



November & December, 2010

WWW.SCRVRHS.COM

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

This year has gone by quickly with a whirl wind of events at SCRVRHS and now the Holidays are upon us. The officers & Board of Directors wish to express our appreciation to all who have contributed time, effort and money to the success of our organization. Your assistance made our events successful and more financially rewarding to the Society. We have seen more work completed on the Turntable; New Drumhead Signs for the Turntable Cantenary; a successful Fireworks Sales Event and a very enjoyable Railfest, just to mention a few... I think this is the first year we had to hire help from a temporary agency. This is a sign of the way life at SCRVRHS is developing. Many of the regular volunteers we see at each event are unable to do the hard manual labor needed to set up and tear down an event.



. We have, therefore, begun a campaign to attract new members. We have purchased the necessary signage, and other items needed to attend shows, fairs, etc. to promote SCRVRHS. Above is a picture of the crew at the recent Ramona Day event. We often ask for your assistance in staffing an event and these requests are very serious. Without your help, our organization cannot succeed. For example, we have need of a Treasurer, Car Attendant Coordinator and a Director. I implore you to consider volunteering for one of these opportunities. We sincerely need your assistance, so that the end of 2011 we can report another successful year. Have a wonderful Holiday Season with your families. We will provide more information soon on the Christmas Party via email soon. By: Ron Lewis, President



YEE OF LITTLE FAITH....

Yes, it has finally happened... Late in the evening of November 7, 2010 saw the first firing of the No. 14 in the F&W Yards. Boiler pressure was brought up to about 75 pounds, (operating pressure will be about 195 pounds) then for the first time in over 50 years, the 14's original whistle was sounded. It is a multi-chime, cast steel steam whistle that is believed to be almost a 100 years old. In addition the boiler was "blown down" and the steam chests were blown out to remove debris, and 50 years of accumulated "stuff". Clouds of Hot Steam blew high into the cool night sky, with water raining down on us.



Here is a picture that only begins to capture the event. Plans call for the engine to see the first move under it's own steam after the rebuild is substantially completed in about December 2nd. Yes, the whistle sound is incredible, especially on a cold damp night. By: Ron Lewis

THE CIRCUS HAS LEFT TOWN...

The filming of "Water for Elephants" was concluded months ago. It was an exciting experience for our volunteers, turning the flats loaded with antique circus wagons, the passenger & freight cars along with Engine No. 18. Many photos and video were taken of the first big steam on the table. Our web site page has a link to YouTube, just in case you have not seen the video.



Turning the cars resulted in significant revenue to SCRVRHS and is a beginning to more turntable work for the film industry. Another turn was completed the second

DISPATCH BOARD

December 2010

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

- December 1, 2010** Board Meeting
- December 8, 2010** Christmas Party*
- January 5, 2011** Board Meeting & Officer Elections
7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
- January 12, 2011** General Meeting
7:00 p.m. Visitor Center

* More information to follow on the Christmas Party via email.



Christmas Tree Holiday Train



Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 27 thru Dec. 19

Departures: 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

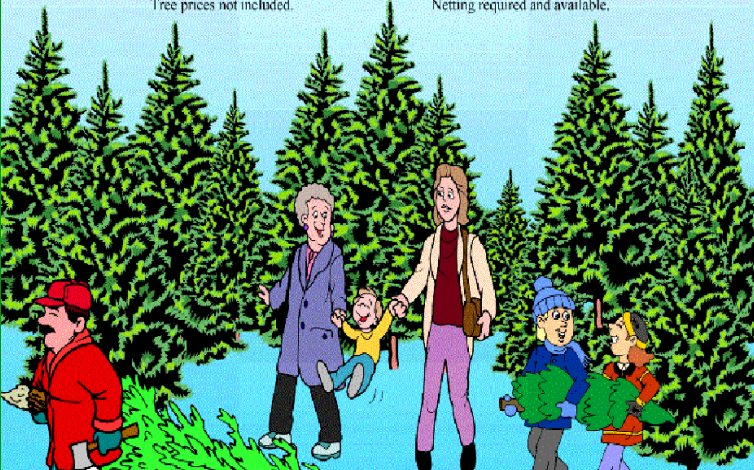
Bring the entire family and start or continue a Christmas tradition by riding on the train to the Christmas Tree Farm to select and cut the perfect tree. Santa will be on board to visit with children of all ages. Also visit Loose Caboose Garden Center and Gift Emporium to shop for amazing Christmas décor and gift items. Food & beverages (including beer & wine) also available onboard.

Adults: \$24 Seniors 60+: \$22 Youth 4-12: \$14 Child 2-3:\$10

Infants under 2 FREE on lap

Tree prices not included.

Netting required and available.



AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

“Did You Know”

What is a “Superheater”

A superheater is a device used to convert saturated steam or wet steam into dry steam used for power generation or processes. There are three types of super heaters namely: radiant, convection, and separately fired. A superheater can vary in size from a few tens of feet to several hundred feet (a few meters or some hundred meters).

A radiant superheater is placed directly in the combustion chamber.

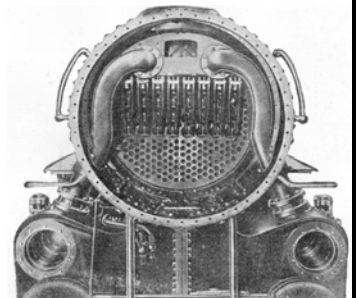
A convection superheater is located in the path of the hot gases.

A separately fired superheater, as its name implies, is totally separated from the boiler.

A superheater is a device in a steam locomotive engine, that heats the steam generated by the boiler again, increasing it's thermal energy and decreasing the likelihood that it will condense inside the engine. Super heaters increase the efficiency of the steam engine, and were widely adopted. Steam which has been superheated is logically known as superheated steam; non-superheated steam is called saturated or wet steam.

Super heaters were applied to locomotives in quantity from the early 20th century, to most steam vehicles, and to stationary steam engines. This equipment is still an integral part of power generating stations throughout the world.

Courtesy of Wikipedia.



SCRVRHS now has a Facebook Page. Go to our home page (www.scrvrhs.com) and the link appears there. Click on the link and it takes you to our Facebook Page.

On our page, you will find recent videos and pictures of events happening around the yard and SCRVRHS activities. If you have pictures or short videos that you would like to see on Facebook, send me those pictures with a narrative of what they are, the dates taken, etc. Videos are usually too large of a file to email, so those would have to be provided on a DVD.

The video must be under 1024 MB and under 20 minutes in length.

The video was made by you or your friends.

You or one of your friends appears in the video..

We cannot accept video or pictures that have been copyrighted by others, unless you receive written permission to use the video or pictures author.

We look forward to hearing from you. Email Photos to:

Ron Lewis: mogulsmoke@sbcglobal.net