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ON TRACK FOR RAILROAD DAYS 2013

By Donna Johnson, Community & Media Relations Chair

Sponsors and exhibitors have stepped up in large numbers to help create this year's blockbuster Railroad Days at the Fullerton Train Station from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4 & 5, presented by the Southern California Railway Plaza Association.

Amtrak's Exhibit Train stretching along 520 feet of track, Disneyland Railroad's Ernest Marsh #4 locomotive and a BNSF freight locomotive will take the lead for most-ever featured rail participants open for tours during the FREE community event.

Displays will include a 330-foot by 40-foot covered space packed with 12 extensive model-train layouts in all gauges, plus an outdoor Garden Railroad.

Exciting options for young fans will be a trackless train ride, free for ages 12 and younger, and the Buddy Young train layout that youngsters can operate themselves in our Welcome Center.

Vendors selling rail-related collectibles and souvenirs, non-profit information booths and an expanded food court on Santa Fe Avenue, complete with a large "dining car" tent, will round out Railroad Days 2013's more than 50 participants. Fullerton Boy Scout Troop 292 will serve a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon and crepes from noon to closing Saturday and Sunday.

"It's going to be absolutely the best year, especially with Amtrak's fabulous Exhibit Train displays to tour," said SCRPA's

Railroad Days Chairman Jeff Schulze, a Placentia resident.

Making it all possible are the sponsors: BridgeMasters; Coast Rail Service; Fullerton College Foundation; The Grainger Foundation; McCoy Mills Ford, Fullerton; Morningside of Fullerton, The Old Spaghetti Factory; and The Orange County Register.

Fullerton's City Council proclaimed the weekend as Fullerton Railroad Days, noting local history will "forever be linked to the expansion of railroads throughout Southern California."

In a great new collaboration this year, SCRPA is partnering with the Fullerton College Foundation, which will present its Train Station BBQ dinners on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 at the Fullerton Depot patio near the cross-over elevator. Guests will have special access to Railroad Days tours and exhibits.

The Fullerton Train Station is just north of the 91 Freeway, in the 200 block of Santa Fe Avenue, east of Harbor Boulevard. Free parking is available throughout the Downtown area, including the new 800-space parking structure on Santa Fe, west of Harbor Boulevard. A pedestrian bridge connects the structure to the Transportation Center, and a walkway through the Depot archway leads to Railroad Days' main gate on Pomona Avenue.

See **Pages 2-6** for more details on all the elements of Railroad Days 2013. And be sure to "like" and share our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/RailroadDaysinFullerton>



.AMTRAK'S EXHIBIT TRAIN, including 3 baggage cars, a bistro and sleeper, will be open for tours at Railroad Days 2013 in Fullerton.

Train Station BBQ offers special after-hours Railroad Days access, tours

 **Fullerton College Foundation, Inc. Presents**
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*Chuck Allen, Executive Director
Fullerton College Foundation*

The Fullerton College Foundation is partnering with SCRPA as a sponsor of Railroad Days 2013 and to present a special new event that same weekend on the depot patio near the cross-over elevator.

The foundation will host its inaugural Train Station BBQ evening fundraiser on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, including private tours of railcars, exhibit viewing and a delicious dinner provided by Brian's Big B Barbecue of Fullerton.

Also scheduled each night is a silent auction that will offer many gift certificates from local eateries, tickets to local events, Disney Resort memorabilia and Disneyland park-hopper tickets.

"The foundation is very excited about our first-time partnering with Railroad Days. We hope that this becomes a tradition for many years to come," said Mary Dalessi, president of the foundation's Board of Directors.

Reservations, at \$50 per person, are available with three dinner-and-tour options of 5, 6 or 7 p.m. both nights. The foundation is limiting the number of tickets available to ensure that guests will have ample time to enjoy dinner and view displays, including the Amtrak Exhibit Train, Disneyland Railroad's recently refurbished and painted locomotive #4, the Ernest S. Marsh; and model-train layouts.

Proceeds will support the foundation's scholarship

Southern California Railway Plaza Assn.

Our Vision Is

Promotion of educational programs, activities, and venues for people of all ages, dedicated to the preservation of the rail heritage of Southern California.

Our Mission Is

Education of the public, providing an historical insight into the numerous contributions that railroads have made to the development and growth of Southern California from the 19th century forward.

