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20th Annual Railroad Safety Poster Contest Winners!

By Co-Chairs: Kathy Norris, Mary Proctor

Here are Winners for Grades K through 3:

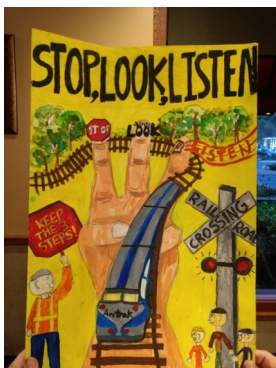


First Place: Wyatt Smith age 9, Third Grade, Fern Drive School, Mrs. Ahn - "Keep Your 'Selfie' Safe"

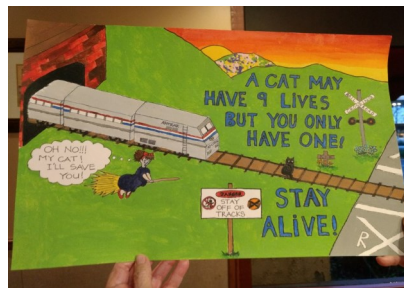
Second Place: Leah Lee, age 6, First Grade, Laguna Road School, Ms. Schade - "Don't Play Near the Tracks"



Third Place: Ethan Chan Lee, age 8, Third Grade, Mrs. Curley, Laguna Road School - "Stop, Look, Listen"

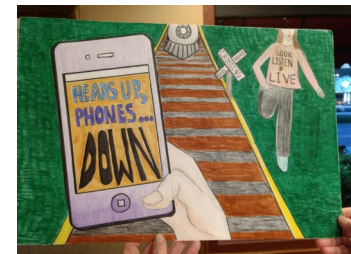


Here are Winners for Grades 4 through 6:



First Place: Yuri Yamachika, age 10, Fourth grade, Mrs. Spero, Sunset Lane School - "A Cat May Have 9 Lives. Stay off Tracks"

Second Place: Kate Kaneko, Age 9, Fourth Grade, Ms. Collins, - "Heads Up, Phones, Down"

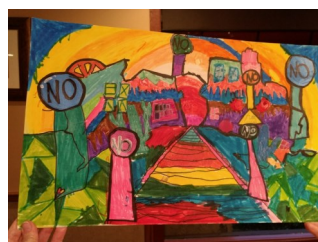


Third Place: Jayden Choi, 4th Grade, no school or teacher listed - "Stop, Listen, Look, Act"



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Honorable Mention: Nathan Cho, age 6, grade K, Sunset Lane School, Leibert/Schaller - "Say NO to Tracks!"

President's message

We are six months into 2019, time flies when you are having fun. That is what the Fullerton Train Museum is all about.

We work at all the projects, whether it be building decks, painting sheds, building walkways, removing & replacing windows, removing wall paneling, scraping off adhesive, patching and finally painting, polishing all the stainless steel, repairing caboose interiors, including new bench seats, installing wall panels and finally sanding everything for painting. The list goes on.

These are the major things our volunteers have accomplished in the first six months, lot of hard work by all and the fun comes when our visitors see, appreciate and comment about the commitment and effort by all. Keep up the good works, VOLUNTEERS.

We have additional equipment, on the horizon, to add to our great collection, and we are discussing the possibility of increasing the Museum's footprint. This will require more volunteers, more work and eventually more fun. Come out when you can and as often as you can and join in the work, followed by the fun.

If work is not in your vocabulary, consider becoming a Docent, you might just find some hidden talents in expressing the Museum's collection to our visitors. To see their expressions, as they hear the history and details of our collection, makes for great satisfaction for both visitor and docent.

Looking forward to seeing you on any given Saturday morning.

Harold Benash
President, SCRPA

2019 Goals:

For the upcoming year, our main goal is to focus on fundraising.

We have several Big projects that we would like to see happen in 2019.

1. The acquisition and transportation of a new railcar from Anaheim to the Fullerton Train Museum Site. We will use this to house displays.
2. The movement of our recently acquired Palm Leaf Sleeper Car to our Museum, by rail.
3. Monies will also be applied to improvements of the Museum Site, restoration of existing rail equipment and railroad-related equipment owned by the Museum, including signal equipment, a speeder and other related items.

Fullerton Train Museum

Vision

To provide an educational atmosphere that vividly brings to life the cultural and historical importance of rail transportation through the preservation, conservation and display of historic railcars and memorabilia. Create a venue where people can visit and take "a *walk through time*" to experience traveling by train in the early 20th century.

