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# Hot Rail!

newsletter



*The latest on efforts to build and maintain  
a permanent railroad attraction in Southern California*

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Railroad Days in Fullerton 2016 sponsored by Amtrak®

## COME ON DOWN FOR EXPANDED TRAIN TOURS

*By Donna Johnson, Media & Community Relations Chair*

The Fullerton City Council has proclaimed April 30 & May 1 as "Fullerton Railroad Days" weekend, hosted by the Southern California Railway Plaza Association. Continuing a 16-year tradition, the event offers FREE admission from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Train Station, 120 E. Santa Fe Avenue.

Amtrak® is returning as the presenting sponsor for the second year. The **Disneyland Resort C.K. Holliday Locomotive #1**, a **BNSF Railway Co. modern diesel locomotive** and the historic **3751 Santa Fe steam locomotive** will be featured participants for our biggest lineup ever of rail car tours.

Joining the locomotives and open for tours for the first time in Fullerton are three **Union Pacific 1940s rail cars** – a 1942 cupola-style caboose, 1949 lunch-counter lounge and a 1949 dormitory lounge.

Tent displays will include 13,000 square feet of covered space packed with extensive model-train layouts in all scales, plus an outdoor Scenic Garden Railroad.

Train-related exhibitors, vendors selling collectibles and souvenirs, nonprofit information booths and a food court on Santa Fe Avenue, complete with a large "dining car" tent, will round out Railroad Days 2016's participants.

In addition to Amtrak, helping to make it all possible are these sponsors: Axalta Coating System; BridgeMasters; Coast Rail Services; Heroes Bar & Grill; McCoy Mills Ford, Fullerton; The Old Spaghetti Factory and Santa Fe Express Cafe.

Leave traffic behind! Ride the **Amtrak Pacific Surfliner** -- including a "Kids Ride Free" offer with paid adult rail fares



Photo: Courtesy of Disneyland Resort  
**Disneyland Resort C.K. Holliday Locomotive #1 will be on display during Railroad Days 2016. See more Railroad Days information and photos on [Pages 4-7](#).**

-- or grab a **Metrolink** commuter train to the Fullerton Depot that weekend. There's also a huge parking structure at Harbor Boulevard and West Santa Fe Ave., north of the 91 freeway.

For more information, see [www.SCRPA.net](http://www.SCRPA.net), leave a message at 714-278-0648 and "like" us on Facebook at "Railroad Days in Fullerton."

**URGENT! Volunteers are needed for this year's Railroad Days, which will be our biggest event yet for rail car tours. Volunteers must be SCRPA members. Call Volunteers Chairman Lauri Schulze at 714-624-1348 to sign up to be a tour guide or help in other areas.**

## **President's Message**

We are just a few weeks away from Railroad Days 2016. As you have seen in this Hot Rail, a large plea for volunteers appears on the front page. This request is very sincere and needed.

In order to present the best event ever, we need everyone's support.

For several years, we've had our two cabooses and the Coast Rail Services caboose that many of our more than 30,000 visitors enjoyed seeing over the two days.

We have added additional equipment this year that will be open for tours:

- The Union Pacific 1942 caboose and two Union Pacific 1949 passenger/lounge cars
- A BNSF locomotive, the Santa Fe 3751 steam locomotive and Amtrak will also be there.

Our Volunteer Chairman Lauri Schulz will have sign-up forms and all the information for volunteers who want to help guide people for a close-up look at railroad history through these cars. All volunteers need to be SCRPA members.

So mark your calendars for the weekend of April 30 & May 1; then come out to support the event.

Please note too that the History & Modeling Committee (H&MC) is meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays at the Benash house to work on various projects up until Railroad Days.

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The SCRPA will again hold an appreciation event after Railroad Days for our volunteers.

Upon approval of the board, it will be free for all volunteers, with a minimal charge for those additional family members, children and friends that want to join us and enjoy the day.

The location and menu will be announced at the April 13 Quarterly Dinner Meeting.

Thanking you in advance for your Railroad Days event support.

