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### **Santa Clara River Valley “Railfest 2013” “Celebrating Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”**

**Set for Weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society (SCRVRHS), will celebrate its 20th anniversary with “Railfest 2013” on March 23rd and 24th in Central Park, Fillmore, California. The Railfest has become one of the regions’ largest annual railroad related events. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Admission and parking are free.

Railfest 2013 will feature Fillmore & Western Railways’ fully operating & restored Baldwin 1913 “Consolidation” type steam locomotive #14. This locomotive, a 2-8-0, will be powering the “Railfest Special Event” train including a caboose with three train departures each day of the event. A daytime diesel train will be pulling a Scenic Excursion train to Santa Paula, CA. Saturday evening a diesel powered Family Murder Mystery Dinner train will travel west from Fillmore and back, departing at 6:30pm. Another dinner train on Saturday night will be pulled by the Baldwin steam engine and features a boxed BBQ dinner provided by SCRVRHS. It will depart Fillmore at 5:30pm and head east to Piru before returning to Fillmore at 8:30pm. These vintage trains will consist mostly of traditional pre-1940 heavyweight and also streamliner passenger and

dining cars. Advance tickets for all trains are available at [www.fwry.com](http://www.fwry.com) or by calling 805-524-2546.

In addition to train rides, Railfest 2013 offers many railroad-related venues such as 'Speeder' rides and informational displays from various railroad-related organizations. There will be Arts and Crafts booths, Model RR Trains in various scales and some unique food vendors, including SCRVRHS' very own Tri-Tip BBQ sandwiches. Other attractions include performances by the famous Frontier Gunfighters and displays of antique farm equipment and vintage automobiles. The Fillmore Historical Society and Museum will be giving guided tours of the Fillmore RR Depot, Bunk House and Hinckley Home. Walking tours through an original 1956 Union Pacific Pullman Sleeping Car, the "National Embassy" and a Santa Fe caboose, the "Vicky V", will be available. Also, a Pacific Fruit Exchange (PFE) boxcar will be on display.

Docents will demonstrate the Society's vintage 1906 RR Turntable throughout the event and provide information and details about the equipment. The turntable, used to turn around locomotives and railcars, is one of the first to be installed in California in over 50 years. The RR Turntable is 96 feet long and weighs in at 85 tons. It was purchased from the Canadian National Railroad and is now located in Fillmore on Main St. between Central Ave. and Mountain View just east of the historic Fillmore Depot.

Also, the SCRVRHS Railroad Visitor Center, located across from Fillmore's Central Park at 455 Main Street, will be open. It contains many historical railroad artifacts, a Lionel "0" gauge model-train layout, a gift shop, and a 20-seat digital theater with surround sound.

SCRVRHS' "Buy-A-Brick" program will be offering bricks with your name, family, organization, company or other slogan engraved on the "RR Brick". The bricks will be used to beautify and enhance a new walkway from Main St. to the promenade. Donations to the "Buy-A-Brick" are tax deductible.

Most of the Railfest proceeds benefit the non-profit Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society and its railroad restoration efforts, which include the ongoing restoration of the RR Turntable, a future Roundhouse and a Railroad Interpretive Center/Exhibit Hall. Donations to the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible.

Railfest 2013 will be held in Fillmore's Central Park, corner of Central Ave. and Main St., 45 miles northwest of Los Angeles in Ventura County via CA SR-126, nineteen miles west of I-5 and twenty one miles east of US-101 in Ventura County.

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