

HOT RAIL!

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Spooky Halloween Train Time!

The Scary Train was a huge success last year. We had over 750 visitors go through the cars and come out with lots of Halloween treats. The **Spooky Train** is again coming to the Museum on October 19 from 9am to noon.

This is the third year we have held this event and each year just gets a little better. We will be calling all our ghosts and goblins (i.e. volunteers) to come out and help pass out candy and assist people on and off the cars. Let's make this another successful event. We will also have

games, a coloring table and lots of photo opportunities for our visitors. Who knows the very, very old rail conductor might be lurking behind a door?

Live from the pumpkin patch, the **Talking Pumpkin** will be greeting Trick-Or-Treaters along with sidekick **Scary Skull** in the red Santa Fe caboose. A mob of friendly spooks will be on board to delight your little ones.

Want to volunteer? Contact the SCRPA BatPhone at 714-278-0648.

SCRPA AND THE FULLERTON TRAIN MUSEUM PRESENT

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN TRAIN

OCTOBER 19, 2019 | 9:00 AM TO NOON

Fullerton Train Museum, 200 E Santa Fe, Fullerton 92832
Free admission • Come in costume • Donations Welcome

Volunteers are invited to stay afterwards for lunch as a "thank you" for your hard work and efforts! Lunch will include sloppy joes, chips and drinks. Call today to join the volunteer team at 714-278-0648.

President's message

Our Museum is growing. Your continued support is a major part of its growth, along with the Museum volunteers who faithfully devote their time and efforts on Saturday mornings. Work is ongoing on the long list of projects, which include: window refurbishing, interior upgrades, site improvements and general maintenance.

Additional projects include installation of solar panels, painting of existing equipment, both interior and exterior, air conditioning of equipment, site improvements, refurbishing and installation of seats, upgrade of sleeping quarters, organizing office space, and buffing the railcar exteriors. These are just the tip of the iceberg, the wish list continues to expand. If you can assist with any of the projects, come join us on any Saturday morning.

A big thank you to our **Eagle Scout Candidate**, who is featured in this issue, his projects improved the Museum entrance and provided a place for the Locomotive Bell to be displayed.

We are also continuing to look at additional equipment that will provide room for a reference Library, a place to display of railroad related memorabilia, along with models of all of the train stations that previously served Fullerton or are currently serving Fullerton and related railroad history of the City of Fullerton and the surrounding area.

On another note, we are winding down a successful year, which brings us to membership renewal for 2020. We have included a membership application with this issue. Renewals are due by January 1, 2020. I know this seems early but this is the last issue of Hot Rail for 2019 and we thank you for your support and look forward to your continued support in the coming year. With your support, the Museum will continue to flourish and grow. Thanking you in advance.

Thank you again to all of our volunteers, you are greatly appreciated, your efforts are helping to shape our Museum.

We are excited to say that on October 12, 2019, students from Chapman University will be filming at the Museum. It will run from 8 am to 8 pm. The work party for this day will still be held and will not conflict with the event. They have acquired the necessary city permit, will provide the required insurance to the Museum and they will be shooting from the main gate towards the east. They will also provide the needed safety equipment to protect their filming area, and they will be making a donation to the Museum.

See you on Saturdays and at Spooky Halloween Train!

Harold Benash
President, SCRPA



Southern California Railway Plaza Assn.

Mission: To become the premier nonprofit group in Southern California that preserves the history, the present and the future of Class One railroads in Southern California.

Vision: Create a venue where people can visit and take "a walk through time" to experience traveling by train in the early 20th century.

Fullerton Train Museum

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.

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.

Retrospective Screening Series for Members

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Time: Cocktail Hour starts at 6:00 pm

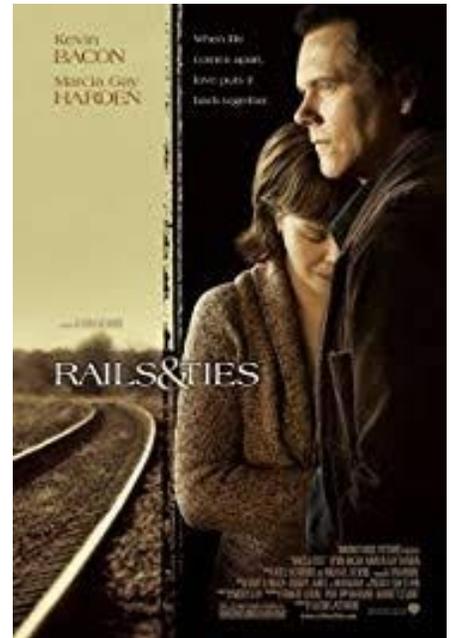
Movies begin at 7:00 pm

Location: Fullerton Museum
301 N. Pomona, Fullerton

Our next Movie Night on October 19 will feature **“Rails And Ties”** starring Kevin Bacon and Marcia Gay Harden. A train engineer and enthusiast is coping with life after his train collides with a car which orphans a young boy, while he is also dealing with his wife's terminal illness.