**-- Harold Benash**

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## **Get all the Railroad Days news at Members Quarterly Dinner Meeting**

Sign-up sheets for members to volunteer on the big weekend – April 30 & May 1 – will be available at the Quarterly Dinner on April 13 at Sizzler in Fullerton.

Options to get involved will include Friday setup, as well as assignments on Saturday and Sunday.

Our spring dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Railroad Days Chairman Jeff Schulze and Lauri

## **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

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### **The SCRX Vision Is**

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

### **The SCRX Mission Is**

To provide, through our ideas, exhibitions, and programs, engaging educational and entertaining experiences to Southern California residents and visitors.

### **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.

Schulze, Volunteer Chairman, will have all the exciting last-minute announcements about Railroad Days exhibitors.

"So come join us and be the first to know all the equipment that's coming!" Lauri said.

"We already know we'll have four cabooses and two passenger cars, plus the featured participants, so the need for extra docents is great," she said, adding: "No prior knowledge is necessary."

Members and guests will again order and pay independently for their meals at the Sizzler, at 1401 N. Harbor Boulevard (north of Berkeley Avenue).

No RSVPs are required

# April 2 Movie Night honors Walt Disney

By Paul Hammond and Gordon Bachlund

The spring Retrospective Screening Series for Members has been rescheduled to an earlier date – APRIL 2 – because of a conflict at the Fullerton Museum Center.

In an all-Walt Disney evening, we'll open with a favorite, "The Three Little Pigs," a 1933 color production that is seven minutes of fun-filled animation.

Two pigs building houses of hay and sticks scoff at their brother, building his house of brick. But when the wolf comes around and blows their houses down (after trickery, like dressing as a foundling sheep, fails), they run to their brother's house.

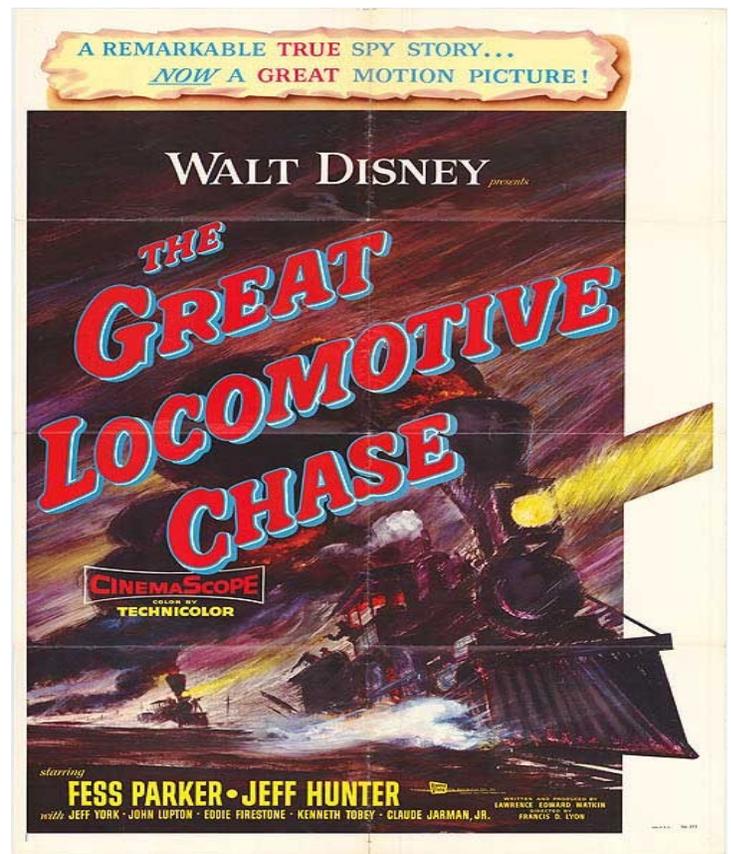
Our color feature film will be "The Great Locomotive Chase," produced by Buena Vista/Disney in 1956 and running 85 minutes. Stars include Fess Parker and Jeffrey Hunter.

Walt Disney's fascination with trains shines through the wonderful and abundant railroad action, and the assemblage of period motive power, freight and passenger equipment is awesome! Pay no attention to those occasional Westinghouse air compressors; at least there are no knuckle couplers or brake hoses showing.