Our Goals Are

- Successful development of the Southern California Railroad Experience
- Production of the annual Railroad Days and Children's Rail Safety Poster Contest community events
- Sponsorship of historical research and modeling of significant sites and structures, publication of the Hot Rail! newsletter, and presentation of quarterly dinners and speakers on topics of member interest

The SCRX Vision Is

To be the premier destination for presenting the spirit of Southern California through its railroad heritage.

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The SCRX Goals Are

To fulfill the Vision and Mission by developing and presenting programs that capture the spirit of Southern California through its railroad heritage and by partnering with governmental and private entities to create an experiential destination

program that annually awards more than \$200,000 in scholarships to Fullerton College students and provides emergency loan support to students as well. In its 53 years, the program has awarded more than 10,000 students in excess of \$3 million.

Tickets for Train Station BBQ are available at the foundation office at 315 N. Pomona Ave., which is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Or you may call the office at 714-525-5651.

**Please "like" Train Station BBQ at:
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All aboard Amtrak Exhibit Train for guided tours

By Dennis White, Vice President

Amtrak's Exhibit Train measures a whopping 520 feet long! Made up of restored rolling stock and locomotives modified for displays, such as Amtrak artifacts, interactive exhibits, teaching mock-ups, early advertising and uniforms, the Exhibit Train is painted in the popular "Phase III" tri-stripe paint scheme of 1979. Of special interest to rail fans, four of the exhibit cars are from Amtrak's vintage Heritage fleet; three from Santa Fe and one from the Union Pacific:

Amtrak No. 10093 (ex ATSF Baggage 3535): Built by the Budd Company in 1953 for use on the *Chief* and *Super Chief*. 3535 was conveyed to Amtrak in 1971 and renumbered 1049. After upgrading with HEP, it was renumbered 1222. Condemned in 2007, the car was stored at Amtrak's Beech Grove Shops until chosen for rebuild as a display car.

Amtrak No. 10094 (ex ATSF Baggage 3547): Built by Budd in 1957, 3547 was used in the pool of cars supporting the *Chief*, *Super Chief* and *El Capitan*. It was conveyed to Amtrak in 1971 and renumbered 1061. Converted from steam to HEP in 1978, the car was renumbered 1228. Amtrak removed it from service in 2009 and it was stored at Beech Grove until selected for its new life as a display car.

Amtrak 10095 (ex ATSF Baggage 3512): Built by Budd in 1953 for use on the *Chief* and *Super Chief*. Conveyed to Amtrak in 1971, 3512 was renumbered 1029 and upgraded in 1978 to HEP, with another renumber to 1228. Removed from service in 2005, the car joined her sisters in storage at Beech Grove, Indiana until rebuilt into a display car.

Amtrak Sleeper 10020 (ex Union Pacific 10 roomettes/6 double bedrooms): Sleeper 1404 was named *Pacific Bend* by the Union Pacific. Built by Budd in 1950 as part of a 50 car order assigned to UP's Pullman pool, 1404 served all of UP's named Pullman trains. Conveyed to Amtrak in 1971, the car became Sleeper 2603; was converted from steam heat to HEP in 1977 and renumbered 2903. Amtrak converted the car into a crew dormitory for use on long-distance trains and renumbered it once again to 2504. After retirement, the car was stored for about a year and then

converted into an Amtrak Police department special communications car gaining its last renumber to 10020. The car was assigned to the Exhibit Train and is used as a crew sleeper.

Amtrak Store Car 85999: Built for Amtrak by Budd in 1976 as Amclub 20130, featuring a split interior with club seating at one end and coach seats in the other. The car was converted to a "Capstone Café" for operation on the *Acela Regional* service over the Northeast Corridor from Boston to Washington, D.C., then stored in 2005 after being declared redundant. The car was chosen to be split into a display car/gift shop for the 40th Anniversary Exhibit Train in 2011.

P40 Locomotive 822: Built for Amtrak in 1993 by General Electric and developing 4,000 HP, this locomotive provides the muscle to pull the Exhibit Train. Originally based in New Orleans, engine 822 was declared surplus in 2003. She was stored until being upgraded as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 along with 14 of her sisters. She was further upgraded and painted for use with the Exhibit Train in 2011.

NPCU 406: NPCU 406 (Non-Powered Control Unit) began life as an EMD F40PH, built by GM in 1988, pulling long-distance passenger trains nationwide until being retired in 2001 and stored at Beech Grove. NPCUs, known to rail fans as "cabbages" (cab and baggage), were converted from retired F40s by removing the diesel prime mover, installing a large door in the side of the body and refinishing the former engine room into a baggage compartment. The cab is left intact to function as a rear-end control point in push-pull service. As used on the Exhibit Train, 406 is usually placed on one end of the train, with 822 on the other, allowing the train to operate more effectively in either direction.

