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

Holiday 2012

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Members: Get On Board The SCRVRHS Holiday Celebration

In 2013 the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society turns 20!

To celebrate this landmark occasion, the 2013 Railfest will carry the theme, 'Our 20th Anniversary!'

Mark your calendars now for Railfest, March 23rd & 24th, 2013.

All aboard the Fillmore & Western 'Dinner With Santa' Train for an evening of holiday celebration with your fellow Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Society Members. It's our annual holiday party *on a private railcar!*

Join us on Saturday night, December 22nd in Fillmore for an hour and a half train ride with all your friends. Included is either a turkey or ham dinner with all the trimmings. The scheduled train departs Fillmore's Central Park station at 5:30pm. Members should arrive no later than 5:15 to obtain your tickets, get on board, and secure your seats.

In the spirit of the season, the Society is subsidizing the regular rail fare for all members who attend. So member tickets are only \$10.00 per person through SCRVRHS. But seating is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. As of press time, seats are still available. Tickets will be distributed at the event. Make checks or money orders out to:

SCRVRHS
c/o Holiday Train
P.O. Box 492
Fillmore, CA., 93016-0492.



The freshly painted 'yellow' Plymouth rail car mover is relocated by Society members from the F&W yard to a siding on SCRVRHS property via our turntable. The now functional Plymouth, of which members have repaired many mechanical components, is on loan to SCRVRHS to assist us with moving railcar equipment on and off the turntable. Which it does very, very well.

- photo by Ron Lewis

2013 Society Annual Meeting January 16th

Each January the Society by-laws require our non-profit 501.(c).3 organization to conduct an annual meeting. At this meeting, nominations are brought forward from members for seats on the board of directors and officers are then elected for an annual term. If you've ever thought that you would like to take a more active role in your club now is the time to step forward. Join us on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00pm at the Railroad Visitor.. Take your turn. Your participation is important and vital.

DISPATCH BOARD

AROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE . . .

HOLIDAYS 2012

- Dec. 22** **SCRVRHS Annual Holiday Celebration**
5:15 pm Aboard the Fillmore & Western
Dinner With Santa Train
- Jan. 9th** **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
7:00 pm Railroad Visitor Center—Fillmore
Refreshments
- Jan 16th** **SCRVRHS Annual Meeting — Elections**
7:00 pm Railroad Visitor Center
455 Main Street, Fillmore
- Feb 6th** **SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting**
7:00pm Railroad Visitor Center
455 Main Street, Fillmore
- Feb 13th** **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
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New 'Join Us' Brochure Available

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of Jim Mendrala, the Society's Public Relations Officer, the original SCRVRHS 'Join Us' brochure has been updated. The original version was created by Rick Swanson in the mid 1990's to attract new members.

In addition to outlining the Society's mission, this new stylized version has been updated to list many of the newer railroad related opportunities afforded to SCRVRHS members. It highlights the Railroad Visitor Center, turntable, car attendant program and our collection of rolling stock that members can get involved in. Some of these unique railroading opportunities can only be found through SCRVRHS membership.

So pick-up a new brochure at the Visitor Center. SCRVRHS membership makes for an excellent holiday or birthday gift!



SCRVRHS — has joined the Fillmore Chamber of Commerce. Our Chamber participation will increase the visibility of the Society and our Railroad Visitor Center to the local community. Local leaders will get to know us better as we will get to know them better as well. If you would like to participate in chamber functions on behalf of SCRVRHS, contact SCRVRHS President Ron Lewis.

The Heritage Valley Tourism Bureau - has elected SCRVRHS President Ron Lewis as a board member-at-large. Unlike the Chamber of Commerce, this organization helps promote the entire Valley that SCRVRHS serves as a tourist destination. Combined, the Society's community visibility will be greatly increased. Congratulations Ron!

SCRVRHS Board of Directors — has chosen to change the frequency of board meetings from monthly to every other month. With minor exceptions, in-person board meetings will be conducted every two months beginning with the February 2013 meeting. Other meetings will be conducted in the interim, such as organizational/planning meetings for Railfest and fireworks, but it was felt that board related issues could be dealt with every other month. In cases where immediate action is necessary, decisions will be initiated at the discretion of the President and made via email or telephone.

The L.A. Port Strike is Over — which means the Union Pacific Railroad will soon be bringing another trainload of windmills, used to produce electricity, from the port to Fillmore. In Fillmore, UP utilizes SCRVRHS's 95 foot turntable to turn long windmill flat cars so that they all point in the same direction. This turning makes a cross country train trip safer for the cargo and reduces any possible complications in travel, keeping the train off of the ground. If as a SCRVRHS member you would like to volunteer and help to turn these flatcars on the turntable contact President Ron Lewis for specifics. We're not sure at this time when the train is scheduled to arrive.