This is the story of the 1862 Andrews' Raid -- filmed in 1926 as "The General" with Buster Keaton.

Disney's take of this story differed in many ways from that earlier film. Keaton's classic version was a comedy; Disney made his movie a drama/adventure film.

The former film was from the perspective of the South; the latter film from the perspective of the North. The former film lacked any sense of historical accuracy while the latter closely followed the original event. The former film was made in Oregon, but Disney's crew went to Georgia for their principal shooting.



"The Great Locomotive Chase" was well received but it didn't do well enough at the box office to warrant a theatrical reissue. It was later aired in two parts in May 1961 on the "Disneyland" television show, under the title "Andrews' Raiders: Escape to Nowhere," and has since been issued on DVD.

Join us for our free Movie Night at the Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave. on Saturday, April 2.

Wine tasting, courtesy of Mary and Stu Proctor, will start the evening at 6 p.m. on the patio. Then we will move into the auditorium for our program.

## REMINDER: SCRPA ANNUAL SUMMERTIME DINNER AT THE DEPOT

Mark your calendars for our annual Dinner at the Depot for an evening of train watching and socializing — beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 25 at the Fullerton train station. We'll have more information at the Quarterly Dinner on April 13, when you can also let us know your RSVPs.

# RAILROAD DAYS 2016 IN FULLERTON

**FREE ADMISSION \* FREE EXHIBITS**  
**9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 & May 1**

For the 16<sup>th</sup> year, **Southern California Railway Plaza Association** is producing our FREE community event, honoring the region's historic connections to railroads. Our volunteers, participants and sponsors are coming together to create another fantastic weekend for rail fans and families of all ages.

On Pages 4-7 are all the featured participants' information and photos, plus lists of exhibitors, vendors and other activities to enjoy at the Fullerton Train Station, 120 E. Santa Fe Ave.

So leave traffic behind! Ride the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner<sup>®</sup> or a Metrolink train to the Fullerton Depot for **Railroad Days 2016**. And check out [www.scrpa.net](http://www.scrpa.net).



**Kids gather around Garden Railroad in 2012.**

## **SPONSORS**

Sponsors for Railroad Days 2016 have contributed financial support to help cover the costs of this free community event. 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.

- Amtrak, presenting sponsor – [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)
- Axalta Coating Systems -- [www.axaltacs.com](http://www.axaltacs.com)
- BridgeMasters -- [www.bridge-masters.com](http://www.bridge-masters.com)
- Coast Rail Services
- Heroes Bar & Grill -- <http://heroesfullerton.net>
- McCoy Mills Ford, Fullerton -- [www.mccoymillsford.com](http://www.mccoymillsford.com)
- The Old Spaghetti Factory -- [www.osf.com](http://www.osf.com)
- Santa Fe Express Café – [www.santafecafefullerton.com](http://www.santafecafefullerton.com)

## **MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS** as of March 24

- Bowman, John - O-gauge
- CSC On30 Modular Group - On30 gauge
- N-Trak Express - N-gauge
- Nature's Wonderland Railroad - On30 gauge
- Orange County Modular Railroaders - HO-gauge
- Orange County 'N' Gineers - N-gauge
- Pacific Coast Modular Club -- HO gauge
- Southern California 'S' Gaugers - S-gauge
- Southern Pacific Toy Train Operating Society - O-gauge
- Toy Train Operating Society—Southwest Division- O-gauge
- Train Collectors Association, Western Division - O-gauge
- ZoCal Z Scale – Z-gauge
- and Outdoor Garden Railroad -- G-gauge

A 330-foot by 40-foot tent will provide more than 13,000 square feet of shaded display space for the layouts, in addition to the extensive Outdoor Garden area.

## So exciting!



Photo by Stu Proctor

BNSF locomotive guides two 1940s Union Pacific lounge cars into Fullerton Depot house tracks for Railroad Days display.

*By Dennis White, Vice President*

### **Union Pacific Lunch Counter-Café-Lounge**

Lunch Counter-Café-Lounge UP 5001 (also known as a Lunch Counter-Café-Club) was built by American Car and Foundry (ACF), Milton, Penn; one of seven elegant, full service streamlined Diner-Lounge cars delivered to the Union Pacific in 1949 and assigned to general passenger pool service where they served system wide.