While at Fullerton, the Exhibit Train will stretch from the bumper inside the fenced house tracks at the depot's east end all the way to the Lemon Street bridge, providing a beautiful silver, red, white and blue backdrop for the this year's Railroad Days.

For more information on this special train, see <http://history.amtrak.com/> or check out the Exhibit Train Blog.



RAILROAD DAYS 2013 IN FULLERTON

FREE ADMISSION * FREE EXHIBITS * 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4 & 5 at the Train Station



Disneyland Railroad's Ernest S. Marsh Locomotive #4 is freshly refurbished and painted.

FEATURED PARTICIPANTS

Free tours will be offered on the following rail equipment:

AMTRAK — Exhibit Train (two vintage locomotives + five cars) & Thruway Bus – www.Amtrak.com

BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa Fe) -- Current modern diesel freight locomotive -- www.bnsf.com

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COAST RAIL SERVICES – Vintage cabooses and handcar

DISNEYLAND RESORT – Ernest S. Marsh Locomotive #4 & Kalamazoo handcar—www.disneyland.go.com

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- TTOS – Southwest Division
- ZoCal – The Southern California Z Scale ModelerZ -- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/zocal>

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Sponsors for Railroad Days 2013 have contributed financial or in-kind support to help cover the costs of this free community event, now in its 13th year and presented by the Southern California Railway Plaza Association. Thanks to the following -- and please show them your appreciation by mentioning how much you enjoy Railroad Days in Fullerton when you visit their sites or “like” their Facebook pages.

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- **The Orange County Register / official media sponsor** -- customerservice@ocregister.com

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April 5 is deadline to apply as a participant . See www.scrpa.net for more information.

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- Fullerton Host Lions Club -- www.lionsclubs.org
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- Muscle Beach Café
- Orange Clementine -- www.orangeclementine.com
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NONPROFIT INFORMATION BOOTHS:

- American Legion Fullerton Post 142 -- <http://www.fullertonpost142.com>.
- American Passenger Rail Heritage Foundation -- www.aprhf.org
- California Operation Lifesaver -- www.caol.us
- Fullerton College Foundation -- www.fullertoncollegescholarships.com
- Izaak Walton League
- Muckenthaler Cultural Center -- www.themuck.org
- Ontario Convention Center (Big Train Show) -- www.thebigtrainshow.com
- Orange Empire Railway Museum -- www.oerm.org
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- Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, So. Cal. -- www.railgiants.com
- Southern California Transit Advocates -- www.socata.net
- Train Collectors Association, Western Division -- www.tcawestern.org



We're looking for Railroad Days friends

Railroad Days 2013 once again has a Facebook page set up with all the latest information at: <http://www.facebook.com/RailroadDaysinFullerton>. It will be a one-stop shop for Railroad Days information, and we need as many followers as possible to get the word out about our event. So please be sure to share it with your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors – and others. And remember to click the “like” button! — Karen Sibrel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Railroad Days 2013 is fast approaching. The Amtrak Exhibit Train will be a big draw for us, as will the BNSF loco and additional equipment and displays, plus Disneyland Resort will display a recently refurbished locomotive and additional pieces. Carolwood Pacific is returning with something new and exciting as well.

Chairman Jeff Schulze will be looking for volunteer sign ups for at the Quarterly Dinner. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

As a side note, all of our Railroad Days volunteers must be current members, because our insurance provider requires this. So please make sure your membership is up-to-date.

Mark your calendar for May 4 & 5, 2013. We can also always use volunteers on Friday, May 3 for set-up. If you are available, please come on by and we will put you to work.

All volunteers need to check in at the Welcome Center on Saturday and Sunday.

— **Harold Benash**

Railroad Days opportunities at April Dinner Meeting

Come on down for a special raffle of Disney train-theme prizes and a chance to join the fun on May 4 & 5

The April 10 Members Dinner Meeting program will give you everything you need to know about Railroad Days 2013 in Fullerton — and more.

During the dinner, we'll have a very special, first-time offer for all members and guests: free raffles for two very collectible Disney Vinylmation characters donated by Disneyland Resort. The 9-inch-tall, black vinyl Mickey Mouse-shape figure is decorated to resemble the brightly lighted locomotive in the park's Electrical Parade, complete with a smokestack on its "face." They were created in a limited edition of 1,500.