Mission

Founded by the SCRPA, the **Fullerton Train Museum** will be the region's destination attraction that serves as a center for gathering, preserving and interpreting significant railroad artifacts -- including railcars, photos, charts, plats, maps, books and such dioramas as depots and model trains.

Railroad Days 2020

Railroad Days 2020 is on track for May 2-3, 2020. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in May.

We are forming the committee now. Email us at fullertontrainmuseum@gmail.com and let us know if you can help with operations, vendor sourcing, sponsorships, volunteer coordination or simply can work 1 or 2 days in May. We are an all-volunteer group. Just let us know what you'd like to do or learn what areas we need help with.

**Quarterly Dinner Meeting —
July 10 at 7:00 pm
Sizzler Restaurant, Fullerton**

ALL are Invited to Attend! These no-hosted meetings at the Sizzler Restaurant on Harbor Blvd. in Fullerton, give our members the opportunity to get together to learn about updates from the SCRPA and the Fullerton Train Museum, hear from train experts and historians, meet new members and learn about volunteer opportunities.

Our next Quarterly Meeting is Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. Come early, place your dinner order starting at 6 p.m. (no-host).

When: Wednesday, July 10

Time: 6:00 pm no-host dinner
7:00 pm Program begins

Where: Sizzler Restaurant
1401 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton

Program: Rolland Graham will be talking to us about the time the diner lounge car, 5001, was with The Pacific Railroad Society.

SILENT AUCTION SUCCESS!

Our hard working H&MC (History & Modeling Committee) raised over \$400 for the Fullerton Train Museum with the auction of their HO gauge layout.

The bidder was from Long Beach and bid on it for his grandchildren to enjoy and learn about model trains. The H&MC volunteers delivered the layout and set it up in their home.

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who worked on the layout, coordinated the auction and delivered it to its new home!

**Fullerton Train Museum Open
Houses &
Railroad Operations Work
Party Dates
1st & 3rd Saturday of
every month
9 am to noon**

Movie Night — Saturday, July 13

FILM SCREENING OF MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (1974) THE FULLERTON MUSEUM PLAZA AUDITORIUM AND PATIO 301 POMONA AVE., FULLERTON 92832

Rebecca Gibbs posted on August 13, 2012, the wines served on the Orient Express represented the regions the train was traveling through. “The most popular drink aboard was without a doubt Champagne,” average price per bottle about 70 euros (\$86).

A Champagne bar consisted of wines I only heard of in the movies, i.e. Taittinger, Laurent Perrier Rose, or Louis Roeder Cristal.

So our menu for the evening will be (as suggested by George Englage), a cup of vanilla ice cream, topped with raspberries and a splash of Chambord. The wine of the night will be Champagne, the selected label is Mumms. We are grateful to Lee and Edith Culp for their generous sponsorship of this evening.

Number one for your consideration is to bring a snack to share. Number two is a donation to the Film Fund (cash container will be on the bar.)

It's an “in house” travel party, with a big mystery, you are welcomed on board. Let us know you are coming by calling Harold at 714-336-1690 by July 5.

When: Saturday, July 13

Time: Wine Time at 6 pm on patio
Movie Starts at 7 pm

Where: Fullerton Museum,
301 N. Pomona Ave., Fullerton



Earlybirds Thunderbird Car Club Visit the Fullerton Train Museum

Had you come by the Fullerton Train Museum parking lot on the morning of Saturday, June 22, you would have been forgiven for thinking that a 1950's Thunderbird car club had taken over the Fullerton Train Museum. For that morning they had. About 22 members of the Earlybirds Thunderbird Car Club and their cars came by for prearranged tours of the rail cars of the FTM. The tours were arranged by Beth Barlow, who is a member of both organizations. Thank you Beth.

The car club members were divided into two groups for tours of the rail cars. The tour guides were Dave Norris and Harold Benash. Both groups each got a pretty thorough description of, and the history of, each car. They seemed to be impressed by the work being done by the volunteer workers who had come by to work on some of the projects. Two things that probably got the most comments were the replacement of the damaged windows and the kitchen with its wood burning stove. Complements go to Wendell Hanks for all the work he has done in shining up the kitchen and to the window crew who have done a fabulous job cleaning the old window glass or replacing any panes that are too damaged to be reused.

Kudos to the members of Earlybirds Thunderbird for the lovely cars they came in and for taking the time to talk to anyone that was curious about them. They were a great, friendly group.

If you know of, or are a member of, a special interest group or organization that might be interested in visiting our museum for a tour have them contact us through our web site www.fullertontrainmuseum.org. We are always more than happy to share our love for railroading with anyone.