By the mid to late 1950s, the type of food service requested by the traveling public on inter-city passenger trains was changing and passengers began demanding a lower cost food alternative to the dining car. The Union Pacific decided to rebuild the 5000 series (5000-5006) diner-lounge cars into lunch counter cars. The lounge area was reduced, the galley stretched and a lunch counter with eight stools added. Table seating was still available, but on a smaller scale. 5001 was rebuilt into a Lunch Counter Café Lounge, emerging from UP's Omaha car shops in 1959.

In its twilight years 5001 was assigned to UP trains 17 & 18, the Portland Rose, operating between Chicago, IL and Portland, OR. It operated regularly until retired from service by the Union Pacific in March 1968.

Currently under restoration, there are no plans to bring 5001 up to Amtrak operating standards as she is intended

solely as an educational, static display for the education, enjoyment and enlightenment of future generations .

### **Union Pacific Dormitory-Lounge**

Dormitory-Lounge UP6101 (also known as a Dormitory-Club) was one of a large order of lightweight streamlined diners and lounges placed by the Union Pacific with American Car and Foundry, Milton, PA, for 1949 delivery. In addition to the lounge section that seats 38, this car has a snack bar and three dormitory rooms, which sleep a total of 14 off-duty railroad employees.

These cars were purchased to replace heavy-weight equipment on most of the principal Union Pacific trains system wide. UP6101 was originally assigned to the City of St. Louis until it was supplanted by a dome lounge in 1955. 6101 was reassigned to the City of Kansas City in 1968 (actually the City of St. Louis with a name change due to dropping the Kansas City-St. Louis segment). It operated regularly until retired from service by the Union Pacific in February 1971.

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# RAILROAD DAYS 2016 IN FULLERTON

## BOOTHS: Featured Exhibitors, Sales Vendors, Nonprofit/Information

As of March 24

### FEATURED EXHIBITORS

- Amtrak
- ATSF 3751
- BNSF Railway
- California Operation Lifesaver
- California High Speed Rail Authority
- Carolwood Foundation (Disney's Barn)
- Disneyland Resort
- Fullerton Fire Department
- Fullerton Police Department
- Locomotive Air Horn Collectors
- Metrolink
- McCoy Mills Ford, Fullerton
- Orange County Transit Authority

### SALES VENDORS

- Arnie's Model Trains
- Arts Colony of La Mirada
- Backyard Railroad Co.
- Creative Zest
- Choose-a-Choo-Choo Trackless Ride

- Daylight Sales
- Imagination Dept.
- Niles Gift Depot
- "On My White Tee" Photo Shirts
- RailMaster Hobbies
- RC Fly Buy Toys
- San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society
- Solar City
- Women in Railroading

### NONPROFIT / INFORMATION

- American Legion Post 142, Fullerton
- Fullerton Union High School Football Boosters
- Fullerton/Yorba Linda Rainbow Girls
- Izaak Walton League of America
- Orange Empire Railway Museum
- Railway & Locomotive Historical Society
- Transportation Celebration in Fullerton

### SOCIAL CONNECTIONS



Railroad Days 2016 is going to be a bigger event than ever before !

Of course our Facebook page will be right in the middle of it, sharing information on exhibitor displays, vendors, photos, and more! Don't miss any of the exciting plans we have in store by following our page at [www.facebook.com/RailroadDaysinFullerton](http://www.facebook.com/RailroadDaysinFullerton).

New to our social media presence this year will be the addition of Instagram  @railroaddaysinfullerton. We will be sharing photos live from Railroad Days to generate excitement during the event.

Be sure to follow both Facebook and Instagram and remember to share with your friends and family!

-- Karen Sibrel



### Transportation Celebration in Fullerton 2016

For the third year, Railroad Days is part of a **Transportation Celebration in Fullerton**, spotlighting "Trains, Planes and Automobiles" on three successive weekends in May:

The first weekend is Railroad Days on April 30 & May 1.

