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## TURN TABLE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES:

November saw much more progress on the Turn Table with the electrical motor being installed and the recent addition of the two power poles to provide electricity to the table controls and motor. The electrical contract and city permit have been undertaken by Troy Helton with the assistance of Mark Aston, Vice President and Director Mike Morgan. The new commutator has been ordered and bids for the 140 feet of power cable



should be received soon. The F&W is scheduled to install the cantenary bridge on the table this week. The power meter and breaker boxes are being ordered. We are poised to move forward very soon with the completion of the electrical portion of the project. Temporary power is to be supplied by a generator, allowing time for the new construction East of Mountain View Street to be completed next year.



The Edison supply lines along that street are scheduled to be put underground and we must await completion of that project before we can connect to the Edison Lines.



**FRED ERVAST** (Fireball Fred) is moving on to greener pastures. Fred Ervast, our current treasurer and keeper of the gift shop has resigned effective December 31, 2007. He cited the need to spend more time with his family and heavy demands on his remaining time. Fred is a long time member of SCRVRHS and is a very valuable asset to our organization. Fred has, for many months, chaired the Car Attendant Program; 2007 Fireworks Committee Chairman, Gift Shop and a frequent contributor to this publication. Fred will be missed, especially for the color and enjoyment he brings to our Board Meetings. We wish Fred and his family the very best in the future.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



*Seasons Greetings*

This year the Christmas Party will be at the Visitor Center; December 15, 4:00 P.M. Last names A through L are asked to bring a main course dish and M through Z a side dish. Desert and refreshments are to be provided by the

Society. Bring your friends, family and potential members to this very enjoyable time together.

## VISITOR CENTER DOCENTS AND CAR ATTENDANTS NEEDED

**Please volunteer** to staff the Visitor Center on Saturday or Sunday for the weekends remaining in December. The Christmas Tree Trains are running through December 23, 2007 and we need assistance to keep the Visitor Center open and an adequate number of Car Attendants on the trains for these weekends. A schedule of trains is on page 2 of this publication. Just come to breakfast at Mama Sue's or show up at the Visitor Center and we will provide you with guidance or training for docents. Qualified Car Attendants need only to arrive 30 minutes prior to the departure of a train they wish to serve on. Check in with Fred Ervast on the train.

## DISPATCH BOARD DECEMBER, 2007

*Join us for breakfast Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.  
Mama Sue's Café ~ Santa Clara & Central — Fillmore*

December 5, 2007	Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center
December 15, 2007	Christmas Party; 4:00 p.m. Visitor Center
December 8, 2007	Restoration Work; 9:00 a.m. Visitor Center
January 3, 2008	Board Meeting & Elections
January 9 2008	General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Visitor Center Refreshments will be Provided



### Christmas Tree Holiday Train



Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 24 thru Dec. 23  
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.

Adults: \$22    Seniors 60+: \$20    Youth 4-12: \$12    Child 1-3: \$8.  
Infants under 1 FREE on lap    Netting required and available.

Tree prices not included.



#### Car Attendants are needed for the Christmas Trains

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## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE ...

### MEET THE BOARD MEMBERS:

This is a new addition to Train Orders where we wish to introduce the newer SCRVRHS Board Members to you: Recently elected is Mr. Steven Pierce. Steven is in charge



of all rolling stock owned by SCRVRHS. He also heads up the restoration efforts on the third Saturday of each month (except for this December when it will be the second Saturday). Steven Pierce, a Ventura County Resident since 1978 and a SCRVRHS member since 1993

was elected to the Board of Directors in February 2007. Steven is a career maintenance worker for the Oxnard School district and received his degrees from Ventura College in Construction Management and Business Management. He is currently the coordinator for the RIC property maintenance as well as the future restoration projects of rolling stock, soon to be on site. Steven enjoys being a docent on the RIC property and explaining to our visitors the Society Goals. Throughout the years, Steven has worked on several projects including the 1119 Caboose restoration, National Embassy and the Pacific Fruit Express Car maintenance programs. He was also very active in the modification of our current Visitor Center when we took occupancy several years ago. As you may know, this was a city fire station and it required much work to modify it into the place that we call home now. Thank you Steven for your dedication to our Society and the progress we are enjoying.



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