



# TRAIN ORDERS

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

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## Some Holiday Wishes Do Come True!



**#14 Before and After** — On the left is the Duluth and Northeastern Railroad's Baldwin Consolidation locomotive 2-8-0 #14 s/n 40875 as it rested in Dodge City Kansas. It was built in the Baldwin locomotive plant in Philadelphia Pennsylvania in 1913. On the right, is the culmination of eleven years of restoration work on the same #14 by the Fillmore & Western Railway. December 4th marked the first anniversary of its restoration debut and the first time #14 actually operated under its own steam in 50 years.

### SCRVRHS 'Extra Board'

In this issue of Train Orders we feature a Society member who has given a little 'extra' contribution to the success of SCRVRHS. His name is Rick



Bleak.

A former board member and Society Treasurer, Rick used his professional talents to solve a recent problem. It seems SCRVRHS received a very

large electrical bill. Rick checked out the Visitor Center for any contributing electrical problems. He found a light problem in the storage area and that our electric water heater was working when no one was around. So he rewired the switches in the 'jail' and installed a switch on the water heater so that it could be turned off when not in use. The Society thanks Rick for his 'extra', unheralded service!

## Annual Society Holiday Party Set for December 14th

SCRVRHS will host its annual Christmas Pot Luck on Wednesday, December 14th at the Railroad Visitor Center. Festivities begin at 7:00 pm with doors opening at 6:45pm. This is the normal date for our General Membership Meeting and we will take this opportunity to have dinner together.

Since this is a pot luck, we ask that those attending bring a dish to share based on the following:

**Member last names, A through L should bring a dessert, a salad or a side dish.**  
**Member last names, M through Z should bring a main course dish.**

**The Society will provide coffee and drinks, table settings and other items for the festivities.**

**"We all look forward to this annual event, to visit and renew acquaintances. I hope to see all of you there, so we can have our usual good conversation and dinner together".**

**Ron Lewis, SCRVRHS President**

# DISPATCH BOARD

## WINTER 2011

Dec 14th

### SCRVRHS Annual Holiday Party

7:00 P.M.

Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore

Jan 4th 7:00 p.m. - SCRVRHS Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Board and Officer Elections

Railroad Visitor Center 455 Main Street, Fillmore

Members are encouraged to attend

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

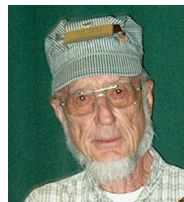
Second Wednesday of each Month

7:00 pm Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore

Refreshments

## AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

### SENIOR ADVISOR STAN HURST —



Unfortunately Stan suffered a second stroke last month and was taken to Santa Paula Hospital. He was recently transferred to the Fillmore Convalescent Center, 118 B Street, Fillmore, CA.

According to his wife Beverly, Stan is undergoing rehabilitation, is tired, but is doing ok. He is in room #34. He can have visitors, and will be happy to see you. SCRVRHS looks forward to seeing Stan's shining face and experiencing his dry humor at a future Society meeting!

### SCRVRHS ANNUAL MEETING —

On January 4th the Society will conduct its annual meeting. At this meeting the board of directors will act to fill an upcoming board vacancy for the position currently held by Steve Pierce. The board will also hold elections for President and Vice President in that both Ron Lewis and Mark Aston respectively are leaving these board offices in 2012. If any current member in good standing is interested in serving on the board or holding an office to assist in steering the future of your society, contact President Ron Lewis at [rlewis@scrvrhs.com](mailto:rlewis@scrvrhs.com) or attend the January board meeting. The board meets for two hours once a month. Your contributions are welcomed.

### TRAINS MAGAZINE GRANT AWARDED —

Within just a very few days after SCRVRHS submitted our grant proposal to TRAINS magazine on October 31st, we received a rejection letter. Our proposal was to seek funds to assist in the restoration of our National Embassy Union Pacific Pullman sleeper. Then nearly two weeks later on November 13th TRAINS magazine announced that their annual \$10,000 preservation award went to the Virginia Museum of Transportation for the cosmetic restoration of Norfolk & Western Bicentennial diesel locomotive #1776. Although we are disappointed in our quick rejection, we plan to continue in our efforts to seek grants for the restoration of our many rolling stock project, including both the National Embassy and our 1957 PFE car. We again thank Jim Mendrala, and particularly Secretary Gary Phillips, in drafting and submitting the TRAINS proposal.



As part of the efforts to financially support the Society, we utilize our turntable to turn equipment for the Fillmore & Western Railway. On December 2nd, we turned the F&W #14 back to its normal westerly direction after service on the Thanksgiving weekend Santa Train. We also placed the 'Wanderer' vintage passenger car on the end of the turntable. The table was then rotated and positioned in a southwesterly direction to place the car on the edge of the promenade for use in the seasonal Santa's Village vignettes.