Railroad Days Chairman Jeff Schulze will lead in covering the May 4 & 5 weekend from start to finish – including last-minute details on rail cars tours and the lineup of participants.

And then you'll have your chance to get involved.

An event that draws upwards of 30,000 people requires plenty of help to run smoothly and volunteers will be needed in these areas:

- Entrance Greeters -- welcome visitors, pass out programs, solicit donations
- Caboose Personnel -- help visitors on and off cabooses, answer questions.
- "Dining Car" tent in Food Court -- decorate tables, clean and re-stock supplies
- Line Control – help maintain orderly wait lines for railcar tours and elsewhere
- Children's Train in Welcome Center -- explain and help children run small layout
- Children's Crafts in Welcome Center -- pass out coloring sheets

These signups are available for shifts of 2-3 hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday.

We could also use assistance with set-up all day Friday, May 3, and with tear down from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

If you can't make the Quarterly Meeting or you would like to be first to request a specific assignment and/or time, please call Volunteer Coordinator **Lauri Schulze at 714-985-9007.**

So join us for a great evening, beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 at the Sizzler restaurant, 1401 North Harbor Boulevard (north of Berkeley Avenue) in Fullerton.

Members and guests will again order and pay independently for their meals. Prices range from \$7 to \$23, plus beverages — with daily specials and a senior discount available.

No RSVPs are required. See you there!

H&MC and ROC COMMITTEE REPORTS: Members prepare displays, spruce up cabooses

Once again at Railroad Days, SCRPA's **History & Modeling Committee** will display its several HO scale historical diorama modules with the cooperation of the Orange County Modular Railroaders large layout which will be located at the far west end of the big tent.

Be sure to come by the **Welcome Center** to watch highly detailed model trains as they roar through our HO version of Fullerton circa 1908 (wood station) and circa 1950 with the current concrete depot. Our very popular photo boards will also be on exhibit. Be sure to spend some time studying these pictures from the past.

H&MC docents will be on hand to explain and answer questions about what you'll see.

SCRPA's **Railroad Operations Committee** members are busy preparing the cabooses for tours at Railroad Days. With the interiors now fully stabilized, we can concentrate on cleaning up the cars, organizing and putting away our tools and doing last-minute housekeeping to be ready for our guests to walk through these wonderful and historic way-cars.

We have inspected and are repairing the wooden steps needed for the public to mount and dismount the large BNSF road locomotive during Railroad Days. The steps will also get their handrails sanded and repainted, to protect against splinters. Without these steps, tours of the locomotive cab would not be possible. — **Dennis White**

Read the Hot Rail! in a color PDF and check out SCRPA's 2013 calendar and announcements at www.scrpa.net.

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Free members Movie Night offers 'Big Boy' film

Our Retrospective Screening Series on Saturday, April 13 will focus on films with trains in the spotlight. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a wine-tasting on the Fullerton Museum Center patio, 301 N. Pomona Ave.

Following the social hour, film-goers will move inside the auditorium to view "Last of the Giants." The Union Pacific Railroad in the 1950s produced this first-class public relations film about its famous fleet of 4-8-8-4 articulated steam locomotives, 25 of which were built in 1941 and 1944 by the American Locomotive Co.

The film, directed by Allan Krieg and shot professionally in 35mm color, is a loving homage to these famed "Big Boy" locomotives.

Our feature movie is "Streamline Express," produced in 1935 in b/w by Mascot Pictures. The highlight of the film is the "train" itself -- a fantastic yet improbable art-deco, high-speed luxury liner on rail.

— **Gordon Bachlund**

RAILROAD SAFETY POSTER CONTEST UNDERWAY

More than 11,000 Fullerton School District students in kindergarten through the sixth grade have been invited to participate in the 15th annual Railroad Safety Poster Contest. The 2013 competition is sponsored by Southern California Railway Plaza Association, Amtrak® and the Rotary Club of Fullerton to promote children's railroad safety awareness.

Kathy Norris, SCRPA's Poster Contest Chairman, announced that April 17 is the deadline for students' entries to be submitted in more than 350 classrooms and judging completed for all elementary campuses. All posters must depict a rail-safety theme.

Six citywide winners will each receive four round-trip Amtrak tickets to Santa Barbara or San Diego for their families. In addition, they will be awarded cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively by placement. Those six winners' posters will be on view in the Welcome Center at Railroad Days 2013.

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