



TRAIN ORDERS

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

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INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The Interpretive Center is coming along very nicely. At this point, we have, thanks to Steve Pierce and Paul Keller, painted the entire inside. The main hall is a two color green combination like they had years ago in stations. Gerry Mathews has set up his "O" gage Layout and is continually expanding it. We must have a couple of work days this month if we can to bring all of the items from the container next door and from the Fillmore Historical Society's Bunkhouse. The Fillmore Historical Society has asked us to have everything out by the end of the month.

TURNTABLE

Our Turntable Plans, which are still at the Los Angeles Division of CalTrans, are still there. The archeological study which we had done has been finalized and submitted to CalTrans and has been accepted. Our understanding is that before the plans leave Los Angeles and are returned to us for construction, they must first go through the Federal Highway Commission for final approval as that is where the money originates. Yes, we are still waiting.

PRESIDENT HAASE WEDS

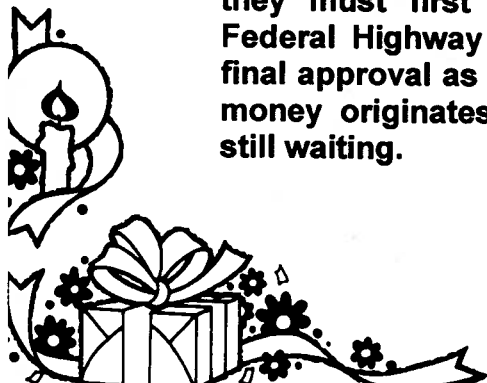
On November 2, 2002 Paul Haase and Beverly Gage were wed at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Fillmore. The service was simple and nice as well as was the reception following. Haase is a retired orange grower and his new bride is an Enrolled Agent with an accounting business here in Fillmore. The new Mrs. Haase is also the bookkeeper for our organization. A picture of the happy newlyweds is on page 3.

PICTURE FILMING COMING

A motion picture of the story of the famous race horse Sea Biscuit will be filmed at the railroad site. Our turntable site will also become part of the set to be filmed early in January.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 15th

December 15th at 7:00pm will be our Annual Christmas Party. There will be NO Membership Meeting on the regularly scheduled night of December 11th. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the membership will be January 14th at the Visitors' Center. The Christmas Dinner party will be potluck as in the past, with the members' last names beginning from "A" through "H" bringing a main dish,



Merry Christmas

from "J" through "N" bringing a salad, and from "O" through "Z" bringing desert. We will have at least 2 cars in the west side of the yard for our dinner. Don't forget to bring your spouse or significant other. If you don't have anyone like that, come anyway. We should be done by 9pm.

CPR TRAINING SCHEDULED

For those members of the Society who have missed previous training and would like to become qualified as car attendants or those who just want to keep their CPR certification current, a CPR class has been scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2003. The class takes place at the Fillmore Senior Center (our old meeting place) starting at 6:00p.m. You can call the call the Visitors' Center at 888-340-4182, Paul Haase at 805-524-1607, Fred Ervast at 805-389-0787, or Larry Stremole at 805-497-6373.

RAILFESTIVAL 2003

Only three and one half months until the 2003 Rail Festival which is March 22 and 23. We are getting started with forming committees. If you want to help please call President Paul at 805-524-1607. There is much to do and not much time to get it done in. The theme this year is of course "WOMEN IN RAILROADING" and "OUR SOCIETY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY."



SOUVENIER T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

There are just a handful of the 2001 Railfest "T" Shirts. Each shirt is only \$10 and they all have the logo entitled "2001 A TRAIN ODYSSEY." They will be on sale during each of our membership meetings. Speaking of SCRVRHS souvenirs, more SCRVRHS pins and patches have been ordered.

DOCENT PROGRAM REVIVED

The Society is re-instituting a docent program by which we provide speakers to talk about the history of the railroad in the Santa Clara River Valley area. The presentations are given along the promenade adjacent to the railroad in Fillmore prior to train departures on week-end daylight excursions. The 15 to 20 minute (or less) describes the history of the Santa Paula Branch Line, some of the buildings next to the promenade, and little description of some of the Fillmore and Western's vintage cars. The Fillmore and Western Railroad through its tabloid is getting the word to the public that such talks are available to groups of eight or more persons if they call the Society's phone number at least 48 hours in advance. Groups requesting such a talk must be ticket holders and must arrive at least 45 minutes in advance to their departure. If you are interested, Please call Fred Ervast, at 805-389-0787 or e-mail him at fastfin@aol.com.

HAVE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.





INTRODUCING TWO OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

William Golden Wilkins. was born in Ventura County on November 7, 1985. He is the youngest of our members. He has lived in Arizona and has returned to California. His interests are trains, both intercity and urban, plus other types of transportation. He is also interested in history, architecture, engineering, since, literature and classical music. He has written several short stories, one which won a Best of Show at the Ventura County Fair in 1995. He is presently working on a book-length work of fiction. He has traveled to Europe where he enjoyed the railways there. He looks forward to meeting everyone, and participating in our activities.

PAUL KELLER

Mr. Keller was born, raised and schooled in west suburban Chicago and Southern Illinois. He moved to the San Diego area in 1973 and also lived in Huntington Beach. He has made his home in Ventura County since 1980, where he enjoys bicycling, hiking skiing and sailing.

After a lapse of many years, rail-roading has again become his interest. He collects pre-war Lionel, railroadiana and modeling the Southern Pacific in quarter inch scale – "O" guage. He says he finally found the true realism in 12 inches to the foot at Wisconsin's Mid Continent RR Museum (restoration and train operations). He is happy to be here at SCRVRHS.

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Dispatch Board December, 2002

Join us for breakfast on Saturday mornings
at 8 am at the Fillmore Café on
on Santa Clara Street across from City Hall
See New Telephone Numbers on Front of Train Orders

Dec. 4th SCRVRHS BOARD MEETING 7pm Visitors' Center

Weekend of Dec.
6th, 7th & 8th FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TRAINS
Car Attendants Needed
Call Larry Stremole at 497-6373
for more information.

Weekend of Dec.
13th, 14th & 15th FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TRAINS
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Dec. 15th SCRVRHS CHISTMAS PARTY ON TRAIN 7:00 PM

Weekend of Dec.
20th 21st & 22nd FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TRAINS
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Weekend of Dec.
28th and 29th SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TRAINS ONLY
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December 31st. NEW YEAR'S EVE TRAIN
Car Attendants Needed
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HAPPY YEW YEAR



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