Rated PG-13.

Wine will be sponsored by Al and Donna Johnson.



Quarterly Dinner Meeting — October 16

Dinner at 6:00 pm (no-host)
7:00 pm Presentation Begins
General Meeting

This quarterly dinner meeting and presentation will be an informative meeting with many topics to discuss and share.

Agenda topics:

- Membership Drive
- Railroad Days 2020 Update
- Fullerton Train Museum Update
- “Future” Hotel at Depot (potential)

Bring a friend.

Sizzler Restaurant
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92835

Christmas at the Train Museum

December 14

Mark Your Calendars

Come all to the 3rd Annual Christmas at the Fullerton Train Museum. The rail cars will be all decked out in their holiday finery. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be making a special visit to the Train Museum on December 14, 2019 between 9am and noon. Santa will be talking to our little visitors, making sure they are on his list for that special day.

The museum will also have treats for our little visitors as well as activities to keep them busy and photo opportunities for the parents.



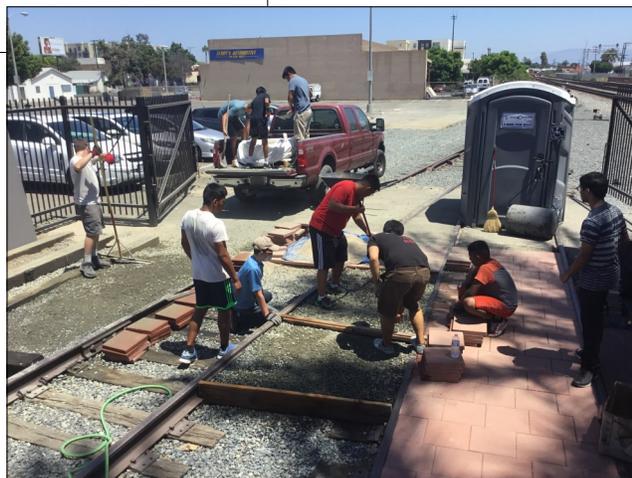
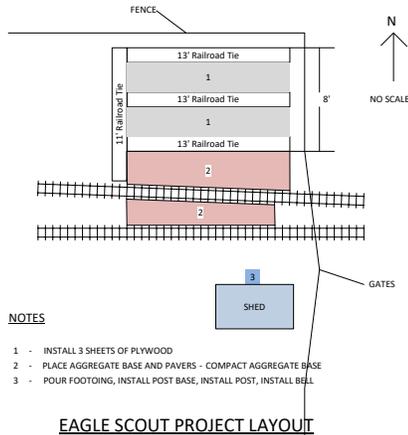
Eagle Scout's Continue to Look at the Fullerton Train Museum to complete their Service Projects

The Fullerton Train Museum is proud to announce the completion of its second Eagle Scout project. An Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Scout can achieve when he completes his *"Eagle Scout Service Project"*. The Eagle Scout project is the opportunity for a Scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of any religious institution, any school, or his community.

The Eagle Scout Candidate, Suhail Samidon, a student at Troy High School is a member of Boy Scout Troop 93 in Fullerton.

His project's focus was to provide for the safety of the Fullerton Train Museum and the ability to display our railroad-related memorabilia. The project encompassed building a walkway, building a platform for an antique locomotive brass bell, and building a platform for the bathroom.

"I can't believe that we are almost done with our project! Thank you for giving me this opportunity to demonstrate leadership and to help others in the process," said Suhail while working on the project at our Museum.



Railroad Operations Committee (ROC) Updates and Photos

Tile Floor Repair and Replacement Project — Cafe/Lounge/Dining Car

The tile floor in the café area of the car was repaired and replaced in some parts by our hard working ROC volunteers. These images show the completed work at the entrance and down the hallway.

The other photos show the detail in the tile cuts and the grouting that had to be made to accomplish and finish the project.

Thank you Volunteers!



More Eagle Scout Project Photos, con't



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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 on Harbor Blvd.
at 6 p.m.
Second Wednesday of
January, April, July, October

**Railroad Operations Committee Work Days and
Fullerton Train Museum Hours**
Free Tours
9 am – noon at the rail cars
1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

Movie Night — Saturday, October 19, 2019

History & Modeling Committee
Come join the committee to work on HO layouts
Contact Harold Benash for location
TBD

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