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# TRAIN ORDERS

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

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December, 1999

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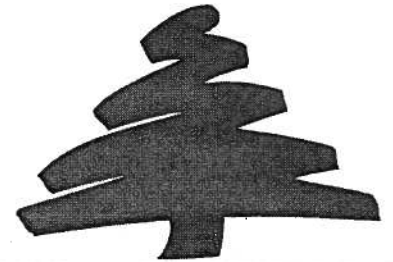
## Annual SCRVRHS Christmas Dinner A time to reflect, rejoice, and party!

Each year during the month of December, Society members take time out for an old-fashioned, small town style potluck dinner. This year the event will take place on Sunday evening, December 12th aboard the Fillmore & Western Railway beginning at 6:00 PM. There is no charge.

Members and their spouses or guests will board a static train tied down on the north track of the F&W yard, across the street from the SCRVRHS Railroad Visitors Center at Central and Main in Fillmore. Various types and styles of food, both 'store bought' and homemade (from Grandma's old recipes) will be shared by members in the spirit of the holidays. The Society will provide hot coffee and tea as well as cold drinks.

After dinner, Paul Haase, Society President, will *briefly* recap the

Society projects be it: car attending; right-of-way brush clearing; milepost marker installation; turntable refurbishing; #1119 caboose restoration; rail journeys; Visitor Center duty; or just attending the many programs at the monthly General Membership Meetings. Better yet, meet some new friends who share your same interest in railroading. Everybody's friendly and every member is welcome! Come join us December 12th and catch that old-tyme holiday spirit - where else - on a train!



## Happy Holidays Everyone!

(Get Well soon Jim)

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## 'ROUND THE ROUNDHOUSE

**VCTC** - The Ventura County Transportation Commission contributed \$750.00 to the Society Car Attendants for their efforts toward passenger safety as Ambassadors aboard Metrolink Fair Trains. Society members manned two different Metrolink trainsets for two weekends during the annual Ventura County Fair. Our thanks go to VCTC for feeding our crews and providing complimentary Fair admission tickets.

**GRANT FUNDS APPROVED** - The Society, with the cooperation of the County of Ventura and the City of Fillmore, have secured some \$700,000 in Economic Development Agency funds for 'hardscape' elements of the Railroad Interpretive Center (RIC) Project. The monies will be used for the installation of required storm drains, curbing, electrical, sewers, and a concrete extension of the promenade along the north track as well as installation of the turntable. The Society must produce some \$66,000. in matching funds to secure the grants. Thanks to the continuing efforts of our volunteers and generous donations, the Society RIC project account contains just enough to meet these grant requirements. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

**PUMPKIN PATCH** - Over five (5) weekends in October Society members unloaded and scattered pumpkins, handled pumpkin patch sales, arranged for a 4-H petting zoo, manned the Fillmore & Western pumpkin trains, and sold ice cold sodas. We sold so many sodas that the sodas alone netted \$1,175. Final proceeds to be shared with the F&W are estimated to net the Society some \$3,000 - \$4,000 after expenses. Thank you F&W for the opportunity to participate and the Thursday night BBQ dinners!

**RIVERSIDE METROLINK** - On November 13th some 25+ Society 'railroaders' journeyed on Metrolink from Santa Clarita to Union Station to San Bernardino and across a "\$5.00 track" to Riverside and return. Scanners blaring, our unofficial tour guide Jeff Tremble, pointed out all the places of interest. That is, everything except the correct track to Riverside for which he lost a \$5.00 bet to Dean Francuch. Next time Jeff.

### WHO SHOULD BRING WHAT?

*Find the initial of your last name and bring a dish to share that feeds at least 12 people (we're counting on you) :*

**MAIN DISH** - A, B, G, M, V

**SIDE DISH** - E, F, H, O, S

**SALAD** - C, J, K, T, W

**DESERT** - Everyone else

year and present awards to various members for their contributions and dedication during 1999. Shortly thereafter we hope to retire to the newly refurbished #205 dance car, plug in the 'jukebox' (CD player) and dance the night away! Well, not all night.

This is a great opportunity to socialize with friends and acquaintances that you may have gotten to know while helping out during the year on various

# EVENT CALENDAR

## DECEMBER '99

Stop by the Railroad Visitors Center in Fillmore on any Saturday or Sunday or call anytime and leave a message at 805 524-2254 with your availability as a volunteer. It's fun and we can always use the help. Or send us an e-mail at [www.scrvrhs.org](http://www.scrvrhs.org).

### 4th & 5th

- Visitor Center docents needed - between 10 AM and 4 PM
- Car Attendants for F&W Christmas tree trains - call Mike: 805 484-0618

### 8th

Monthly SCRVRHS Board of Directors Meeting - Railroad Visitors Center, Central at Main in Fillmore - 7:00 PM. All interested members welcome.

### 11th & 12th

- Visitor Center docents needed - between 10 AM and 4 PM
- Car Attendants for F&W Christmas tree trains - call Mike: 805 484-0618

### 12th

**Annual SCRVRHS Christmas Potluck Dinner - 6 PM** (see p.1)  
No General Membership Meeting this month. See you at the Potluck!

### 18th & 19th

- Visitor Center docents needed - between 10 AM and 4 PM
- Car Attendants for F&W Christmas tree trains - call Mike: 805 484-0618

**NOTE: The Railroad Visitors Center will be *CLOSED* on both the Christmas and New Years holiday weekends**

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Annual Meeting Notice  
SCRVRHS Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 12, 2000  
7:00 PM

Railroad Visitors Center  
Central & Main  
Fillmore, California



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