The second and third weekends will feature:

- Airport Day 2016 on May 7 at the Fullerton Municipal Airport
- Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival 2016 on May 14 & 15 at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern Ave., Fullerton

For more information on the events and an extensive photo gallery, see [www.transportationcelebration.com](http://www.transportationcelebration.com)

## FEATURED PARTICIPANTS



San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society will offer a look in the cab of its historical 1927 Santa Fe steam locomotive #3751, which drew crowds at Railroad Days 2015 at the Fullerton Train Station.

**Free tours will be offered by the following:**

- **BNSF Railway** – modern diesel locomotive – [http://www.bnsf.com/about-bnsf/pdf/fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.bnsf.com/about-bnsf/pdf/fact_sheet.pdf)
- **Carolwood Foundation / Walt’s Barn** -- large– scale rail cars — [www.carolwood.org](http://www.carolwood.org)
- **Coast Rail Services** – Modern, extended-vision white caboose

The Disneyland Resort C.K. Holliday locomotive was named for Cyrus Kurtz Holliday, founder of the Atchison & Topeka Railroad (later the Santa Fe Railroad in 1859). It was built by WED Enterprises and joined the Disneyland Railroad on opening day, July 17, 1955.



- **Disneyland Resort** – C.K. Holliday Locomotive #1 [www.disneyland.disney.go.com](http://www.disneyland.disney.go.com)
- **SCRPA** – Three vintage cabooses: Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific AND two 1949 Union Pacific lounge cars — [www.scrpa.net](http://www.scrpa.net)

## FOOD COURT

- **Barrett’s Lemonade**
- **Boy Scouts of America Troop 292**
- **Fullerton 4H Club**
- **Kettle Masters**
- **Pacific Catering**
- **Philly King**

The booths will be set up on Santa Fe Ave. Start your day with a Boy Scouts pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon both days.

## **Have a seat in our ‘dining car’**

One of the most appreciated ideas we’ve ever had for the enjoyment of the thousands of people who come to Railroad Days has been our “DINING CAR” tent.

Once again for 2016, we’ll provide shaded seating in the giant tent on Santa Fe Avenue, in the midst of our Food Court.

So when you’re ready to take a break from the festivities and grab a bite, make yourself comfortable. We even provide paper towels and cleaning spray bottles and disinfectant wipes for cleaning up in case of spills.

And please think about others who will follow your family, by being sure all your paper goods are deposited in the big trash cans. There also will be cans to recycle for your items.

# The Tale of the Rose

By Dennis White, Vice President

Since its inception in January 2011, Southern California Railway Plaza Association's **Railroad Operations Committee** members spent untold hours working on the former SCSRA cabooses, ATSF999110 and SP4049.

They stemmed the flow of rainwater into the interiors, strengthening their security needs, replacing the jury-rigged 120 VAC electrical systems, replacing (in the case of SP4049) all window glazing with FRA approved safety glass, replacing rotten upholstery, and conserving the interiors to their condition when in-service with their respective railroads.

The exteriors, while important to a complete conservation of the railcars had to wait as preservation of the interiors was more critical. In time for Railroad Days in Fullerton 2015, the four-year labor of love stabilizing the interiors was complete.

After a one month stand-down to recuperate from the rigors of presenting Railroad Days 2015, the ROC team began the exterior restoration process of SP4049, which members deemed the more fragile of

calls to the railroad museum in Sacramento proved futile.

A call to the Roseville Carnegie Library brought a negative reply, but a pledge to ask questions of their group. From that helpful offer to help came a call from Mrs. Christina Richter, President, of the Roseville Historical Society. She arranged contact with Tony Vargas, Car-shop Foreman, Union Pacific (formerly Southern Pacific) Roseville Shops.

Mr. Vargas hired onto the railroad in 1978 as an apprentice car-man and was part of the team that applied the Roseville Rose to SP railcars.

As he explained: Southern Pacific moved its Car-shop 9 heavy-repair facility from Sacramento to Roseville in 1980 as part of the shutdown of the Sacramento shops. More than 100 car-men made the move to Roseville with the shop.

The morale and sense of pride of the Roseville heavy repair shop was legendary, due in no small part to its general foreman, Raymond McFarland. McFarland was revered by his crew.

