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

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SCRVRHS Annual Holiday Party Set For Saturday, December 10th

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. Check out the changes in the Center and see what has been done recently to make your Visitor Center better than ever. Also, check out the latest digital surround sound feature video in the theatre. Hey, just kick back and relax with friends! Members are asked to bring a pot luck dish to share, although it is not required. It will be a real old fashioned get-together so that everyone leaves in the holiday mood. Festivities begin at 4:00 pm on Saturday December 10th. Join us!!



SCRVRHS members Mike Morgan (L) and Greg Schmidt (R) tune up one of many Fillmore & Western crossing arms in preparation for the heavy Christmas Tree and North Pole Express train traffic in December. Come visit Fillmore and take a F&W train ride!

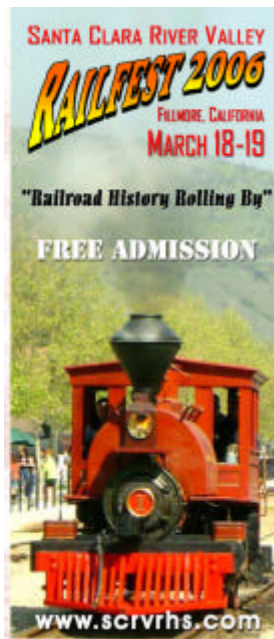


A STEAMY CHRISTMAS PAST

(shades of The Polar Express)

In an undated photo, SCRVRHS Car Attendants pose beside #51, a 1906 Baldwin 2-6-0 steam locomotive at the end of a busy day of Fillmore & Western Christmas Tree Train runs. Some of the Society members pictured include former Society President, the late Paul Haase, Marilyn Jones, Tim Mason, Fred Ervast and Jeff Trimble. The tradition continues albeit, with diesel power, in 2006.

It May Be December, But Preparation Is Well Underway for Rail Festival 2006



Here's an update from our two co-chairpersons of the 2006 Rail Festival, Don Hatch and Jim Mendrala. The theme for this year's event will be "Railroad History Rolling By". As usual it is scheduled for the third weekend in March which happens to be March 18th and 19th. At the urging of the Fillmore & Western, the Festival is proposed to be a bit different from previous years in that it is planned to be 'regional' and conducted not only in Fillmore, but Santa Paula and Piru as well! Plans call for two F&W trains operating in both directions (hence the theme) and an all day ticket pass to ride the trains. Don Hatch is checking out the possibility of having hand car races in Piru. The plans for Santa Paula include a Metrolink train set display and an art show.

Vendor solicitations should be in the mail next week with labels being supplied by the F&W. Member Bob Mahan may expand on his speeder rides and the #1 Sespe will again feature the very popular 'Be An Engineer' program. As Don Hatch says "Nothing is in concrete yet". If you would like to assist contact Don or Jim using the SCRVRHS email service as outlined on our website Member Page at www.scrvrhs.com.

DISPATCH BOARD

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Join us for an informal breakfast Saturday mornings at 8:00 am
The Fillmore Café Santa Clara & Central — Fillmore

3rd & 4th F&W CHRISTMAS TREE TRAINS
Car Attendant opportunities 11:00 am — 4:00 pm
call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com

7th 7:00 p.m. - SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting
Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore
Members are welcome to attend

10th & 11th F&W CHRISTMAS TREE TRAINS
Car Attendant opportunities 11:00 am — 4:00 pm
call Don at 805 484-8624 or email at dhatch@scrvrhs.com

10th SCRVRHS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
4:00 pm Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore
Bring a dish to share or just share your friendship!

17th & 18th F&W CHRISTMAS TREE TRAINS
Car Attendant opportunities 11:00 am — 4:00 pm
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24th F&W CHRISTMAS TREE TRAINS
Car Attendant opportunities 11:00 am — 4:00 pm
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25th MERRY CHRISTMAS
Happy Chanukah

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

YOU WENT WHERE? DID WHAT? — two SCRVRHS members recently journeyed on separate train adventures:

Ron Lewis visited Shanghai China where he rode the most modern of maglev trains at 431 kilometers per hour (258 mph). Maglev's, or magnetic levitating, are trains that travel on a cushion of 'air' using a polarized magnetic field instead of wheels on steel tracks powered by diesel/electric.

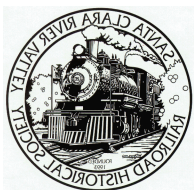
Dennis Hanley spent two weeks in Colorado actually working on the Durango & Silverton narrow gauge railroad. He helped with general repairs, drove a speeder in his work, and managed a cab ride or two on a steam locomotive! Both members have been asked to prepare a photographic presentation of their travels for an upcoming Membership Meeting. Watch *Train Orders* for a future announcement.

If you have a train story to share, let us know. Send details to rick@scrvrhs.com.

REMEMBER US AT TAX TIME — Just a reminder that SCRVRHS is a non-profit organization just like all of those charities that are mailing you end-of-the-year donation solicitations. Your cash contributions to SCRVRHS are also fully tax deductible just like theirs. With the exception that your money is used locally to fund restoration projects like our turntable, UP sleeper and PFE reefer. And, you deal with nice people that you know. So remember us at tax time. We can help each other!

"Time is what prevents everything from happening at once." — John Archibald Wheeler

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