



TRAIN ORDERS

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

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The Fillmore & Western Railway will be operating their traditional Christmas Tree Trains during December. Passengers board in Fillmore and travel to a Santa Paula tree farm to select and cut their fresh tree. Two trains operate each Saturday and Sunday until Christmas. Come out early for the best trees. And don't forget the North Pole Express train for kids. Support the railroad and have a great family outing.

Get Into The Holiday Spirit By Volunteering As A SCRVRHS Car Attendant

December brings two different opportunities for SCRVRHS Car Attendants to bring holiday cheer to hundreds of happy people out for a family holiday adventure. Program Chairman Don Hatch is asking that you join him.

As mentioned above, the F&W Christmas Tree Trains are operating each weekend. Car Attendants are needed to crew each weekend on two trips daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Then there is The North Pole Express. Fashioned after the wildly popular book and current feature film 'The Polar Express', kids in pajamas take a F&W train to the North Pole to pick-up Santa. Along the way they dine on cookies and hot chocolate while elves read the book to the children. Car Attendants are needed from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on the following dates: December 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23rd. See page 2 to sign up with Don Hatch.

SOCIETY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12TH
4:00 PM

RAILROAD VISITOR CENTER
(SEE AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE ON P.2)

Turntable Progress Requires Your Help To Bring RIC Phase One To Completion

At the last Board of Directors meeting a discussion was had about establishing a Turntable Oversight Committee. This committee would oversee both the Turntable Master Plan Outline and the Groundbreaking and Dedication Ceremony Plans. The oversight committee would also have the responsibility of establishing and implementing the operational ground rules and procedures for such things as on-going turntable maintenance, etc. For this committee, in addition to board member participation, the board is asking for volunteers from the general membership to assist.

Anyone with an interest, and particularly anyone with experience in policy and procedures, public relations or project management are encouraged to volunteer. Time and meeting frequency will be determined by the committee. Contact Society President Pat Askren at paskren@scrvrhs.com if you can assist. This is a big undertaking (in more ways than one) and the Society needs your help. It's our turn. Let's make this a success!



Stan Garner, former co-owner of Shortline Enterprises and the F&W Railway, took this shot in Portland Oregon. Stan and his 'Pony Express' car were part of this American Association of Private Rail Car Owners trip. The 'Pony' used to be based in Fillmore. See all of Stan's AAPRCO pictures, including a #4449 trip, at www.stangarner.com.

DISPATCH BOARD



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Join us for an informal breakfast every Saturday morning at 8:00

Yanni's Charbroil Restaurant.

736 Ventura St., (Hwy 126) in Fillmore between IHOP & Carl's Jr.

1st	7:00 pm - SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
4th & 5th	 F&W CHRISTMAS TREE TRAINS (2 trains per day) Car Attendants Needed 9:00 am — 5:00 pm call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scvrhs.com
11th & 12th	 F&W CHRISTMAS TREE TRAINS (2 trains per day) Car Attendants Needed 9:00 am — 5:00 pm call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scvrhs.com
12th	 Annual SCRVRHS Member Holiday Open House 4:00 pm to ??? Railroad Visitors Center — Fillmore
18th	LOCOMOTIVE WORKSHOP Get involved with the #14 2-8-0 Baldwin steam loco 9 AM - Meet at Yanni's. Come early at 8 AM for breakfast!
18th, 19th	 F&W CHRISTMAS TREE TRAINS (2 trains per day) Car Attendants Needed 9:00 am — 5:00 pm call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scvrhs.com
26th	F&W Daytime Excursion Train to Santa Paula

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

MEMBER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE — Join your fellow SCRVRHS members and their families at the Railroad Visitor Center in Fillmore to celebrate the holidays and relive tales of the year gone by. The Society will be providing wine and cheese. Members and their families can bring a pot luck dish to share, although it is not required. It will be a real old fashioned get-together so that everyone is in the holiday mood. Festivities begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday December 12th. Come to town early and see Santa at the 33rd Annual Tree Chop Classic Car and Truck Show from 8 am to 3 pm at Shiells Park located at 'C' Street and Old Telephone Road.

RAILROAD VISITOR CENTER — Thanks to **Gary Phillips, Mark Aston, and Jerry Mathews**, the following projects were recently completed:

- ✓ Burned out fluorescent bulbs replaced
- ✓ Security bars installed in the office
- ✓ Display cases mounted on the east wall
- ✓ All three roll-up doors lubricated
- ✓ Tables returned from F&W Railway

Some other minor things didn't get done. Anyone wishing to help out can meet at the Center on Saturday, December 4th at 9 am after breakfast at Yanni's. It shouldn't take very long!

REMINDER — the Railroad Visitor Center needs docents on the weekends to welcome guests and show off the Lionel train layout during the holiday season. Spread cheer to all those Christmas tree train passengers and help us raise donations!

Season's Greetings

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