## Mystery solved

McFarland instituted the Rose in 1981, commemorating the strong work ethic of his men and the source of pride each team member felt for their handicraft. Only those cars receiving the skilled ministrations of the Roseville heavy repair car shop wore the accolade.

McFarland and his men created the stencil, which was placed on the side of the car and sprayed with a white medium. There were very few variations; the rose could be either red or orange if the background color of the railcar was of a lighter pigmentation than freight car brown. The practice continued for five years until the closing of the RAMAC facility in 1986.

The car-men assigned to the caboose track at Roseville decided to rekindle the tradition of the rose in the late 1980's, applying a pressure sensitive label made of a glossy white substrate with a cut-out displaying a rose in the color of the caboose. This later type of "reverse" stencil is what is applied to SP4049.

## Postscript:

Tony Vargas has worked for the railroad his entire adult life and will be retiring in 2018 on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. He said working as a car-man at Roseville has been gratifying.

Vargas' father worked for the Southern Pacific as a "Gandy Dancer" and when he came home after toiling on the tracks all day, Tony still remembers the "smell of sweat and creosote." Even after bathing, he couldn't get rid of that oily smell, and because of this, Tony swore he would never work for the railroad. He applied, along with several friends "as a lark" at age 20, and was the only one hired.

Of the approximately 100 men that moved from Sacramento to Roseville in 1980-1981, five have yet to retire. Vargas spoke with each of the men before contacting me for our two-hour chat.

SP4049 probably never underwent heavy repairs, so undoubtedly "earned" her rose while resting on the Roseville caboose track between runs.

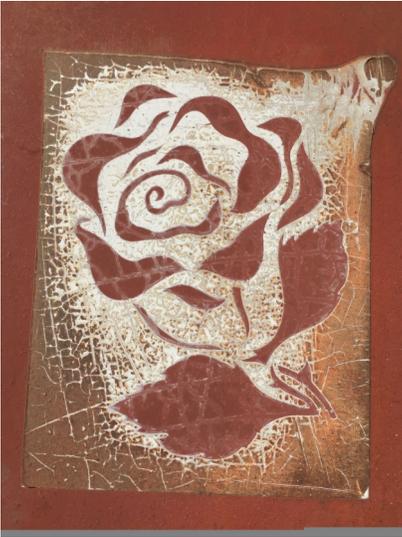


Photo by Stu Proctor  
A rose stencil affixed to the right side of SP4049 caboose raised questions among ROC members about its history and meaning.

the two railcars.

Documentation of all markings, stencils and labels on the car, in the form of photographs, sketches, measurements and notes, became the team's first order of business, assuring all placards, signage, reporting marks, et cetera, could be replicated on the freshly painted caboose.

## A search begins

One of those exterior marks - one that had somehow escaped curiosity in the past - was a rose affixed to the right side of 4049, near the "B" end of the car immediately to the right of the lube plates.

Questioning SP railroad enthusiasts brought little enlightenment to our queries. A few thought the rose might indicate a connection to Portland, Oregon ("The City of Roses") or Roseville, California, the location of a huge SP railroad yard.

Initial searches of both Portland and Roseville Chambers of Commerce and local Roseville museum groups failed to shed light on the curious rose marking affixed to SP4049. Similarly,

# UNION PACIFIC CABOOSE SPRING REPORT

The excitement of the November 9, 2015 arrival of UP 25052 (formerly UP3752), at Fullerton has not really worn off, but the complexity of her restoration is beginning to sink in with our team of volunteer mechanics, carpenters, electricians and helpers.

A complete survey of the car indicates there are unanticipated challenges ahead. Significant dry-rot hints at the presence of moisture in the body structure with significant damage approximating what ROC members faced when first attacking the ATSF 999110 and SP4049 refurbishment projects five years ago.

Dry rot in the floor cannot be repaired without stripping

damaged areas to the sub floor and possibly beyond. It will be repaired to its safe and proper condition when in use by UP caboose crews.

