift on a Saturday or a Sunday in October at the Visitor Center, say, 9-12, or 12-3, the Society would be most appreciative.

P.S.: rumor has it that a certain Director, who will remain anonymous, will be buying pizzas for those docents that have the Saturday afternoon shift. Now that is a great incentive! By: Fred Ervast, Director



### Sespe & Mt. Shasta—what a combination...

I took the above photo on the return trip from Jacksonville, OR showing the Sespe on a flatbed truck, bound for Fillmore. Soon, we will have a slide presentation on this trip at a General Meeting... It was a memorable experience... By: Ron Lewis

## E-Z Sign Company Does it Again...

The E-Z Team has spent many, many hours putting together all those wonderful RR signs painted by our member, Larry Jennings. The mile post signs are constructed and painted in accordance with the Southern Pacific specifications. Over the years installing the “Milepost Signs” has been accomplished by digging (lots of sweat) into the rocky soil along side the tracks to install them. Signs have also been made to advertise our “Railfest” and installed at the F&W Rwy Signs on Hwy. 126 at crossings on both sides of Fillmore.

Not only does the E-Z Sign Co. create and install signs, they also volunteer to sweep and mop the Visitor Center (more sweat) and never (well, rarely) complain. This duo is none other than Fred Ervast and Ken Zimmet aka The E-Z Sign Company. By: Ken Zimmet, Member

## OUR TURNTABLE AT WORK:

The picture right was taken last week when we turned two pieces of equipment for the F&W. We turned the open air car shown here and the ballast regulator to prepare it for the rehab work on the branch line



from Saticoy to Montalvo. Also shown is the current status of work at the 118 crossing in Saticoy. It is hoped that all the rehab work will be completed this year on the branch line between Saticoy and Montalvo. By: Ron Lewis

## TRAIN RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA:

The TRAC conference will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Ventura on Nov. 6, 7, & 8. On Sunday of the conference, an excursion is planned from Saticoy to Piru. If you are interested in attending the conference and/or the excursion to Piru, please contact Ron Lewis at [mogulsmoke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mogulsmoke@sbcglobal.net) We will need two car attendants for the excursion trip from Saticoy to Piru. Please contact Ron or Fred Ervast [fastinn@verizon.net](mailto:fastinn@verizon.net) to sign up

## DISPATCH BOARD

### October & November 2009

Join us for breakfast Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.  
IHOP RESTAURANT; 126 and Highway 23

October 14	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center Joyce Morgan Pumpkin Pies
November 4	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
November 11	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center Refreshments by Ken VanFleet
Pumpkin Liners, Saturday & Sunday Trains	Car Attendants Needed Contact Fred Ervast: Ervast@scrvrhs.com
December 2	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
December 16	Christmas Party Train Ride— Details to follow



## PumpkinLiner



### Weekends in October Beginning October 3rd

Saturday and Sunday Departures: 10 am, 12 pm & 2:00 pm

*We're DYING to see you there!!*

Ride a vintage train to "ICHABOG" our private pumpkin patch at Loose Caboose Garden Center and Gift Emporium to pick the perfect jack-o-lantern. Activities and attractions include: Jolly Jumps, Carousel, Arts & Crafts Booths, BBQ food booth, face painting and much, much more.

#### Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$17    Youth 4-12: \$10    Child 2-3: \$8



## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

### Did You Know, by Jim Mendrala, Director:

- A Northern 4-8-4 E-1 class Steam Locomotive, built by Baldwin, weighs about 880,000 lbs (440 tons) when fueled, watered and steamed up
- Its firebox has an area of approximately 490 square feet
- It burns Bunker Oil and produces a temperature in the firebox of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit
- It operates around 260 psi of steam pressure
- Can evaporate up to 3 gallons of water per second
- Burns 23 gallons of oil per mile at 60 mph
- Use about 300 gallons of water per mile
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## 2009 North Pole Express

*Family fun on a vintage train to celebrate  
Christmas and the Holidays!*

\*Storytellers \*Santa \*Cookies and Chocolate Milk \*Elves  
Come in your pajamas & bring your teddy bears for the trip to the North Pole.  
*Be a part of the*

### "The North Pole Express" November 28—December 27

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
Call Reservations or check our website for departure and return times

Adults: \$26    Kids 2-12: \$16    Under Age 2: FREE on lap