Stu Proctor
Chairman,
Railroad Operations Committee



Amazon Smile Donation Update — Thank You!

Much appreciation to all of you who are shopping on Amazon Smile. In January, Amazon sent a donation check to the Fullerton Train Museum in the amount of \$19.95. That means you, our members, are telling your family and friends how they can help us raise money to continue in our restoration of the cars and cabooses.

Just a reminder on how easy it to use AMAZON SMILE:



Step 1-Type in Smile.Amazon.com

Step 2-Type in Southern Calif. Railway Plaza Assoc. as the name of the group they will support

Step 3: Bookmark the Smile.Amazon page.

Step 4: Use that bookmark when going to AmazonSmile.

Remember, for each Amazon Smile purchase you make, Amazon will donate a percentage to our organization. Think of it as a sustaining membership.

Members in "Action" at the Museum

The Fullerton Train Museum thrives because of our dedicated members and volunteers.

Here are just a few of our members in ACTION working on projects and giving tours.

Below is Vice President, Wendell hanks working on the window blinds for the lounge car.

To the right, you'll see Dave Norris giving guided tours of the museum.

We can't do it without ALL the help and the many volunteers. Thank you to All!



Helping our Train Museum – as a Hobby!

Drop by on any Saturday and see what real-life train preservation, maintenance, and what being a do-cent leading people on their “Walk Through Time” experience offers you. There is absolutely something of value here for everyone – men, women, and teen-age children.

The passenger cars are getting paint detailing, there is woodworking construction in the caboose’s restoration, and the storage sheds are getting needed coats of paint. If you are electrically savvy, we are converting the 1940s wiring to modern standards.

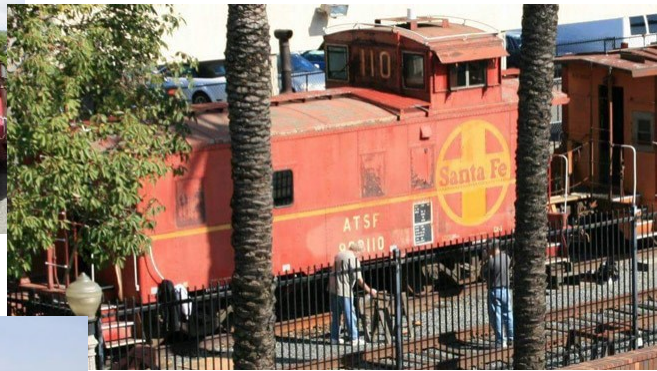
For those who simply and unabashedly just want to bring beauty back to life, there’s plenty of stainless trim needing your personal touch in the passenger cars.

We stop work each Saturday at noon. All of us then have the rest of our Saturday at home.

Come by and see us! That’s 9:00am – 12:00 noon on Saturdays. Or contact us by phone at 714-278-0648 or by email at fullertontrainmuseum@gmail.com.

Wendell Hanks

Here are a few photos to remind you of our beautiful museum and how we are preserving history!



Keep up-to-date at www.fullertontrainmuseum.org or visit us on Facebook—Fullerton Train Museum

HOBO STEW POTLUCK AND TRAIN WATCH DINNER AT THE FULLERTON TRAIN MUSEUM ADJACENT PATIO SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 , AT 4:00

It's time to enjoy a warm summer night at the train station — watch the trains go by and share good food and lots of laughs! Everyone is welcome to this event to share our love of trains and the museum.

We will need at least three crock pot/slow cooker entrees (we have a generator), vegetable trays, fruit trays, rolls/butter, cookies/cakes, or soft drinks/water. Think enough food for eight people and a serving utensil for your dish.

The club will supply bowls, plates, eating utensils, cups, napkins , and ice in coolers. You will need to bring a chair for yourself and your party.

A food commitment chart will be at the July 10 meeting at Sizzler for you to fill in our missing menu foods. We do know that one entrée will be DonnaLou's famous chile. So your famous recipe, or favorite munchie, or designer produce tray , or famous cookies or blue ribbon winning cake is something we look forward to sharing. Y'all come.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meetings at 7:00 p.m.
Second Monday of every Month

Quarterly Membership Dinners
Sizzler Restaurant in Fullerton
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.
No-Host Dinner at 6 p.m.
Program starts at 7 p.m.

Second Wednesday of
January, April, July, October

**Railroad Operations Committee Work Days and
Fullerton Train Museum Hours**

Free Tours

9 a.m. – noon at the rail cars
1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

Movie Night — TBD

History & Modeling Committee

Come join the committee to work on HO layouts
Contact Harold Benash for location

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TBD: Railroad Days

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