The caboose lacked electrical service until its 1959 shopping, relying upon kerosene lamps for illumination. The ROC team plans on returning the car to its pre-electrical status, and then adding the electrical at a later date if we decide to update to the 1959 shopping.

When the interior is finished, the exterior lettering, numbering and stenciling will complete the job.

—Dennis White

## ROC REPORT

### Saturday Work Party spring highlights

**Bay Window caboose SP4049:** Paint preparation completed March 26. The ROC team worked every single Saturday the first quarter of 2016, plus several extra sessions during the week for those who could participate. The team put their heart and soul into getting this car ready for paint. SP4049 will be painted the week of April 4. Investigative reports indicated that we could apply a very presentable paint job using rollers, negating the need to construct a temporary spray booth over the car. UP caboose 25052 was also painted with rollers and most of our team were not even aware of the use of rollers until it was brought to their attention by the paint contractor.

**Cupola Caboose ATSF999110:** The hardened, checked and cracked finish on 999110 resisted all efforts of the team to remove and smooth the old finish in preparation for repainting. The car will have to be professionally sand blasted before being painted, a job that cannot be done in time for Railroad Days 2016. We will begin working on the exterior soon after the completion of our big event.

**Cupola Caboose UP25052:** The south (platform side), east end and north side of the UP caboose have been rubbed out and waxed, bringing a brilliant shine to the car. Still needed at the writing of this report is the west end and the cupola. We are sincerely hoping to have the exterior of 25052 completed before Railroad Days. Work on 25052 has slowed due to the need

to finish prepping SP4049 and the much-anticipated arrival of our lounge cars. Shelves have been installed in the closet under the cupola and new, stronger seat material has been installed in the cupola. A temporary floor of plywood will be put down to allow visitors to tour the caboose during Railroad Days.

**Lounge cars UP5001 & UP6101:** Both cars were interchanged from the Union Pacific to the BNSF on the afternoon of March 1, 2016 and arrived at our Railway Plaza Compound the morning of March 3. After more than a year of negotiations and sweat (both emotional and physical) the lounge cars were finally here. It was a great feeling. The trip over from their former home unleashed a lot of hidden dust everywhere. Then there is the cleaning of what appears to be years of neglect. Boxes of dishes, glassware, cooking utensils, etc. were unpacked and put away. Most of the work is not strenuous at all, although there is a lot of stainless steel that needs to be shined up a bit.

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Oh yes, there is a lot of work to be done. We need anyone who has a free Saturday morning to come by and help. Remember this is our organization and our pieces of rail equipment, and we want to show them off in the best light.

When everything is cleaned, painted and well maintained, we want to proudly say that we all had a hand in it. So come on out and get your hands into it.

-- Stu Proctor, ROC Chairman

# SCRPA 2016 CALENDAR

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# Railroad Safety Poster Contest launches its 18<sup>th</sup> year for students

SCRPA's Railroad Safety Poster Contest is underway for the 18th year, with the support of the sponsors, Amtrak® and Fullerton Rotary Club.

We sent out information to Fullerton School District students in March, so the kids could have time over spring break to get their ideas down on paper.

Students in kindergarten through the sixth grade choose a theme that demonstrates an awareness of the need for safe behaviors around trains and the tracks that cross near several schools. The schools' posters for their upper and lower grades will be arriving from the various schools at the district office over the next two weeks.

We have changed the way we are selecting the citywide winners this year.

In order to hopefully get more schools participating in the contest, we have eliminated the need for the schools to preselect the top three winners in each level. Instead a pre-

liminary judging committee will make the selections. Then the final selections will be made at a judging session.

Everyone who attended the Movie Night in spring 2015 helped make the final decisions, and we had great feedback from those doing the judging. This year the final judging will take place at the 6 p.m. April 13 General Meeting to select the six citywide prize winners. Please be on time so you can participate in this event.

First-, second-, and third-place winners for the upper- and lower-grade students will each receive four Pacific Surfliner® tickets to a Southern California destination and a savings bond.

Those top six posters will be displayed at Railroad Days. After that, all winning posters will be displayed in the Fullerton Library's Children's Room from May 2-20. Posters will be returned to the students prior to the end of school May 26. - **-- Kathy Norris, Poster Chairman**

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